

The Montessori Lexis

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HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR CHILD'S CONFERENCE

The Montessori School of BG (MSBG) has scheduled parent teacher conferences on the following dates:

October 15 – after school throughout the evening

October 22 – after school throughout the evening

October 23 – school is closed for students so that parents and teachers may meet during the day.
No Extended Care on this day!

Each family should have received a conference time preference form. Teachers will then send each family a confirmation of scheduled date and time. Please check with your child's teachers if you have any questions.

MSBG conferences are an opportunity for our parents and teachers to meet and work as partners to facilitate the best learning environment for our children. Our dedicated staff is very appreciative of our supportive parents and would like to convey some general information about conferences. Outlined below is a brief description of parent/teacher roles in a conference and general guidelines.

The teachers' role in conferences:

- Give parents information about Montessori philosophy and curriculum.
- Share information about your child's work, work habits and social development.
- Answer questions; listen to suggestions and work to make any necessary plans for the future.

The parents' role in conferences:

- Write down any questions you may have and feel free to bring them to conferences.
- Ask your child if there is anything he/she would like to share with the teachers.
- Provide your feedback and be open to suggestions from the teachers. Our teachers have been with us a long time and can offer a great deal of expertise on academic and childhood development.

Guidelines for getting the most from your child's conference

- Do not bring children with you on that day. Please arrange for a sitter. You will be able to talk freely and not be distracted.
- Arrive 10 minutes early. Elementary rooms will have a packet for you to look over. It may help formulate questions. Early Childhood packets will be available at the spring conference.
- Early Childhood conferences are scheduled for 20 minutes. Elementary conferences are scheduled to 30 minutes. This often leads to a tight schedule; please understand if we gently tell you that your time is up. The teachers would sincerely appreciate a call to the office if a delay or conflict arises.



Early Childhood

We are truly enjoying working with and getting to know your children and we look forward to meeting with you during conferences. Please understand that it is too early in the year to accurately assess your child's academic performance. Our focus in the conferences will be your child's social development and awareness in the classroom. We will be discussing what their comfort level is in regards to the environment, working with their peers, as well as within the group, and how they are around us. We have been reviewing the importance of ground rules in our classroom community. Finally, please understand that we have many conferences and it is to your benefit to arrive early or at your scheduled conference time to ensure your full conference time.

Thank you, Early Childhood Teachers.

Lower Elementary

We are looking forward to meeting with you over the next couple of weeks. To help conferences flow smoothly here is some helpful information.

- Outside our classroom you will find a table set up with your child's folder containing the current progress report, your child's work notebook, Writer's Workshop folder or notebook and other classroom work.
- While you are waiting feel free to look over the work provided.
- A teacher will open the door to excuse the current parents and then welcome you in. You will be meeting with all three teachers. If your child works with an aide or our speech teacher they may also be present.
- We will all sit down together and ask if you have any questions or concerns. If you do not then we will go through your child's progress report together. We may pull out materials to show you that your children use regularly.
- Please be aware that the progress report is based on our three year cycle and everything listed may not be filled out. The report is used to show what we have already covered this year and presented to your child.
- Conferences last for 30 minutes only.

Thank you, Miss Laura, Miss Christy, and Miss Ruth

Calendar of Events

Evening Conferences	Oct. 15, 2009
Evening Conferences	Oct. 22, 2009
Conference Day No School	Oct. 23, 2009
No School Happy Thanksgiving!	November 25-28, 2009

