



LeMoyne Newsletter



Syracuse City Schools

October 2019

Principal's Message:

Happy October, Montessori and LeMoyne Families,

This month, we introduced our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) theme of Empathy. We showed a video and discussed what empathy means so that students can use empathy while learning and having fun with others. Students will be given "Gotcha" tickets when they are seen using empathy with others and their class can combine them to earn an incentive at the end of the month. We hope you will discuss and support this work at home, discussing empathy, practicing using empathy and inserting it in your discussions of daily events. We also recognized our students who passed the NYS Math, English and Science exams at the end of last year. Ms. Chynoweth held her annual ice cream sundae celebration with them as well. We were proud to announce that we had a record percentage of students in 4th grade pass the NYS Math exam last year! We were excited to see the hard work of the teachers, students, families and staff pay off.

October brings other excitement to the school. We have Nature in the City classes with Beaver Lake starting. We have school picture days. Syracuse Stage will perform a show here for us. We will have our first parent engagement activity on October 24th, classes will begin taking learning field trips and the end of the first marking period is October 25th. There's so much to look forward to. Be sure to contact teachers to find out more about what students are learning. You can follow school events on twitter @SCSDMontessori and @LeMoyneES as well. It was great seeing you all at open house and we look forward to our continued work together.

Thank you,
Mr. Armstrong

Upcoming Events

5th grade Everson Museum Field Trip	8 th
Family Bingo Night	9 th
5:30-7:00 pm	
Indigenous Peoples Day	14 th
NO SCHOOL	
After school program begins	15 th
Marking Period One Ends	25 th
Halloween Parade	31 st
Time: TBD	
<u>November</u>	
Superintendents Conference Day No School for students. Parent Teacher Conferences	5 th
8:40-3:10, 4-7 pm	
Veteran's Day	11 th
No School	
Dental Screenings	16-22
Thanksgiving Recess	27 th -29 th
No School	

PFO Parent and Family Organization Notes:

Here is a link to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LeMoyneandMontessoriPFO/>

The mission of the LeMoyne and Montessori at LeMoyne Parent and Family Organization (PFO) is to promote communication and partnership between families, teachers, and school administrators. The PFO coordinates activities and info sharing efforts intended.

Family Bingo Night, Wednesday October 9 5:30-7:00 (see ad on page 3!)

Our very popular fundraiser, Popcorn Friday will start October 11, \$.50/bag. (biweekly: 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20)

Nurse's Nook

FLU SEASON IS COMING!!!!

Here are some tips to help keep your families healthy this year!

Get a flu shot by the end of October for the best flu protection since it takes 2 weeks for the shot to start protecting you and your family.

Keep it from spreading:

Keep hands away from your face, nose, mouth and eyes.

Stay away from people who are already sick with the flu.

Wash hands often with warm soap and water and keep surfaces clean.

The flu virus is spread during the first 3-4 days of the illness, but it can also be spread a day before symptoms occur and up to 5-7 days after symptoms have started.

Flu symptoms may include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue and sometimes nausea and vomiting.

Anita Rowe RN, MS
School Nurse



Band

We are starting the month of October off strong! We had a lot of interest in band and are excited to get started. In order to bring an instrument home, students will need to return the rental contract that was given to them. It is important for students to practice at least 20 minutes a day on their instrument. We will be having weekly lessons to reinforce good practice techniques and advance our skills on each instrument.



Chorus

We have started chorus and are off to a great start! We are looking forward to our first concert on December 12, 2019! Please keep a look out for information on that special day!



Classroom Music

For the first month of school, we have been focusing on the element of "Rhythm". We looked at music, decoded rhythm(s) and performed in class. This month we will be looking at the music staff and notes names. This is what helps composers provide the awesome melodies that we sing-a-long to! Do you like to compose music? Try composing a simple melody with your student today!

Keep Reading with Ms. Bachiller

Hello Families!

It was so nice to meet so many of you during Open House! Thank you to the students that brought their adults into the library to meet me and choose a free book to read at home. I feel very thankful to have been welcomed by everyone that visited.

There have been a lot of exciting things going on in the library lately! Montessori Elementary students have been borrowing books to use in their classrooms during reading time and listening to The Library Dragon stories by Carmen Agra Deedy and learning about monarch butterflies by reading The Butterfly Tree by Sandra Markle. We were

able to watch a monarch grow from a caterpillar into a butterfly. We named him "Butterfree". He was released on September 25 and likely migrating south for the winter now. Montessori Primary students have been enjoying story time with fall books such as Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins and Hocus Pocus It's Fall by Anne Sibley O'Brien. Ask your primary children to sing "Open, Shut Them" at home. We sing it every day in the Library! The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been discussing book care and have begun borrowing books and bringing them home to share with their families.

In the upcoming month, Montessori Primary and Secondary students will be reading spooky stories in preparation for Halloween! 3rd grade students will be learning about the legend of Johnny Appleseed and demonstrating how they plan to sow seeds of

kindness. 4th and 5th grade students will begin using laptops and learning how to code by using Code.org.

Families, since my goal is to have as many books checked out and read by our students as possible, there has been a huge jump in book circulation. Therefore, I am seeking volunteers to assist with keeping shelves organized and returning checked-in books to their proper places. If there are any parents or older siblings that would like to come in for an hour each week and assist in the library please email me at lbachiller@scsd.us. I would love to have you!

Finally, remember students, if it is your library day, please bring your books with you so that you can check out a new one.

Brushstrokes

- ◇ Students in Pre K are working on following procedures and basic use of supplies (crayons and paper)
- ◇ Students in ages 5-6 are working on procedures, lines and shapes.
- ◇ Students ages 6-8 are working on warm and cool colors.
- ◇ Students in 3rd are working on the element of space, foreground, and background.
- ◇ Students in 4th are working on using physical structure to guide art making.

- ◇ Students in 5th grade are working on landscapes, foreground, middle ground, background, overlapping, shadow and diminishing size to create perspective.

Ask your child questions like: How do artists use color? What materials do artists use, and how does that shape their artwork?

Fifth grade will be going on a field trip to the Everson museum in October. Keep a look out for permission slips. This is free to all fifth grade students in the school district.

Grades 3-5 check out school tool to make sure your child is participating in art.

Ms. Meg Gregory

Montessori Matters

Happy October! Our Montessori friends are studying the parts of an apple. We did apple prints, books and made apple sauce. We are using all of our senses to explore the environment and how we can interact with it.

Halloween- parade -each classroom will send details of time and celebrations.

Pictures- October, 22 - everybody smile.

We are running a fundraiser through Holy Shirt, order your Montessori apparel today!

Holy Shirt!

Show your school spirit by wearing LeMoyne apparel!

<https://lemoyne-elem.itemorder.com/sale>

Order Today!!



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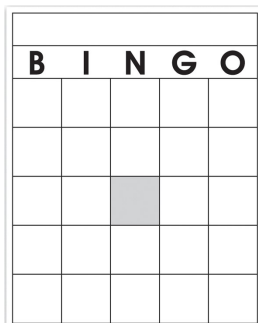
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Gymboree



Please sign up to our school wide program Fueluptoplay60.com. this program will track your child's play and earn the school points for equipment and fun events



Family Bingo Night Fundraiser for PTO

5:30-7:00pm Wednesday October 9th, 2019

Free Pizza, Salad and Water will be served.

50 cents for popcorn

50 cents per BINGO board

We Hope to See You There!

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