

Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

December 2018

Directors' Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining us in the classrooms during our studies of continents, countries and cultures. Your contributions are exciting for children and enrich our community in the classroom.

We have such an exciting month ahead as children are embracing sharing and giving. Children will be singing in the community as they prepare for our *annual Christmas concert*. We are also **sponsoring 3 families over the holiday season**, and children have been active participants in this program.

Our classrooms are thoroughly enjoying the warmth a winter season can bring. Join us, share your cultural winter festivities and keep an extra eye open for the heartfelt gifts children will be bringing home to you.

With wonderful holiday wishes,

Zahra Foroud B.A., B.Ed., Montessori Ed.
Principal & Director

News and Information

Thank you to any parents who came to the school to share information about their culture or country.

Please continue to bring winter clothing, **please label all children's clothing**. If your child is wearing winter boots to school please make sure they have an extra pair of shoes to wear inside.

Samantha is currently on leave, however we would like to welcome Sepideh who will be joining our team and working as the lead teacher in Casa de Vert. Sepideh has her Level 3 child care certificate and has experience working in a child care center. At the end of December we will say goodbye to Olesya, we wish her well as she prepares for the birth of her new baby☺. In January we will introduce the new staff covering Olesya's maternity leave.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 7
Adopt a Family
Deadline
- ◆ December 15
Christmas
Concert
- ◆ December 21
Pajama Day
- ◆ December 24-
January 1
CLOSED
- ◆ January 2-4
No
Kindergarten

December Themes

This month we will be learning about winter and Christmas in different countries. We would like to invite any parents that have Christmas traditions from another country to share this with the children during circle time. Please speak to your child's teacher to let them know if you would like to come and speak to the children.

Adopt a Family

Each year as a school we participate in the Adopt a Family program. Each classroom adopts a family, the hamper requirements are posted in each classroom. Please sign up for specific items, if you are buying gifts for children they should be left unwrapped. This is a wonderful teaching opportunity for the children. We will explain the purpose of what we are doing and they usually get very excited about bringing items and helping others! The deadline is **December 7th**.

Christmas Concert

The children have been busy preparing for the annual Christmas concert which will be held December 15th, 2018 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The location is 420 11th Street South. After the concert there will be a pot luck meal, please bring something to share. A signup sheet will be located on the notice board in the foyer, please indicate if you plan on attending.

Pajama Day

Friday December 21st will be pajama day. Your child is invited to wear their pajamas for the day, and bring a teddy bear with them...or another stuffed toy!

Christmas Closure

The school will be closed December 24 – January 1. We will re-open on Wednesday January 2nd. Please note that although the school will reopen on the 2nd there will be NO kindergarten during the week of January 2-4. If you require your kindergarten child to be in attendance during this week arrangements must be made in advance with Zahra or Lisa as there will be an additional cost of \$25 per day.



Please feel free to speak with Zahra or Lisa if you have any questions or concerns. Additionally you may leave an anonymous comment in a suggestion box, located in each classroom.

**We wish you all a safe and very
Merry Christmas 😊**