

Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

**February
2019**

Director's Message

Dear Parents,

February is such an exciting time of year for LMS! This month we give special attention to delicious healthy **nutrition** and to **love, kindness & compassion**. Please *refer to posters on our front door & bulletin by the sign-in sheets* for events and activities surrounding these themes.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ February 7
Stone Soup
- ◆ February 12
Kindergarten visit
Fleetwood
Bawden School
- ◆ February 14
Valentine's Day
Party
- ◆ February 18
CLOSED
- ◆ February 27
Pink Shirt Day
- ◆ March 8
Grandparents Day

There's still a bit of time left to **re-enroll for September toddler, preschool and kindergarten spots**. You have first priority before we open registration to the public. Also, current Kindergarten children will visit the Montessori Elementary classrooms at Fleetwood Bawden. **Kindergarten parents, remember to register your child for Grade 1!**

I would like to share with you **an exchange** between two of our preschool teachers. Heather Craig, who has been with LMS since 2000, is moving from Forestry to Scenic campus, and Natalie Fekete will move from Scenic to Forestry campus. Natalie returned to LMS September 2018, after having taken a leave to further her university education. Both Heather and Natalie have the highest level of Early Childhood Education, hold Montessori certificates, and are highly experienced in the loving care of young children.

We have wonderful activities planned for next month too! **Stay tuned** for details on: Open House, Stone Soup, Parent Gathering, and many more March events.

Good health and loving wishes to all!

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

Tax Receipt

The Income Tax Return receipt will be delivered by the end of this month. Please check them carefully and inform Zahra of any errors. The kindergarten fees (\$60/month) are not tax deductible as they apply to the kindergarten activities and snack.

Stone Soup

On February 7th we will have a Stone Soup activity, for this activity we ask that each child bring a **small snack size** bag containing some **cut up** vegetables. These will be used to make soup which we will have for lunch on that day. We will begin our activity around 9:15 to allow enough time for it to cook! If your child does not normally stay for lunch they are welcome to participate in lunch that day. Please advise their teacher if they will be staying for lunch. Additionally if your child usually attends in the afternoon they are welcome to come for the morning.

Valentine's Day

On February 14th we will be having a valentines party, there will be various activities happening throughout the day.

There will be mail boxes for the children to collect and deliver valentines. Please check with your child's teacher to find out how many children are in your child's class. Please ensure that any treats that are brought are nut free.

Pink Shirt Day

On February 27th, schools from across Canada will wear pink to support bully prevention awareness, education and programs. This year's Pink Shirt Day Alberta 2019 theme is centered on making an effort to "**CHOOSE KINDNESS**" as a way to support bullying prevention programs in schools and our community.

In our classes we will talk about kindness with the children and we invite you all to wear pink that day! For more information visit www.pinkshirtdayalberta.ca

Grandparents Day

Invitations will be sent out inviting your child's grandparents to visit with your child at school. The children will prepare a snack to have with their Grandparent. This event will happen March 8th.

This is a drop in/open house event; the grandparents will collect their grandchild and go to the Blue classroom between 9-11:30am and 1:00-4:00pm. If your child naps please note that they will be sleeping between 12:30-2:30 unless arrangements are made to keep them awake.

Please feel free to come and speak with Zahra or Lisa if you have any questions or concerns, or leave your anonymous comments in a suggestion box located in each classroom.