

Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

October 2018 Director's Message

Dear Parents,

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 8
CLOSED
- ◆ October 11
Open House
- ◆ October 17
Picture Day
- ◆ October 2 & 9
Kindergarten
gymnastics
- ◆ October 31
Halloween
Party
- ◆ November 7
Parent
Advisory
Meeting

October Themes

During October the children will study the solar system, planets, the three elements, Thanksgiving and Halloween.

We celebrated International Peace Day by singing Light a Candle for Peace which I am sure you've heard children sing at home. If not, ask them about it.

Please continue to read the bulletin beside the sign-in sheets, notices posted on the doors, and the Kindergarten calendar. We have exciting events approaching and will be posting more information in the weeks to follow.

Please join our upcoming PAC (Parents Advisory Committee) Information Session on November 7th at 4:30pm. Reasons to join PAC: find out more about what we have planned for your children this year, have your questions or concerns answered, and have a say in advising actions & activities of the Lethbridge Montessori Society.

I invite ALL parents to come to any or all PAC meetings (held 3-4 times/year), to have informal chats about what we've been up to and answer any questions you have about the program in general or your child in particular. One preschool teacher and kindergarten teacher will be present, along with other parents. You may bring your children; they can play in the playroom while we meet.

The Montessori approach for child care and education is world renowned for its benefits throughout a child's lifespan. Montessori alum and CEO of Amazon, Jeff Bezos, is dedicating \$2 billion for the development of preschools for homeless families and low-income communities in the USA. Bringing quality care and education to underserved communities reflects the spirit of Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy and belief that "Children are the only future humans can trace, teach them well."

Warmly yours,
Zahra Foroud B.A., B.Ed., Montessori Ed.
Principal & Director

News from September

We are into the full swing of our school year and we are enjoying working with your children. Thank you for your help in settling your children into their classrooms. We hope that with your participation, feedback and suggestions we will continue to grow together to provide quality care and education for your children.

Thank you to all who attended the picnic, we always enjoy meeting you and your families!

Information

FOOD

We have noticed that there are many children bringing snacks to school, please note that we do provide meals but if you feel that your child needs additional snacks we ask that any food sent to school is nut free as we do have several nut allergies, additionally we ask that the snacks provided are not candy. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Open House

October 11th will be an open house for parents and children currently enrolled in the program. You may drop in anytime between 6-7:30pm. We know that drop off and pick up time can be busy and so we invite you to come and spend some time with your child in the classroom and let them show you some of the things they enjoy working with. Your child's teacher will also be available for any questions you may have about your child.

Picture Day

October 17th will be picture day, we will take pictures both in the morning and the afternoon, please have your child here on time if you would like them to be in their class picture.

If you would like pictures please prepay before October 15th (please note that individual pictures will only be taken of children who have pre-paid). Attached to the newsletter is the pricing information for pictures. Please pay with **CASH or CHEQUE**. Cheques are payable to **Megan Kelsey Photography**.

Halloween

October 31st we will be having Halloween celebrations, the children are invited to wear their costumes to school. We ask that the children do not bring weapons, swords, or violent toys as part of their costume. We will be having a costume parade as well as fun Halloween activities.

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.