

Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

March 2018

News and Information

We had busy and exciting month, this past month the children had a Valentine's Day party, In addition we continued our study of the body specifically the senses which lead to our study of nutrition.

Thank you for all your donations to our stone soup project. The teachers re-enacted the story for the children and each child got to add some vegetables to the soup. It's always a fun activity to emphasize the importance of sharing and community.

In February Urooj had to leave us for medical reasons but we are pleased to welcome a new staff member, Olesya. She will work in Casa de Bleu in the morning and Casa de Violet in the afternoon.

Recycling will now be left in each classroom rather than the foyer. If you are able please take it when you see it is ready to go.

March Themes

This month the children will learn about animals, including different groups and parts of the body. We will also celebrate Spring, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Summer Camp

The last day of Preschool and Kindergarten will be June 29th. We will be closed July 2nd in lieu of Canada Day, commencing July 3rd we will run a summer camp program for July and August, if you require your child to be in attendance during this time please see Lisa for a registration form. All forms must be submitted by April 30th to allow adequate time for staffing arrangements.

Parent Advisory Meeting

A parent advisory meeting has been scheduled for March 7th at 4:30pm. Please let Zahra or Lisa know if you are able to attend. At this meeting we will discuss Kindergarten Graduation and Teacher Appreciation Day; it is also an opportunity for you to give us feedback about any school programming or procedures. All are invited and we hope you are able to attend.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 7
Parent Advisory Meeting
- ◆ March 9
Grandparents Day
- ◆ March 7(PM only)/8 (AM only),
15, 22,29
Kindergarten
Skating
- ◆ March 16
St. Patrick's Day
Party
- ◆ March 20
Hat Day
- ◆ March 30 - April 2
CLOSED
- ◆ April 3-6
No Kindergarten

Skating

The kindergarten children will begin skating at Henderson Ice Arena. AM Kinders will go from 9:30-10:30am and PM kinders will go from 1:30-2:30pm. Your help with driving and supervising is greatly appreciated, if you are helping with transporting children please be at the school at 9:00am or 1:00pm.

The morning kindergarten children will skate on March 8, 15, 22, and 29. The afternoon children will skate on March 7, 15, 22 and 29.

Please bring in a bag the following items: skates, helmet, mittens, snow pants and a coat. All children will need to wear helmets in order to participate. Although we don't require CSA approved helmets, they are recommended by the Lethbridge School District, and they feel biking helmets, as well as other winter sport helmets do not meet the safety requirements. Many of the elementary schools will not allow any skater on the ice without a CSA approved helmet, thus making it a worthwhile purchase at this time. At this time we allow any helmet, but are recommending those which are CSA approved.

We would like to invite the parents of preschoolers and their families to join us on the last day of skating, March 29th. If you wish to attend you must transport your own child and supervise them during that time.

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 9th.

This is a drop in 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, please let us know if we should keep them awake on that day to accommodate a visit from grandparents.

If your child's grandparent is not available to attend they may invite another special person to attend Instead, or you may attend with them 😊

Fundraiser

Lethbridge Montessori Society is having a Purdy's Chocolate fundraising event. If you would like to order you can pick up booklet from any classroom and then either order online or bring in your order form to the office. The deadline for ordering is March 13th. The chocolates will be ready for collection on March 23rd.

St. Patrick's Day

On March 16th we will be having a St. Patrick's Day party, there will be various activities happening throughout the day, including a chocolate coin hunt. Feel free to dress your child in green to add to the festivities! Please speak to your child's teacher for any specific classroom arrangements.



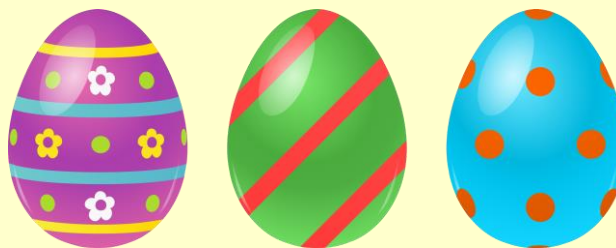
Hat Day

We will welcome in the first day of spring by having Hat Day on March 20th. Please send your child with a hat that day; we will also be making hats with the children.

Easter

On Thursday March 29 the children will have some Easter activities including an egg hunt. Please speak to your child's teacher for any specific arrangements.

The school will be closed March 30 - April 2. Please note that although the school will reopen on the 3rd there will be **NO kindergarten** during the week of April 3-6. If you require your kindergarten child to be in attendance during this week arrangements must be made in advance with Zahra or Lisa. If your kindergarten child attends during this week there is an additional fee of \$25 per day. If your child will be here all week it will be \$100 extra.



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.