

MCHL NEWS

Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

December 2017

Tis the Season . . .

OFFICE NEWS

With only a few short weeks until Winter Break, there is a great deal of excitement in the air at MCHL. The children will spend the next few weeks learning about holiday traditions around the world. If you are interested in sharing your holiday traditions and customs, please contact your child's teacher. Each teacher will send home information about class holiday parties.

If you are looking for some "family oriented" adventures, the metropolitan DC area has many exciting events scheduled during the holiday season.

Please visit, <https://www.certifikid.com/>, it is a "Groupon for kids" website with awesome discounts.

Also, check out these websites for more family fun.

<http://dullesmoms.com/arts-craft-shows-holiday-markets/>

<http://www.gokidtrips.com/our-blog/dont-miss-this-must-see-list-of-local-kid-friendly-museums-brought-to-you-by-a-museum-professional-mom>



Winter weather has arrived! Before you leave home, please check the weather report. Temperatures often drop during the day, leaving children uncomfortable outside. The children will still continue to have daily outdoor recess (weather permitting), so please dress your child accordingly. Mittens are preferred unless your child can put on gloves without assistance. Also, parents are asked to put your child's name on all of those nice new jackets and coats!



MCHL will provide tuition receipts upon request for tax purposes in January 2018. Our Tax I.D. Number is 54-1748774. If you have any additional questions, please contact the office by phone or via email at info@mchl.org.

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

On Friday, December 1st, the Class of 2018 will travel to Glen Echo Park, MD for a performance of:

The **Nutcracker**

A Washington tradition for 26 years, "The Nutcracker" is the story of Clara-Marie's favorite toy, and their adventures together in the Land of the Sugarplum Fairy. Music from Tchaikovsky's famous ballet blends with marionettes and costume characters to create this unique production.

All children should arrive at MCHL no later than 8:40. We will depart at 8:45 and return by 12:30.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1	Kindergarten Field Trip Glen Echo Park, MD
December 4 - 8	Scholastic Book Fair
December 7	Pajama Night @ 6:00
December 21 – January 1	Winter Break (MCHL Closed-Classes resume January 2)
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (MCHL Closed)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The MCHL PTA will host a Scholastic Book Fair the week of December 4th. There will be an assortment of age-appropriate books on display for you to purchase. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to the MCHL PTA. If you are unable to shop at MCHL, the Scholastic website will provide a link so you can shop online.

We will also host "Pajama Night" on Thursday, December 7th. Students can return to school at 6:00 in their favorite pajamas. There will be "guest storytellers" who will read to your child in one of our classrooms so you can shop for the perfect books and maybe "Clifford the Red Dog" will come to pose for photos.

MCHL Chefs

Each week the children in our Cascades Club participate in a cooking class. Teaching basic cooking skills early increases the likelihood your children will continue to cook as they get older.

During this class, the students have the opportunity to develop their cooking skills. They will improve math and reading skills in a fun way all while expanding their culinary palate.



Peter McCory

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA

Peter McCory, "The One Man Band", visited us for another lively performance last month. Our children were entertained with Mr. McCory's signature style. They also had the opportunity to participate in "sing-alongs", dancing and instrument playing. Please check our Facebook page for photos and videos.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



MCHL will use Fairfax and Loudoun County public schools as a guideline for delays and/or closure due to inclement weather. We may choose to open sooner than the public schools since we do not have to deal with bus transportation issues. Therefore, we would request that everyone check our website or call the office to see if we are open. This information will be posted on our website and answering machine by 6:30 am.

If, during the course of the day, roads are expected to become extremely hazardous, and Fairfax or Loudoun County schools close early due to deteriorating weather conditions, MCHL may close early.

Should an early closing be anticipated, MCHL will make every attempt to reach you via mass email, but it is your responsibility to check the website, www.mchl.org, on days of inclement weather. Also, be aware that it is your responsibility to keep us informed of your correct email address for our Google group.

In the event of a mid-day closing, please have a back-up neighbor or parent who will be available to pick up your child.

NOTE: There are no deductions in tuition due to days MCHL must close due to adverse weather conditions.

The Partners and Staff of MCHL would like to wish your family a safe and wonderful holiday season with best wishes for 2018!

NOVEMBER FUN @ MCHL

