

# Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

## November 2018 Director's Message

Dear Parents,

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 1 Pajama Day  
Thank you for coming to the Open House to see your children's progress and talk with the teachers.  
This month brings two exciting Montessori events, an internationally acclaimed workshop and our AGM. I invite you to the workshop "**Montessori: The Essence.**" Our guest speaker, Dr. Philip Snow Gang, is coming from Endicott College (Boston) and specializes in integrative Montessori education. This event is co-sponsored by LMS and the Canadian Association of Montessori Teachers. If you are a parent of a child that is registered as having special needs we can access funding to reimburse you for your registration fee. Please speak with me if you have any questions.
- ◆ November 7 Parent Advisory Meeting
- ◆ November 12 CLOSED  
All parents are also encouraged to attend the **LMS Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. As a parent of LMS, you are automatically a Society member. *The AGM is an opportunity* to learn about your child's school and our connection with the Montessori elementary. Meet all current Board members and join the Board if you wish to play a more active role.
- ◆ November 20 National Child Day  
At LMS, we are involved in **all levels of education, from early childhood to adult/teacher education**. I enjoy teaching the annual certification course *Foundations in Montessori* for preschool and elementary teachers via the Toronto's Montessori Teachers' College. We also host practicum students from both the University of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge College. We are happy facilitate their learning process and growth. Have a look at their biographies usually posted near the bulletin boards.
- ◆ November 21 Astronomer visit
- ◆ November 24 Montessori Symposium  
Parents, you are most welcome to visit our classrooms and share your cultural background with our children.
- ◆ November 29 Annual General Meeting
- ◆ December 15 Christmas Concert  
**Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!**  
Zahra Foroud B.A., B.Ed., Montessori Ed.  
Principal & Director

## November Themes

During November the children will study the continents, countries, cultural differences and Remembrance Day. As part of our November studies of different cultures we ask that if you have any information that you would be willing to share with your child's class about your culture please speak to your child's teacher to make arrangements. You are welcome to come in and talk about your culture, bring clothing, food or artifacts that represent your culture.

## News and Information

### CLOTHING

The weather is getting colder and the children go outside every day, and therefore require suitable clothing. Please provide a warm coat, hat and mittens, snow pants and boots.

Please **label all children's clothing**. Many items look very similar and are easily mixed up so labeling items help teachers and other parents ensure that each child is using their own items.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school in the container provided. Also, please remember to bring back any clothes you may have taken home to wash.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Throughout the month of November parent/teacher interviews will be taking place with your child's teacher. Sign-up sheets will be available in your child's classroom.

### PARENT ADVISORY MEETING

Do you want to find out more about what we have planned for your children this year?

Have concerns or questions you would like answered?

Do want to have a say in advising the Lethbridge Montessori Society in their actions and activities?

Come to the Parent Advisory Committee and Information Session! We invite ALL parents to come to any or all of these meetings, usually held 3-4 times/year, to have an informal chat about what we've been up to and answer any questions you have about the program in general or your child in particular. Zahra, a preschool teacher, and the kindergarten teacher will all be present, along with other parents - so please come join us!

Come join us on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

### NATIONAL CHILD DAY

National Child Day is celebrated on November 20th and reaffirms our country's commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC.) The CRC outlines our responsibility in keeping our children safe, healthy and engaged.

This year's theme is "The Right to an Identity". We will be talking to the children about their uniqueness and identity. We will have various activities planned that day to celebrate the children. We invite everyone to wear **BLUE** on the 20<sup>th</sup> to show your support of National Child Day.

Please visit [nationalchildday.ca](http://nationalchildday.ca) and [lethbridgeearlyyears.ca](http://lethbridgeearlyyears.ca) for more information about National Child Day, you will also find ways to celebrate and events happening in the community.

*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.*