

All Children can learn...

Lakewood Montessori School is committed to individualized education, allowing children freedom to develop at their own pace. We strive to satisfy a child's need to know, to achieve, to belong, to feel safe and secure, and to develop self - esteem.

Parent Teacher Partnerships

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The parent teacher partnership is different than any other professional relationship you enter. You call the electrician to your house. You tell him what you think the problem is. He then uses his expertise and experience to diagnose and fix the problem. He doesn't need your help (nor does he want you to get shocked in the process). When he is finished you get the bill and he leaves. And everything was as it was before. It is the same for computers or cars or dishwashers.

However, it is not the same for parent teacher partnerships. Your child is not a "problem" to be fixed. You don't drop off your child then pick him or her up and the "problem" is solved. Your child is a work of art that takes time to bring to creation. Each child is a unique masterpiece. Are you creating a song, a statue, a painting, a novel, or a monument?

The challenge is that few of us know at the beginning what masterpiece will come forth. If the art project is literature does the finished product look like a poem or a novel; a short story or lyrics; a biography or a history or anything in between? A great education gives the student the ability to communicate in that medium. Does an artist paint in oil or water color; pastels or charcoal? Do they paint portraits or landscapes, classical or modern?

Your child is that enigma of who they will become. You and the teachers share the journey of discovery. You are not creating the person but revealing what is already there in embryonic form. And with the right soil, water and light, with sun and seasons will blossom into who they are to become.

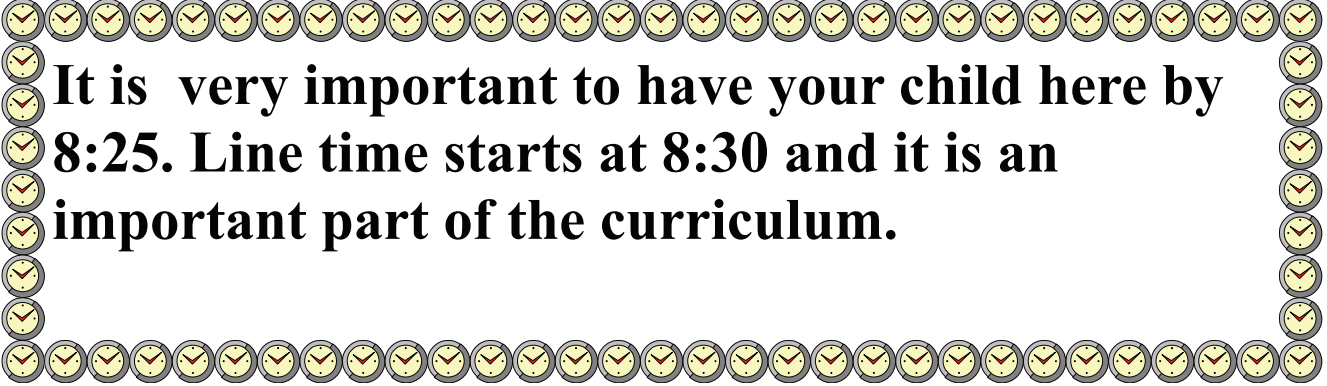
Montessori teachers understand this process and then take their training and their experience and apply it to the mystery at hand. Like every good detective, they seek relevant clues to the unfolding mystery. And that is where the partnership begins. You are a great repository of insight and information about your child. You, too, are going through a discovery process everyday with your child as they reveal their character, their temperament, their likes and passions. The more of who your child is that you share with the teacher, the better the teacher is able to individualize and focus their teaching on the emerging personality.

Montessori education is not primarily about facts and figures even though Montessori children acquire this knowledge in great depth and understanding. Montessori education is about nurturing and educating your child through the prism of their personality. One size does not fit all and Montessori education is tailored to your child's strengths and gifts.

The more the teacher knows about your family (they spend so much time with your child that they become like aunts and uncles) the better they become at helping your child become the success that they are capable of. To gain the most from your Montessori experience there need to be an ongoing relationship with your child's teacher. In Montessori you don't hire teachers – you adopt them. The partnership is one of love and concern that you both share for your child. Embrace the partnership for your child's sake

Parent Reminders

Breakfast is offered between 6:00-7:45 a.m., the cost is \$1.00 per day. If you bring your own cereal, please print your child's name on the box. The school will provide milk at no cost. Some of the children's favorite brands of cereal are: Lucky Charms, Fruit Loops and Cocoa Puffs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. 😊



It is very important to have your child here by 8:25. Line time starts at 8:30 and it is an important part of the curriculum.

Extra Clothes:

Please bring your child a set of extra clothes labeled with their name. **(shirt, pants, socks and underwear/panties)**

We no longer have any LMS extra clothes, if you have any of LMS extra clothes, please return them.

Thank you for your cooperation. 😊



Late Pick Up

Students who attend the 8:00 to 3:00 program will be charged \$5.00 an hour if they are dropped off before 8:15 a.m. or picked up after 3:15 p.m. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be assessed when students are picked up after 6:30 p.m. Please sign in or out in the office. WE ASK THAT YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILD NO LATER THAN 6:30, SO OUR EVENING STAFF CAN ENJOY TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES. Thank you for your cooperation 😊