Join us for Spirit Night TOMORROW!

Join us for Spirit Night tomorrow, Tuesday, August 8th from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at both Macon Pizza Company and Macon Swirls. You can dine in or order take-out at Macon Pizza Company and then get frozen yogurt or ice cream for a treat after! Macon Pizza Company is located at 5978 Zebulon Rd. and Macon Swirls is located at 5451 Bowman Rd. Attend both locations or pick one.

MOM bracelets are being sent home today. Wear your bracelets tomorrow night during Spirit Night so other families will know you are with the school! Also, in order for us to get credit with the restaurant, you must say you are with Montessori of Macon at the register.

Parent Power Opportunity!

- We need people to bring snack food items for the AGM. You can bring a sweet or savory item (or one of each).

- We need volunteers to help set-up the AGM meeting space on Thursday, Aug. 17th at 4:15. We will be moving a few pieces of furniture and setting up chairs to get the room ready for AGM that evening.

Please email the office at admin@montessoriofmacon.org to sign up for any of the above. Thank you!

August 17th, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Montessori of Macon will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 17th in the Middle School classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to present our Annual Report, elect members for our Board of Directors, and to discuss areas of focus for the 17-18 school year. This meeting is for adults only. The deadline to enroll your MOM student in childcare for this meeting is tomorrow, August 8th.

This year we have 2 positions on our Board of Directors open for election. Attached to this Monday Messenger you will find the applications that have been submitted. Please review this information in preparation for the upcoming AGM.

- We encourage at least one representative from every family to attend.

- We will meet and mingle with refreshments at 5:45, and the meeting will start at 6:00 in the Middle School classroom.

- This meeting is for adults only.

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Montessori of Macon Board Application – Due by August 2nd

Please use additional pages to answer questions, if needed. Completed applications may be dropped off in the office or emailed to – admin@montessoriofmacon.org

Name: Marnie Crowley Date: August 2, 2017

1. Name of child or children attending MOM and years of attendance:

Joseph (5), 3rd Year and Owen (3), 1st Year

2. Why have you chosen Montessori of Macon for your child or children?

When we were searching out options for the education of our children we had a very clear idea of what we wanted. First, we wanted a diverse inclusive community. We wanted our children to be exposed to a variety of people from different cultures, and we wanted it to be in an environment that would be accepting of our non-traditional family. Second, we wanted an environment that would foster the independence of our children. We had researched the Montessori method and knew that a traditional Montessori school, like MOM, would be the right fit for their development both academically and personally. We also feel strongly that young children need to have an opportunity to move throughout the day. We knew that asking two young boys to sit for long periods would not be good for our children. In addition, we appreciate that MOM does not subscribe to the over testing and formal evaluation found in many of the other school options, while still being concerned about the development of our children.

3. Give a brief description of yourself. Please include any skills, talents, experience, education, etc. that would be beneficial to our Board of Directors.

I have lived my entire adult life in Macon. I graduated from Mercer University in 1997 with a BS in Environmental Science. I have a very diverse work history, which offers me some unique perspectives. I spent the first 12 years of my career in research and development for a mining and mineral company, JM Huber Corporation. I changed career paths, and spent the next 5 years working for the Georgia Advocacy Office, which is the protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in the state. I was focused on advocating for and with people with disabilities to have full, meaningful inclusive lives. For the past 5 years, I have been blessed to be a stay at home Mom. This diverse background has given me the opportunity to manage multi million dollar projects, work one on one with vulnerable citizens of Georgia, meet and interact with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, and manage multiple, often conflicting, priorities.

4. If you are elected to the Board, what are the goals and/or accomplishments you would like to achieve by the end of your term?

A lot of work and effort has been put into the strategic plan. I would be focused on making sure that plan is carried out in order to improve the MOM community. I realize the importance of maintaining strong enrollment, especially in the lower levels of the school. I would like to help in any way that will ensure strong retention of our MOM students and also strengthen the MOM community.
5. If you were elected to the Board, what would be your greatest strengths as a Board member?

I have volunteered for several boards in the past so I have a good understanding of the requirements and obligations of a board. I have worked on a wide variety of projects that require teamwork and cooperative learning. I am personally dedicated to MOM, and plan to have my children educated in the community for as long as possible. That dedication means I have a personal stake in its success and growth. I’m organized and hard working. My variety of my work experiences gives me a lot of background from which to draw from while thinking about MOM. I’m a team player and enjoy cooperative learning experiences.

