

Important Dates to Remember

January

14th - First Toddler Program Pajama Day (Details enclosed - **Corrected date!**)

15th - Second Toddler Program Pajama Day (Details enclosed)

Preschool Program Pajama Days (Details enclosed!)

20th - NO SCHOOL

25th - Schramm Family Fun Day (Details enclosed!)

February

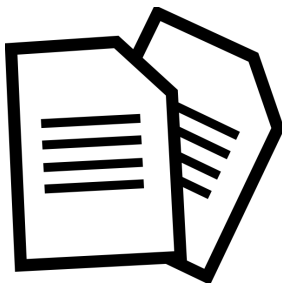
1st - Tuition Payment Due

2025-2025 Re-enrollment Applications Released



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2025-2026 Enrollment Applications Available on Feb. 1st!

Be sure to watch your email inboxes as the enrollment applications for *returning students* for the 2025-2026 school year will be distributed via email the afternoon of Saturday, February 1st.

ALL STUDENTS RETURNING TO MSYC FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR MUST HAVE AN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION SUBMITTED!

Additional details about the enrollment process will be included in a cover letter accompanying the enrollment application email.

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Exciting Baby Boom at MSYC!



In just two short weeks, we welcomed the arrival of *three* new babies to the MSYC community—congratulations to these growing families!

This joyous news is a reminder of how our MSYC family continues to grow in so many ways.

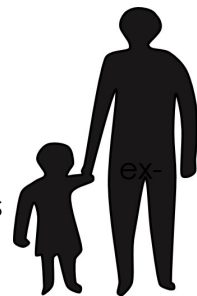
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Currently, there are over 100 children on our wait list for enrollment, and the demand for spots remains high. While siblings of current students receive "sibling status," which gives them priority for enrollment, the number of children with this status on the wait list continues to rise.

If your family is hoping to secure a spot for a sibling in the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 school years, we **strongly** encourage you to add them to the wait list as soon as possible. Please note that while we do our best to accommodate every child with sibling status, we *cannot guarantee* that all will be offered a spot for the 2025-2026 school year due to space limitations.

We appreciate your understanding and proactive planning as we strive to meet the needs of our growing community!

101 Things Parents Can Do To Help...



This is our final week of offering parents 10 weekly suggestions of how to make their child's experience in a Montessori environment the best it can be and how to continue the success at home!

1. Analyze any annoying behavior of your child and teach from the positive. For example: door slamming – teach how to close a door; running in the house – teach how to walk; runny nose – teach how to use a tissue.
2. Play ball together.
3. Go to the beach and play in the sand.
4. Let your child help you wash the car and learn the vocabulary of the parts of the car. With this and others tasks take time to focus on the process for the child more than the end product.
5. Understand what Montessori meant by sensitive periods. Know when your child is in one and utilize it.
6. Evaluate each of your child's toys. Does it help him/her learn something? Does the child use it? Does it "work," and are all pieces present? Is it safe?
7. Aid the child in absorbing a sense of beauty: expose him/her to flowers, woods, and natural materials, and avoid plastic.
8. Speak the language of the virtues. Talk about patience, cooperativeness, courage, ingenuity, cheerfulness, helpfulness, kindness, etc. and point out those virtues when you see them demonstrated.
9. When shopping, talk to your child about what you see – from kumquats to lobsters. Talk about where food items come from. Talk about the people who help us by growing, picking, transporting, and displaying food.
10. Express appreciation to your child and others and help your child to do the same. Send thank you notes for gifts. Young children can dictate or send a picture. Older children can write their own. What is key is learning the importance of expressing appreciation.

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Thank you, Tyler Ford and Andrew Owens!

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and teamwork that brought our new slide/climbing structure to life! Many thanks to TMCO for demoing and hauling away the old slide/climbing structure during winter break. While TMCO ultimately couldn't build the new structure, we are *forever indebted* to Tyler Ford for taking on the challenge of constructing the entire structure!

We'd also like to extend our thanks to Andrew Owens for his help breaking down and hauling away the large shipping crate.

The excitement was apparent this week as temperatures finally warmed up, giving students their first chance to enjoy the new structure. Thank you again to everyone who made this project possible!

MSYC Closed on Monday, January 20th



NOTES

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, MSYC will be **closed** on Monday, January 20th. This federal holiday is designated as a **National Day of Service**, encouraging everyone to give back to their communities in meaningful ways.

On this special day, our staff will participate in a School Service Day by volunteering at The Foster Care Closet, the recipient of our Hat & Mitten Tree campaign this fall. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing families, we were able to provide winter weather accessories for over 50 families served by this incredible organization.

We're excited to continue supporting The Foster Care Closet and their mission through our time and efforts. Thank you for your understanding as we dedicate this day to honoring Dr. King's legacy by making a difference in our community!

FROM



CORRECTED DATES: Pajama Days at MSYC!

Next month MSYC will hold its annual Pajama Days! Children are invited to come to school dressed in pajamas and they may bring a **SMALL** stuffed animal for a special guest. **Preschool parents** - **If the Pajama Day for your child's class is scheduled on a day of the week that (s)he does not normally attend, your child may join us for Pajama Day during either the morning or a afternoon class.**

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Attention Toddler Parents - We will be celebrating Pajama Days on **Tuesday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 15th**. If your child attends both days of the week then he/she can wear pajamas to school both days.

Attention Preschool Parents - Miss Christie's, Miss Nicole's, and Miss Kia's Pajama Day will take place on **Wednesday, January 15th**.

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MSYC Community Event!

Join us for our next MSYC community event on **Saturday, January 25th**, at the Schramm Education Center (21004 W. Highway 31, Gretna, NE)!

Families can enjoy indoor and outdoor fun, including live animal exhibits, a preschool play area, a maker space, sturgeon touch tank, virtual reality biking, and more.

MSYC families will also have access to an exclusive classroom experience featuring activity stations like pelts and tracks, a reptile exhibit, and an art project.



To ensure a great experience for all, families are asked to arrive at either **9:30 a.m.** or **10:30 a.m.** **Please note the 10:30 a.m. arrival time is now full.**

For more details and to reserve your spot, check the Sign Up Genius link in today's *Notes from the Office* email.