Volunteers Wanted

After you walk into the door that leads to the Lower Elementary and Early Childhood classrooms you will see a bulletin board with a variety of volunteer opportunities. Please take a few minutes and see how you can help make a difference at your child's school.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday, the Mustangs cross country team participated in the Lake Invitational. The 3rd-6th year students ran one mile. Finishing 1st for our team and 3rd overall out of 66 runners was Robert Hoffman. Robert finished in a time of 6:45. Finishing in 6th place overall was Kale Nichols. Kale finished in a time of 7:12. Right behind Kale in 8th place was Isaac Rogers finishing in a time of 7:28. Other runners included, Jenna Castor (8:01), Annie Miner (8:02), Spencer Rogers (8:20), Drew Peterson (8:37), Alex Peterson (8:43), Megan Harvey (8:49), Mitchell Drumm (9:03), Daniella Fedak-Lengel (9:07), Lily Krueger (9:56), Gabrielle Coon (10:22), Amanda Hoffman (10:24), Makai Ruffin (10:33), and Sydney Adler (12:51). Kindergarten-2nd also participated at this race, but ran ½ mile. Hannah Castor finished in 17th place overall out of 33 runners in a time of 4:34. Sarah Korducki finished in a time of 5:25 and Jackson Krueger in a time of 5:40.

This past Saturday, we traveled to Bettsville to participate in their invitational. For this race, our team was split into four groups: K-3 girls, K-3 boys, 4-6 girls and 4-6 boys. All groups ran a one mile course. In the K-3 girls group, Megan Harvey finished 17th overall out of 34 runners in a time of 8:53. Finishing in 22nd place overall was Gabrielle Coon in a time of 9:47. Other runners include, Hannah Castor (9:54) and Sarah Korducki (11:28). In the K-3 boys group, Mitchell Drumm finished 27th overall out of 42 runners in a time of 9:24.

In the 4-6 girls group, 40 runners participated. Jenna Castor finished 1st for our team and 13th overall in a time of 7:54. Right behind Jenna in 14th place was Annie Miner in a time of 7:55. Coming in 19th place was Drew Peterson in a time of 8:26. Other runners included, Alex Peterson (8:54), Lily Krueger (9:06), Aubrey Bartman (9:57), Makai Ruffin (9:50), and Sydney Adler (12:42).

In the 4-6 boys group, Kale Nichols finished 8th overall out of 37 boys. Kale received a medal at this race. He finished in a time of 7:08.

CHESS NEWS

Montessori Students Ranked in Top 50!

If you Google "Ohio Chess" you will be able to look at the top 50 players in grades k-6 in Ohio. Three of our students are ranked in the top 50! Anthony Shepherd ranked 29th, Robert Hoffman ranked 32nd and Isaac Rogers ranked 46th. Congratulations to our chess team and to the adults that teach them. AMAZING!

INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

October 22, 2009
Gibsonburg Fun Run

October 30, 2009
Last Practice

November 8, 2009
Cross Country Banquet

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www.montessorischoolbg.com

The website features...

- The Latest MSBG News
- Weekly Calendar Events
- Forms
- Photo Gallery
- Montessori Education Video
- Lexis Newsletter and Archives
- And More!

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MSBG TRIP News

Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program

Look for TRIP news at www.montessorischoolbg.com

Current GL Scrip Rebate Specials:

- Shutterfly rebate 14% until 10/2/09 (regular rebate 9%)
- LLBean rebate 17% until 10/9/09 (regular rebate 15%)
- Applebee's rebate 10% until 10/16/09 (regular rebate 8%)



For a complete list of retailers, visit www.glscrip.com

To order online, go to shopwithscrip.com

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www.krogercommunityrewards.com
MSBG Code: 80235

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Big News – GL Scrip to be offered weekly!!!

In response to requests from many of our parents, I am very pleased to announce that we will now be offering GL Scrip orders EVERY WEEK. I am very appreciative of our wonderful front office staff for agreeing to take on the additional work required to make this happen.

The first week we will go to a weekly schedule will be Monday, October 5th. We will keep the same

weekly schedule. Orders are due in the system on Monday by 8:30am and you can pick up your cards in the front office anytime after 9:00am on Thursday of the same week.

We will still require that Presto Pay be used to pay for all orders. Presto Pay is a service provided by GL Scrip that directly links to your checking account. It requires a few days to get your account setup for

Presto Pay, so be sure to register a few days before the next deadline.