6. Why would you like to be a member of the MOM Board of Directors?

We love Montessori of Macon, and we have all intentions of educating our children here for as long as possible. I feel strongly that being a member of the board of directors will allow me to show dedication in a concrete way, while being able to work to sustain and strengthen the community.
Montessori of Macon Board Application –
Name: Amanda S. Hood
Date: Aug. 1, 2017

1. Name of child or children attending MOM and years of attendance:
   Alice Hood- 4th year (Upper El)
   Miles Hood- 7th year (Middle School)
   This is our 7th year at MOM…We also have a son, Weston who attended MOM until 9th grade.

2. Why have you chosen Montessori of Macon for your child or children?
   We have 4 children and in our earlier parenting years, we chose the more traditional schooling route. We found our children (and ourselves) to be bored and frustrated by the seemingly senseless rigidity of the system. I observed several times at MOM and was so in awe by what I saw in the classrooms. As soon as we could, we switched our youngest 3 and have truly loved it ever since.

3. Give a brief description of yourself. Please include any skills, talents, experience, education, etc. that would be beneficial to our Board of Directors.
   I have a background in early childhood education with experience teaching in both elementary and preschool environments. I then went on to get my Master’s in Marriage and Family Therapy and now have a private practice at Reflections Psychotherapy in Gray, GA. I consider myself to be a systems thinker and attempt to see the whole picture when making decisions. I think my creativity is also something beneficial to the board as I tend to get energy from coming up with new ideas and solutions. I also serve on the board of Community Health Works in Macon, and have served on the MOM board since 2012. I currently serve in the capacity of Vice President.

4. If you are elected to the Board, what are the goals and/or accomplishments you would like to achieve by the end of your term?
   I have been very passionate about creating more opportunities for our families to create relationships across age levels and outside of the MOM campus. I feel that is our greatest opportunity for retention and creates a tight knit community, which is a larger goal of Montessori education. I am thrilled with what we already offer and would like to further broaden our connections. Also, I am excited about the opportunities we have for campus beautification and our goals for more permanent structures. This is something I feel is a big priority and I look forward to helping become a reality. Last, I just love this school and consider giving my time here just a payback for what the school means to my family.

5. If you were elected to the Board, what would be your greatest strengths as a Board member?
   I tend to be fairly open about expressing myself and I try to be very open minded about other’s opinions as well. I love the diversity in our school and embrace open thinking when making decisions. I get along with others and am not afraid of hard work. I want to see our school meet the expectations we have set for ourselves.

6. Why would you like to be a member of the MOM Board of Directors?
   I have experience on the board and feel like I have more work to do during my time on the board. I like to put my “money where my mouth is” and want to be involved in this place that has given my children so much.
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Name: Gerald (Jerry) Lucas ______________________ Date: July 31, 2017

1. Name of child or children attending MOM and years of attendance:
   Henry Lucas, first year

2. Why have you chosen Montessori of Macon for your child or children?
   It is the best option around as it's more than child care. We like the philosophy and community, and we think Henry will thrive here.

3. Give a brief description of yourself. Please include any skills, talents, experience, education, etc. that would be beneficial to our Board of Directors.
   I have my Ph.D. in English Literature and have been an educator for over twenty years. I'm a writer and researcher, concentrating on the intersection of literary studies and new media. I like to take risks in the classroom and challenge students' conceptions of and approach to education.

4. If you are elected to the Board, what are the goals and/or accomplishments you would like to achieve by the end of your term?
   Since I am a newbie, I would like to get a feeling of the Montessori culture before committing to an answer here. In other words: I'd like to see what the community needs and do my best to help realize those goals, rather than imposing my own at first.

5. If you were elected to the Board, what would be your greatest strengths as a Board member?
   My time is flexible. I can help with numerous activities and projects, particularly those that require writing or computer skills, like web design, editing, or similar. I'm a good listener and try my best to be a good problem solver and creative thinker. I have connections to Middle GA State U.

6. Why would you like to be a member of the MOM Board of Directors?
   I am enthusiastic and passionate about certain topics, and my son's education is at the top of the list. A democracy is only as good as its citizens, so providing an educational environment that allows students to become their own thoughtful and engaged individuals is paramount. As a member of the Board, I can further my interest as an educator and parent by assisting the Montessori community and bettering central Georgia.