



# FEBRUARY 2019 SCENIC CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

## 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.

There's still a bit of time left to re-enrol for September toddler, preschool and kindergarten spots. You have first priority before we open registration to the public in the next week. 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 Day, Parent Gathering, and many more March events.

Good health and loving wishes to all!

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Principal & Director

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration for 2019-2020  
Jan 17 – Feb 17

Kindergarten  
visit Montessori Elementary  
Feb. 12

Valentine's Day Party  
Feb. 14

School Closed, Family Day  
Feb. 18

Galt Museum Field Trip  
Feb. 19 & Feb. 20

Parent Advisory Gathering  
March 6, 4:30pm

Open House  
March 13, 6-8pm

Kindergarten Skating TBA

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## *The Classroom*

In February the children will continue their study of the **body**, specifically the **heart**, **brain** and the **senses**. It is also the time of the year that we reinforce **love**, **sharing**, **friendship** building and caring. Children will be encouraged to perform acts of kindness and share them with their friends at circle time. This month we also discuss **nutrition**.

In March we will follow up with our annual **Stone Soup** activity. The story of the Stone Soup combines themes from nutrition, sharing, and friendship building. On this day (**March 20**) children who do not regularly stay for lunch are welcome to stay and participate in lunch.

## *Registration for Fall 2019*

If you have not registered your child yet make sure you do so this week!

**Please register your child by February 16.** After this date, any spaces available will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Children who turn **5 by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019** are eligible for kindergarten.

**Forms for Grade 1 are available.** See Zahra, Afra or Danica if you wish for your child to continue in Montessori education.

## *Montessori Elementary Visit*

On **February 12** we will walk with kindergarten children to visit the Montessori Elementary program at Fleetwood Bawden School.

*Feel free to join us on this fieldtrip.*

Please **ensure your child is at LMS 15 minutes before departure time.**

Departure Times are:

- **9:15am: AM Kindergarten**
- **12:45pm: PM Kindergarten**

## *Galt Museum | Preschool & Kindergarten*

Please make sure **you have signed the consent form so your child is able to attend this fun fieldtrip.** A school bus will bring each class to the Galt Museum where children can enjoy many interactive activities. *Parents are more than welcome to join us on this and any fieldtrip.*

Please make sure your child is **at school on time to catch the bus!**

- **Feb. 19 (9am): Downstairs AM children**
- **Feb. 19 (1pm): Upstairs PM children**
- **Feb. 20 (9am): Upstairs AM children**

## *Valentine's Day Party*

February 14 is our Valentine's Day party. We have fun activities planned throughout the day. If you would like to bring treats for everyone to share you are welcome to do so. Please make sure that all snacks are **nut free**.

Children enjoy exchanging cards on Valentine's Day! We ask that you decorate a special Valentine box with your child at home and bring it to school on February 13. This box will be where children can drop off Valentine's cards for your child.

When preparing cards for your child to give away, we suggest not addressing cards to particular children (just have your child's name on each one). You and your child can quickly drop one into each box when you arrive at school. Please check with your child's teacher to find out how many children are in your child's class.

## *Parent Advisory Gathering | March 6, 4:30pm*

Please attend if you can, we will discuss Teacher Appreciation Day and the Kindergarten Farewell. These events can only be done by parents. We encourage you to join the gathering as it is also an opportunity to give your input as these are events for you or your child to participate in together.

## *Open House | March 13, 6-8pm*

This Open House is for both the public and the families already attending the LMS. This is an opportunity for your child to share their classroom with you and for you to have more one on one time with the staff.

## *Receipt for Income Tax Return (ITR)*

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

Sign up for  
**recycling** by  
the front entrance

*Anonymous comments  
are welcome in the  
suggestion box located  
by the sign in sheet.*

*Thank you  
for driving  
kindergarten  
children to **SOCCER***

Help your child  
bring a quarter  
or loonie for  
our foster  
child.