To get started, login to www.shopwithscrip.com or contact Alisa Suelzer at (419)354-8400 or e-mail lisasuelzer@yahoo.com to get detailed instructions.

The registration code for MSBG is
9C4F114515148.

First Kroger Community Rewards payout received

Since our last publication, we received our first quarterly payout from the Kroger Community Rewards program. The total payment made to MSBG was \$1044.04 and was shared among 30 of our families.

Although the exact percentage paid out was not shared, it appears to me (based on my own payout and what I think we spent during that quarter) that the percentage paid was around 2%. This will not be a consistent

percentage as Kroger has one big pot of money available to give (\$125 million per quarter) and is dividing that among all of the organizations participating. The more we participate, the bigger percentage we will receive and the more money you will be able to take off your tuition. I encourage each of you to take a few minutes to login to Kroger's website and register your Kroger Plus card. You may also want to ask your family and friends to register using the MSBG number (found

on the left hand side of this page).

When you or your friends do register, please be sure to e-mail the Kroger Plus number and the family to which the payout should be applied to lisasuelzer@yahoo.com. If you prefer, you could also print out the registration confirmation, write "TRIP" at the top and leave it in the school office.

First quarterly statements distributed



Earlier this month, I distributed statements that showed the current balance for each family in the GL Scrip program and the Kroger program. Please contact me if you did not receive your statement. This statement covered the period May 31st through July 31st.

How the balances will be paid to you depends on what tuition payment plan you are on. For those on a monthly payment plan,

the total amount accrued in the program will be taken off your last tuition payment(s) of the school year. For those of you on a semester payment plan, you will be able to take the amount you have accrued to date off of your January payment. Any rebates earned after that time will then be refunded to you by check at the end of the school year. Annual payment plan families will be issued a check for their

total rebate balance at the end of the school year.

If you consistently use GL Scrip gift cards for your regular shopping needs, you will find that those rebates can really build to a significant number by year end. I encourage you all to take some time to analyze your shopping behavior and make GL Scrip work for you!

"The GL Scrip program is a program run by volunteers for the benefit of our families."

Remind me again, what exactly is GL Scrip?

In all my excitement about new developments to our TRIP program, I sometimes forget that this is new to many of our families. One parent recently said to me, "This all sounds very exciting but remind me again, what exactly is GL Scrip?"

GL Scrip is an organization out of Michigan that sells gift cards for various restaurants, stores, hotels,

and services that you shop at every day. Members of participating not for profit organizations (like MSBG) are eligible to purchase the cards. With every purchase you make, a rebate is paid by the company to the school in your name. All or a portion of this rebate can then be applied toward your tuition. You may also designate a portion of your earnings to be

donated to the school. If you elect to do this, the amount given to the school in your name is fully tax deductible to you.

So why do we have this program and who benefits? The GL Scrip program is a program run by volunteers for the benefit of our families. It is our families that receive the full credit of the rebates they earn. The one that benefits is YOU!



One family's story: Getting Grandparents involved

In talking to one family, I learned of a great way to multiply the benefit of GL Scrip. Although this family is sure to capitalize on the benefit they can receive by purchasing gift cards for their normal shopping expenditures, they were looking to increase the benefit they receive. That's where Grandma and Grandpa came in.

The grandparents are

retired and frequently go out to lunch. Their favorite place to dine out is Bob Evans and they often go there more than once per week. Our family knew that Bob Evans pays a 10% rebate through GL Scrip and the wife decided to ask her parents if they would be willing to purchase gift cards to use for their meals at Bob Evans. Her

parents were more than happy to help in this way. Every few weeks, they order \$200 worth of gift cards and the family receives \$20 toward their tuition. Because it was so easy, the grandparents are now looking for other gift cards they can purchase to help with tuition costs.

There's nothing better than free money!