

Montessori and LeMoyne Newsletter



February 2020



Principal's Message:

Happy New Year LeMoyne and Montessori Families,

We are starting the year excitedly after seeing the achievement data of our students from December. We are seeing record numbers of students achieving benchmark scores and higher on the STAR Reading, Math and Early Literacy assessments. You can get the details of the data for your child from their teacher and the data should be on the report cards that will be sent home the week of February 3rd. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher.

If you want a look inside the classrooms to see what students are working on but don't have time to come to the school, you can see it on our school website or on twitter. The twitter posts show and give a little explanation of what is being done in classes. The posts automatically go to our website so you can look there to see what you might have missed.

If your child participates in the after school program please remember that Fridays are meant for families. There will be a family friendly activity each Friday that you can attend with your child. We will send robocalls/ emails/texts to let you know what the activities are. We hope you can join us. Our school attendance rate remains at 93% attending which is very good. Please continue to keep students in school as much as possible as it has a great impact on their school achievement.

Thank you,
Mr. Armstrong

Upcoming Events

February

Hershey's Hugs and Kisses Sale begins *10th*

Winter Recess *17th-21st*
NO School

March

Family Movie Night *6th*
6pm

Superintendents Conference Day No School for Students *11th*

PFO monthly meeting *18th*
In the evening. Details to follow

NYS English Language Arts Testing Grades 3-8 *24th-31st*



Nurse's Nook

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Children ages 5-9 are beginning to replace baby teeth with permanent ones. In order to keep your child's smile bright and ensure overall good health, here are some helpful hints:

- Brush 2 minutes twice a day, flossing once a day.
- Watch your child's teeth for signs of decay like white spots at the gumline.
- Avoid the spread of germs by not sharing toothbrushes, spoons, or cups.
- Make regular dental appointments for you and your child.
- Talk with the dentist about fluoride, antimicrobials, dental sealants, and tobacco avoidance.
- Limit sugary foods and drinks to 3 times/day; avoid acidic foods that may damage tooth enamel.
- Prevent tooth injury by avoiding hard objects, using car seat, wearing helmet, using mouthguard.
- Contact the dentist immediately if a tooth is chipped or knocked out. If it is a permanent tooth, place it in water or milk and take it to the dentist.

Anita Rowe RN, MS

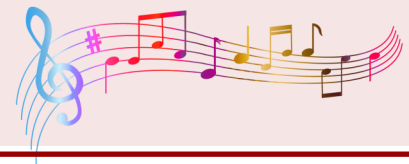
PFO News

There are lots of fun things coming up for PFO.

February 10th is the beginning of our Valentine's Day Fundraiser, available for purchase will be Hershey's Hugs and Kisses treat bags for \$1.00. Buy one for your child, your child's teacher or have your child buy one for their bestie.

Our next Movie Night will be Friday March 6th at 6pm. Look forward to First Friday Movie Nights in April, May and June too!

Our next meeting will be on March 18th in the evening and all subsequent meetings will be held during the third week of April, May and June. We hope to see you there!



Band, Chorus and Orchestra are back in full-swing! Our Spring concert will be Thursday May 14, 2020!

In music class we are exploring the notes on the music staff and have been composing simple melodies on Orff instruments. We have been using our foundation of rhythm to help with the melodic compositions.

Gymboree



In Physical Education, we are starting our Lifetime Activity Units. Lifetime activities are sports/activities that can be played at any age. The first unit will be bowling and the next will be badminton. Our goal is to spark some interest in activities that our students and their families can enjoy together.

Students grades 3.5 are involved in the Fuel up to Play 60 program, and each student can log in on Fuelup-to-play60.com or the App to record their person fitness goals. By being involved they can earn points for themselves and the school in order to win prizes.

Coach Stewart

Brushstrokes

It is hard to believe the year is half over already! I wanted to let you know that the kiln has needed a serious repair (parts have been ordered) and that is why we have not done clay this year. Sadly, the little room the kiln is in heats up very quickly and is only usable in winter, so we are not likely to be able to use it before the temperature outside precludes it.

Students in pre-K are just starting to create simple shapes and animals using paint. We will be making a collage inspired by [Rainbow Fish](#).

Kindergarten students are working on primary and secondary colors and collage.

1st and 2nd graders are working on African American author and artist, Faith Ringgold's Caldecott award winning [Tar Beach](#), painting and making a collage in her style. We are also talking about the Caldecott award which is given to books with the best illustrations.

3rd Graders are just finishing up Pop Artist Robert Indiana's LOVE pictures

and review of Complementary colors and intro to value (lights and darks) in art which are concepts in color theory.

4th Grade Students are working on symmetry math connections and 3D collage.

5th are working on Composition in art. Their Golden Mean illustrations are really great!! Nest up will be Focal Point and Emphasis (a design principal.) and are making connections to science, and math.

Montessori Matters

The children have eased back in to the school routine, and we are looking forward to an eventful February! We have had a few new children join our 3-6 classrooms since the new year, so welcome to our new Montessori families!

This month the primary classes are taking a field trip to The MOST, where we will be exploring animal behaviors, particularly what different animals do when the seasons change. In addition, the children will have a

chance to explore real fossils, while learning about dinosaurs. They will also have a chance to play in the three-story playhouse before returning to school for lunch. Class trips are on February 10th, February 24th, and February 25th. Look for permission slips from your child's teacher to come home soon if they haven't already.

On Valentine's Day, each teacher has a little something planned for her individual class. You will get notifi-

cation from your child's teacher as to what will be happening. It's still a regular day: we cannot stress enough the importance for young children to have consistency in their daily lives; however each class will celebrate in some way. Best regards to everyone!!

Keep Reading!

Hello Families!

It has been a fun and month in the Library. Here is what we have been up to:

- Montessori PreK/K students have been comparing fiction and nonfiction books. Ask them about snowplows and hibernation!
- 1st/2nd grade students have been enjoying a featured author each week and talking about literary elements of stories, including setting, characters and plot. Ask them about

Robert Munsch and David Shannon!

- 3rd grade students have been exploring ebooks on Bookflix. Ask them which story was their favorite!
- 4th and 5th graders have been making great progress in their coding work. Ask them about how they are using their problem solving and critical thinking skills!

I am looking forward to another successful month of learning and fun in February.

-Ms. Bachiller



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