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February 2016 Newsletter

Events and Dates to Remember:

January 1-29

Preschool & Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

February 3 & 10

Kindergarten Soccer

February 8

Chinese New Year

February 12

Valentine's Day Party

February 15

Family Day - School is closed

February 23

Stone Soup

February 23

Local Advisory group meeting

Anonymous comments are welcome in the suggestion box located by the sign in sheet.

Dear Parents,

February is an exciting time of year! Please continue to check the notes on the front door & our bulletin by the sign-in sheets for events and activities. Please sign up for recycling and do not forget our foster child we help out.

Kelsey, our afternoon kindergarten teacher, will be away the first 2 weeks of February. Zahra and Danielle will implement the extra activities every day for kindergarten.

Alanna who was hired as support staff will go for her maternity leave as of February 1st.

Christy from the Forestry Montessori School will be transferred to the Scenic location. She worked at the Forestry location for 3 years and holds her Montessori certificate. She will be upstairs in the morning and downstairs in the afternoon.

Receipt for income Tax Return (ITR)

The ITR receipt will be delivered by the end of this month. Please check them carefully and inform Zahra of any errors.

The kindergarten fees (50/month) are not tax deductible as they apply to the kindergarten activities and snack.

The Classroom

This month the children will continue their study of the body, specifically the heart, brain and the 5 senses. In addition we will be discussing nutrition which will include a **'Stone Soup' activity**.

For the Stone Soup activity we ask that each child bring a *snack* size bag containing some cut up vegetables. These will be used to make soup which we will have for lunch on **February 23**. If your child does not normally stay for lunch they are welcome to participate in lunch that day.

It is also the time of the year that we reinforce love, sharing, and caring. Children will be encouraged to perform acts of kindness and share them with their friends at circle time.

Chinese New Year

We are looking forward to have a volunteer to come to our classes on Monday February 8 to do a presentation on Chinese New Year. Please let us know if you can.

Kindergarten & Preschool Registration for fall 2016

If you have not register your child yet please make sure you do it this week. **Please register your child by February12.** After this date, any spaces available will be open to the community on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Children who turn 5 by December 31st, 2016, are eligible to register for kindergarten. However we can revisit at the end of the school for the possibility of 2nd year kindergarten.

Forms for Grade 1 are also available. Please see Zahra, Joy or Kelsey if you wish for your child to continue in Montessori education.

Local Advisory Meeting

The Parent Advisory Meeting is on Thursday February 23rd at 4:30. Please attend if you can, we will be discussing upcoming activities that need parent participation. These activities can only be done by parents and we really encourage you to come. This is an opportunity to come and give your input as these are events you or your child will participate in.

1. Kindergarten Graduation
2. Teacher Appreciation day
3. Parent Workshop

Valentine's Day

On February 12 we will be having a valentines party, there will be various activities happening throughout the day. If you would like to bring treats for everyone to share you are welcome to do so. Please make that all snacks are nut free.

The children enjoy exchanging cards on Valentine's Day. There will be mail boxes for the children to collect and deliver valentines. Please check with your child's teacher to find out how many children are in your child's class.

We suggest not addressing cards to particular children (just have your child's name on each one). You and your child can quickly drop one into each box when you arrive at school.

Teachers are asking you to decorate a Valentine box at home with your child and bring it to school the day before. This box will be where the children can drop off valentine's cards for your child.

The school will be closed Monday, February 15th for Family Day.