



OCTOBER 2018

SCENIC CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

Dear Parents,

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. 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Kindergarten
Gymnastics
Oct. 2, 9

Thanksgiving (no
school)
Oct. 8

Picture Day
Oct. 16

Open House | 6-8pm
Oct. 24

Parent Advisory
Committee
Oct. 30

Drama Field Trip
Oct. 30

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The Classroom

The season is in full Fall foliage and we have been going on nature walks to observe the changes in nature and discuss the transformations. What a beautiful time of year! We are also learning **numbers, colors, days of the week** and the **seasons in French**. Our themes for October center on the **timeline of the Earth** and the **solar system**. Timelines can be introduced at home by presenting a picture for each year of your child's life. For example, you can create a poster together that has a picture of them as a newborn, 1 year old, 2 years old, etc. **Please bring your child's timeline to school on his/her birthday**. The children always enjoy this!

Children's OPEN HOUSE | Wednesday October 24 | 6-8pm

Preschool & Kindergarten

A wonderful opportunity to let your **children take the lead** by giving you a personal tour of their classroom and inviting you to **join them in their favorite activities**. We know how busy drop-off and pick-up times are for parents and invite you to come see what your children do when they are at school. This can also be an informative time with staff to quickly chat with you about their discoveries about your child!

Picture Day | Tuesday October 16

Picture day is also our **dress up day**.

Please make sure your child is at school on time.

Cheques should be prepaid to:

Megan Kelsey Photography.

Class photo: \$10

Or

Full Package is \$25.00 and includes:

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| 1- 5 by 7 | class photo |
| 1- 5 by 7 | individual |
| 2- 4 by 5 | individual |
| 8- wallets | individual |

Field Trips

We will walk to the **library** for stories and puppet shows occasionally.

Kindergarten **gymnastics** continue at West Wind's Gymnastic Club (Oct. 2 & 9). **Please talk Danica if you are able to drive**. Your help with driving and supervising is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets with the time are on the bulletin board.

Fire Hall trip/visit

Kindergarten children will walk to the Fire Hall. Please make sure they are at school on time.

AM kindergarten

leave at 9am on Oct. 15

PM kindergarten

leave at 1pm on Oct. 17

Firefighter Troy will **visit preschool** children at school on **Oct. 22 at 2pm**.

U of L Drama | Tuesday October 30

The U of L Drama Department has invited 30 children from our school to attend a children's play in the morning of October 30. We can bring some preschool & kindergarten children. Please let Zahra or Afra know if your child is interested.

Halloween

We will have a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 31st. Children may wear their costumes to school, but no weapons, swords, or violent toys please. We will have activities such as face-painting, pumpkin carving, crafts and songs.

Visitors

We invite you to visit our classrooms and share your knowledge and experiences with the children. You may want to share about your job or your culture. You can even read a book! Your contribution in your child's classroom makes a big difference and your child will truly enjoy your visit.

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Please visit us at
Lethbridge Montessori
School & Like us!

Please Remember

Our Sponsored Child
Children bring 50 cents per month and put it in the designated place near the sign in sheet

Recycling Items
Children help parents sign up & take school recycling items

Scholastic Book Order
When you order books, school gets coupons to buy new books

Our Peace Table
Children may bring fresh flower for the Peace Table. If each family brings flowers twice for the entire year that would be great.

Our Nature Table
Children bring items from nature for the Nature Table and topic of discussion instead of toy show and tell