

LeMoyne Newsletter



Syracuse City Schools

September 2019

Principal's Message:

Welcome back, families and students!

We are excited to have everyone back for the 2019-2020 school year as we continue our mission to be the most progressive school in the Syracuse City School District. We plan to continue our work of personalized learning, use of digital content, intensive writing, the use of FOSS hands-on science kits and the expansion of Montessori to grade 2. Our grades 3-5 teachers received new math workbooks for students this year. Be on the lookout for some rigorous math homework to come home with some of our students. Please be sure to reach out to teachers regarding questions about content that is being covered in class. We also have things students can work on at home on tablets, computers and even phones. We will be getting together a comprehensive list of what's available and sending it out as well as sharing it on twitter @SCSDMontessori and @LemoyneES. You should get a twitter account and follow our pages for the fastest updates.

Be sure we have your correct phone number and email address on file as well. If you have not gotten an email/text/robocall from us this year, then you need to update your information. We often send information through email/text/robocalls rather than paper. Transportation is always an important topic at the beginning of the school year. You can track most of our school buses on the "firstview" app! If your child rides the bus, you have been sent the login information to track the bus. If you need help with that, please call Ms. Jackie in the main office.

The after school program for students in grades K-5 will start October 15th. It will run Monday through Thursday until January. In January it will be Monday through Friday. You can apply for the program online or by getting a paper application from the main office.

Every school has an opportunity for parents to become a part of important decision making and progress monitoring. There is a "Shared Leadership Team" (SLT) that meets once a month for 2 hours. If you are interested in being the parent rep for SLT, please let me know. You will be paid \$25 per hour for your participation. Meetings are always from 3:15-5:15 at the school.

Open house is on September 26 from 5-7. We hope everyone can make it to see what is being offered at LeMoyne and Montessori. We look forward to working with you all again this year as we help our students continue to be Respectful, Responsible, Aware, Positive and Peaceful! That is our new school motto.

Thank you,
Mr. Armstrong



Upcoming Events

September

Open House	26th
5pm-7pm	

October

Indigenous Peoples Day NO SCHOOL	14th
After school program begins	15th
Marking Period One Ends	25th
Halloween Parade Time:	31st

Nurse's Nook

Welcome back families!

The children look healthy and strong from summer vacation. That will help them learn as the school year unfolds. Keep them healthy with proper rest, exercise and nutrition. Make sure they see their doctor for the physicals and immunizations required by New York State.

I will be present for the PFO meetings to answer any questions you may have or alleviate concerns about your children's health. I am willing to present any topics of interest related to school health at these meetings. However, feel free to contact me in the health office with any questions or concerns any time.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to care for your children!

Anita M. Rowe, RN, MS
School Nurse



Musical Chairs

Band/Orchestra

1) Permission/Interest form will be going out on 9/13/19 and need to be returned by 9/27/19. The sooner your student returns the interest form, the better the chances they get the 1st instrument of their choice. Band/Orchestra should be starting within the first two weeks of October

Chorus

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade have the opportunity to sign-up for chorus during their music class. Chorus will be starting on Tuesday 9/24/19.

Classroom Music

Students get the chance to come to music 1x per week. During this time we sing a school-wide gathering song, play instruments and learn about many different elements of music. For the first month of school we will be focusing on the element of "Rhythm". We will be looking at music, decoding each rhythm and performing it in class. Did you know your name creates a rhythm? Try clapping out your name and having your student write out the rhythm.

Mr. Ganey

Hello Lemoyne Families!

Mrs. Hurne is looking for 4th and 5th Graders that would like to be a part of the orchestra this year!

Orchestra students get the opportunity to play a string instrument (Bass, Cello, Viola or Violin) .

Get an Interest Form in the Music Rm and Mrs. Hurne will also be by during some music classes to answer your questions.

Email with questions
khurne@scsd.us

Gymboree



In gym we are working on team building, locomotor skills and throwing skills.

We will also start Fuel up to play60. It is a program with the NFL and Milk that encourages students to play for 60 minutes.

To learn more about this program go to:

<https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/>

Be sure and check out the physical education standards for New York State at:

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/physical-education>



Dear Families,

I am so excited for this new school year. I want to share my classroom expectations with you so that we can support your child while they are in the art room.

Students are expected to come in and have their best behavior in art. The room is really echoey so it helps if students use quiet voices to talk. Some conversation is allowed during work time as long as it is not interfering with completing assignments or is a disruptive to others.

Students will receive a grade for

art in January and again in June. They are graded on understanding the concepts, showing the concepts, creativity, care of materials and effort. A 1 means the work was not done or was not anywhere near expectations. A 2 means students did a little bit of work, and did not show the concepts and ideas expected. A 3 means your child did their work and have some knowledge of concepts and ideas. And a 4 means your child did the work consistently and it shows depth of understanding and knowledge.

Students are expected to care for and clean up materials and make sure that the tools are taken care of and ready for someone else to use them.

For information about the art (and music) curriculum, check out <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/arts>.

Please stop by room 206 and introduce yourself for Open House.

Email: Mgregory@scsd.us

Ms. Meg Gregory

Montessori Matters

Welcome Montessori friends! We are off to another year of experiencing the environment using all our senses. We look forward to seeing all of you during the year. Open house is September 26, 2019, 5-7. Be sure to come and check out the environment your child is learning in. As always, en-

courage your child to be independent and kind.



Thomas Merton. "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time."

Library Nook

The library has a new librarian this year. Her name is Ms. Bachiller and she is excited to meet all of the students at Montessori/Lemoyne. The library's goals are to promote grade level modes of literacy, in accordance with the Empire State Information Fluency Continuum (IFC) standards. That infor-

mation can be found at <https://slsa-nys.libguides.com/ifc>



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