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April 2016 Newsletter

Events and Dates to Remember:

April 6: 11am & 3pm

Kindergarten visit Fleetwood Bowden School

April 7: 6:30-8:30pm

Montessori Workshop for Parents

April 18 & 19

Art Show

April 22

Grand Parents Day

Earth Day

April 25-28

Parent-Teacher Interviews

April 29

Crazy Hair Day

May 3, 10, 17 & 24

Kindergarten swimming

Dear Parents,

The children enjoyed having a Leprechaun visit the school and going in search for gold coins that he left behind! Thanks to Connor (Declan & Aamon's dad) for visiting the classroom and talking about his ancestors.

The children celebrated the first day of spring by wearing hats, they also made and decorated hats in their individual classes.

Thank you so much to all those parents and grandparents who helped out with driving the Kindergarten children to skating. We also thank parents who were able to bring their preschool children on the last day.

Summer Registration

Please register your child if you are planning to send him/her to our summer camp. We are in the process of planning for summer and this will help us to organize our staff hours. If you need a hard copy, please ask Daniel or Lori for the form.

Montessori Parent Workshop

The Annual Parent Workshop is on Thursday April 7th. Doors open at 6:15 and the workshop will run from 6:30-8:30pm at our Forestry location (3611 Forestry Avenue South). This workshop will focus on the Montessori Method and Montessori at Home. A sign-up sheet will be located in the front foyer.

Classrooms

We have finished our unit on animals. In April we will study plants and why plants are important to all living things. As the weather begins to warm, we will take the opportunity to go outside and observe the changes that come along with Spring.

We will continue to go to the library for stories and such. Please continue to send your child with comfortable walking shoes.

Our much anticipated Art Show is quickly approaching. We hope that you will take a few moments with your child to appreciate the beautiful works. This year our theme is "All about Me".

Kindergarten Visiting Elementary School

The AM and PM Kindergarten children will walk to the Fleetwood Bawden School to visit the Montessori classroom on April 6th. The AM children will visit the classroom from 11-11:30 and the PM children will visit from 3-3:30.

Parents are invited to join us and meet with the elementary teachers and principal (Broc) and to take their children home from the Elementary School if it is their pick up time.

Grand Person's Day

Friday, April 22nd is Grand Person's Day as well as Earth Day. Grandparents or, if grandparents don't live nearby, then other "grand" people in the children's lives, are invited to drop in for a half-hour visit. They can do some quiet activities with their children and enjoy some cookies the children have helped make. Please make sure to bring children back to their classrooms after your visit.

Earth Day

Each class will do something special to understand and observe Earth day on April 22nd.



Professional Development

Most of the staff enjoyed a two-day workshop at the college in March. Zahra attended the Annual American Montessori Society conference in Chicago. Kelsey, Danielle and Zahra will attend the three day Montessori workshop in Calgary. Zahra will continue to teach the Montessori diploma course in Calgary.

Parents Teacher Interview

Parent-Teacher interviews for preschool and kindergarten are scheduled for the week of April 25th. Please check the bulletin board to sign up.

Swimming

The kindergarten children are participating in a swimming program as their last sports activity for this school year. This will be on Tuesdays starting on May 3rd and is running at the Max Bell Regional Aquatic Center. As always, drivers are needed, as well as any parents who are able to participate in the pool. Please sign up if you can help. Thank you.

Local Advisory Meeting

Thank you for attending the LAC meeting and preplanning for the Teacher Appreciation and Graduation events. Parents who are coordinating the two events would need your help. They will contact you and I hope you can help.

Annual Parent Workshop

"The child is both hope and a promise for mankind."

“Montessori Method & Montessori at Home”

April 7, 2016

6:15-8:30 p.m.

- 6:15 p.m.** Welcome
- 6:30 p.m.** Montessori Method
- 7:00 p.m.** Montessori @ Home
- 7:45 p.m.** Question & Answers

Presented by Zahra Foroud, Director/Principal

Guest: TBA

“Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future.”

Please indicate if you wish to attend on the sign-up sheet.