



JANUARY 2019 SCENIC CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and wish you a prosperous 2019!

Thank you for the many contributions of food and gifts to the families we adopted through the InterFaith Food Bank. Your active support helps teach children the importance of sharing and community.

It was **wonderful** to see so many of you at the Christmas concert. What a great success! The children performed all those songs beautifully. Thank you for bringing all the yummy food and for your help with set-up and clean-up.

*We value your involvement as **children benefit the most when we all work together.*** Parent involvement in school activities creates wonderful lifelong memories for children.

This month Kindergarten children begin indoor soccer sessions at the soccer centre and volunteer drivers are needed. We are also holding parent-teacher interviews for the upstairs Preschool children. Downstairs Preschool and all Kindergarten interviews were held in the Fall. Please speak with your child's teacher if you were unable to have an interview at that time.

Our goal is to provide a *safe and prepared environment* that meets *each child's needs for comfort, joy, and independence* so that they may *relish in the process of learning*. To learn more, and share your ideas, please join us at our February 2019 Parent Advisory Gathering!

Happy New Year,

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Principal & Director

DATES TO REMEMBER



School is Closed
Jan. 1

No Kindergarten Program
Jan. 2-4

Kindergarten Soccer
Tentative Dates
Jan. 17, 24, 31, & Feb. 7

2019-2020 Re-Enrolment
Preschool & Kindergarten
Jan. 17 – Feb. 15

Upstairs Preschool PTIs
Jan. 28 – Feb. 1

Parent Advisory Gathering
Feb. 12 | 4:30pm

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The Classroom

December was a very busy month with the children learning songs and poems for the concert and making Christmas presents. They also learned about Christmas traditions in different countries, as well as other seasonal celebrations. Weather permitting, we will hold an outdoor **Winter Festival** in January or February.

In January we learn **how our bodies work**. We hope to instill an appreciation for the wonderfully functional intricate systems of the human body! Please let us know if you could share information on this topic.

This month, we will also **review safety rules and protocols with children**.

Fall 2019 (already!)

Save your child's spot, register before January 31 2019!

Re-enrolment forms for Fall 2019 are available January 17. Please re-enroll your child in Preschool or Kindergarten as per age requirement by the end of January. This way we will secure your space before offering space to the public. For Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 before December 2019. Summer forms will be ready in May and you may sign up then if you require summer care.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Upstairs Preschool PTIs will be held the last week of January. Please sign-up.

Parent Advisory Gathering

You are the natural teachers to your children, teaming up with you makes school time more effective and meaningful. We keep an open-door policy, hold parent-teacher interviews and Parent Advisory Gatherings. **At these gatherings** you can learn more about school policies, share your ideas to help better our program. We can discuss general student progress and give feedback to each other. All parents are welcome for this 45-60 minute gathering. **Next Meeting: Feb 12 at 4:30 pm at the school.**

Kindergarten Soccer

Kindergarten parents, we have booked the soccer centre for four sessions.

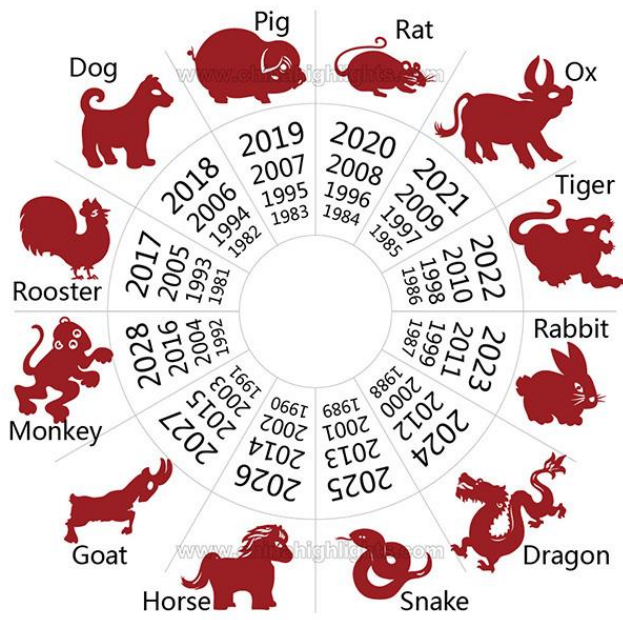
This activity can only be possible if we have enough **volunteer drivers to provide rides in the morning and in the afternoon.**

It would also be helpful if anyone could help coach. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

AM Kindergarten children will leave at 9:00 a.m.

PM Kindergarten children will leave at 1:00 p.m.

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is Tuesday, February 5th 2019 this year of the PIG. “A Pig represents luck, overall good fortune, wealth, honesty general prosperity, symbolizing a hardworking, a peace-loving person, a truthful, generous, indulgent, patient, reliable, trusting, sincere, giving, sociable person with a large sense of humor and understanding.” *You may find your animal in the chart to the left.*

Parents, we invite you to share your culture with our children if you can. A half hour presentation will be appreciated.

School Hours

Safety protocols require parents **sign-in and sign-out their child’s actual time of arrival and departure**. We work hard to maintain child-staff ratios. If your child is brought early, or picked up late, a staff will have to stay extra hours to maintain ratio and a late fee will be owing on your account. **Please make sure you bring your child during the hours you have registered them.**

Thank you

- For your generous gifts for the families we sponsored over the holidays.
- For sending fresh flowers for our Peace Table.
- For helping us to sponsor a foster child.
- For helping us to teach the children to recycle by taking the bags of recycling when you can.
- For driving the kindergarten children to their activities
- For all the Holiday sweets!
- For setting- and cleaning-up the gym at our Christmas party.
- For your classroom presentations of different cultures.
- And for being great team members with us.

We have Open Door Policy. Feel free to talk to us whenever you have questions or concerns.