



DECEMBER 2018

SCENIC CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

Director's 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*. Kindergarten children will be *singing at Lethbridge City Hall*. Preschool children will *sing and visit with patients at St. Michael's Health Centre*. We are also **sponsoring 2 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,

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Principal & Director

DATES TO REMEMBER

Preschool Children Sing
at St. Michael's Health Centre
Dec. 11

Kindergarten
Sounds of the Season
at City Hall | Dec. 12

School Christmas Concert
Dec. 15

PJ Day | Dec. 21

School Closed
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

No Kindergarten
Dec. 24 - Jan. 4

Kindergarten Soccer
in Jan. | TBA

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The Classroom

In November, we learned about the continents, countries and cultures. In December, our focus is on winter celebrations of **Sharing & Giving around the world** including Christmas and Hanukkah. Parents, you are a great source of authentic experience. Please talk with one of the teachers to set up a time to join us in the classroom to share your knowledge with the children.

Christmas Concert Dec. 15 1-3pm

420 11 St. South (in the gym at the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization)

There's a wonderful buzz in the air as children are thrilled to be singing and signing in two languages in preparation for our annual Christmas concert. Parents, siblings and grandparents are welcome. Please bring something to share in the potluck (see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board). It would be greatly appreciated if you help set-up the gym before the concert and/or clean-up after the program. We will provide napkins, cups, plates, cutlery, coffee and juice.

Christmas Project

This month we are sponsoring 2 families in Lethbridge through the Interfaith Foodbank. We discuss this project with children and each class sponsors one family.

Thank you for helping us by involving your children in your donation. The baskets are filling up nicely. Please refer to your classroom's sign-up sheet to make your donation (due Dec. 7). These gifts help fill kitchens & Christmas wishes for 2 families this month.

Christmas Gifts

As Christmas approaches, we would like to remind you it is school policy that teachers do not accept personal presents.

Your gift to the two families in need is a big gift to us. If you still wish to share gifts with the school, please do not give gifts to individuals. This helps to ensure that no child feels pressured to give a gift and that no teacher is left out. Thank you.

Children Singing in the Community

Each year, LMS **kindergarten** children are invited to sing at the City hall for the Mayor and City staff. On Dec. 12, ***children will leave the school at 10:30am***, sing at City Hall at 11:10am, and return to school by 12:15pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

LMS **preschool** children will make a separate trip to visit and sing with patients and staff at St. Michael's Health Centre on ***Dec. 11***.

School Closed for the Holiday

There will be no kindergarten program or kindergarten teacher from December 24 2018 to January 4th 2019.

Kindergarten hours are 9-11:30am (morning kindergarten) or 1-3:30pm (afternoon kindergarten).

Please talk to Danielle if your kindergarten child needs care during these hours over the kindergarten break. Fees for extra care apply as we must ensure appropriate teacher/student ratios.

Please note that school is closed for everyone from December 24 2018 to January 1 2019. We open on January 2, 2019.

New Music Teacher

We welcome our new music teacher, Catherine De Goede, who started Dec. 3.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

PTIs have completed. Your feedback and information has been really helpful. Feel free to talk to your child's teacher whenever you wish. If you missed the interview, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time for an interview.

Upstairs Preschool PTIs will be held mid-January.

AGM

Thanks to all who attended the AGM. Elected Board members are: Mandy DeCecco-Kolebaba, President; Tanya Surette, Vice President; Melissa Moffat, Secretary; Melanie Meier, Treasurer; Afra Foroud, Ambre Szabo, Hannah Heaton, Jami Thompson, Lorraine Hebert, Michelle Garcia-Vega & Patrick Wilson, Directors.

Pajama Day Dec. 21

Children may wear their PJs to school. We have quiet activities planned for the day.

Important Reminders

- ✚ Please continue to label all of your child's clothing to prevent confusion and lost items.
- ✚ Please bring an additional pair of shoes for your child to wear indoors.
- ✚ Please do not allow your child to bring any toys to school, your cooperation is appreciated.

