



# NOVEMBER 2018

## SCENIC CAMPUS

### NEWSLETTER

#### Director's Message

Dear Parents,  
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.

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.

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 to facilitate their learning process and growth. Have a look at their biographies usually posted near the bulletin boards.

Parents, you are most welcome to visit our classrooms and share your cultural background with our children.

Have a safe & happy Halloween,  
Zahra Foroud B.A., B.Ed., Montessori Ed.  
Principal & Director

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**PJ Day | Nov. 1**

**Remembrance Day**  
(school closed)  
**Nov. 12**

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**  
**Nov 19-23**

**National Child's Day**  
**Nov. 20**

**Montessori: The Essence**  
**Workshop**  
**Nov. 24**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Nov. 29 | 6pm**  
All Parents Welcome ☺  
(meet at Fleetwood Bawden)

**Sounds of the Season**  
**Dec. 12 | 10am at City Hall**

**Christmas Concert**  
**Dec. 15 | Lethbridge Senior Centre**

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## The Classroom

In October, we learned about the Solar System and the Timeline of the Earth. **Solar System is a children's favorite**, they are so focused and curious with lots of questions. Many of them are prepared to visit a planet or the moon when they grow up.

In November, we focus on the planet **Earth, the continents and the countries**. As we learn about different countries, we begin to learn about, and appreciate, different **cultures**.

## Annual General Meeting | Nov. 29 6pm | @ Fleetwood Gym

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

The Lethbridge Montessori Society (Society) is a nonprofit society that **facilitates our kindergarten** program and supports all Montessori programs associated with LMS (**preschool, kindergarten, & elementary**). More information will be posted on the door and bulletin board. We hope to see you there!

## Parent Advisory Gathering (PAG)

Thank you for attending this year's first parent gathering where tentative dates for Teacher Appreciation Day (May 3) and the Kindergarten Farewell (June 14 or 21) have been made.

The next meeting is in February.

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME

**Thank you for driving** | Kindergarten children enjoyed their gymnastic field trips. Thank you to our volunteer parent drivers. Off-site programs are made possible with your support and are a valuable experience for children.

**Remembrance Day** | School will be closed on Monday, November 12. The Friday before, we will have a minute of silence at 11am with children.

**National Child's Day | Nov 20**. We have something special for our children to remind them how important they are to us and to society.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTI)

PTIs will be held from November 19-23. Parents may sign-up on the forms posted on the bulletin board closer to the dates. If these are not convenient, other times may be arranged during school hours.

- + Danica will meet with **kindergarten** parents.
- + Lori, Paige, Natalie & Roberta will meet with parents of **downstairs preschool** children.
- + **Upstairs Preschool** PTIs will be held in mid-January. If you wish to have a PTI before January, please let Zahra know. We can make a special arrangement for you.

## Montessori Symposium

**November 24**

An amazing opportunity open to all staff and parents! **Register & join us for this event. More information is attached.**

Location: Forestry Campus

Time: 10:30am to 3:30pm

## Birthday Snacks

If you would like to bring a snack on your child's birthday, we suggest: mini cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit or vegetables. Please ensure all treats you send are **nut-free**. Thank you.

## Clothing ☁️ We play outside every day 🌞

Please ensure your child has a **change of clothes in the bins** provided above the lockers. Remember to **bring back any clothes** you may have taken home to wash or any school clothing you have borrowed. This ensures your children have extra clothing that will fit properly and help keep them happy throughout the day.

As winter arrives, we ask you to make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, including mittens, hats and boots. **Snow pants are ideal**. Please **label** your child's clothing, including mittens & boots. This is greatly appreciated as many children have the same outdoor gear.

## Scrap Paper

Most children love to draw and do art projects and we go through a lot of paper. If you have scrap paper, even with print on one side, please feel free to donate it to us. You may see it return with your child's drawing, printing or even math!

## Christmas Concert | Dec 15 | 1-3pm

Our annual concert is held at the Lethbridge Senior Centre. We are joyful to have Brigitte (U of L practicum student) teach children French songs with Sign Language for the concert. Please sign up for the potluck closer to the date.

## Drama Trip

Children loved the drama field trip. Thank you, Nicola (Ruby's mom), for inviting the children.

### Information Notices

We often put notices on the front door, sign-in sheet or bulletin board. A calendar of events is also on the upstairs door. **Please check daily for information.**

## Thank You for

- ✚ Coming to the Open House
- ✚ Coming to the Parent Advisory Gathering
- ✚ Helping with recycling
- ✚ Driving children to field trips
- ✚ Volunteering to do a presentation for the children
- ✚ Providing treats for Halloween, Birthdays and field trips.
- ✚ Sharing your ideas with us
- ✚ Your patience

*We appreciate you and your trust for putting your precious children in our care.*

Safe & Happy  
Halloween for all