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EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Kindergarten Skating | March 2, 9, 16, 23

St. Patrick's Day Celebration | March 17

Hat Day | March 21

Art Show | April 18 & 19

Grand Person's Day | April 22

Montessori @School & @Home Workshop for Parents | April 7th 6:30-8:30 pm

Dear Parents,

We had a busy and exciting February, children had a Valentine's Day party and we continued our study of the body, specifically, the senses which led to our study of nutrition.

We also made our traditional "stone soup". The children participated in a dramatization of the story. For making the "Stone soup", teachers played as monks going to a village known for its hard life and unfriendly people. The monks started making the soup with 3 stones, the villagers (the children acted as the villagers) were curious and brought food one by one to share. This brought the community together and at the end they had a party and lived happily ever after. This was not only fun but also a great learning opportunity for our little children to learn about community awareness and sharing.

Thank you parents for all the yummy vegetables and all you do for us. We appreciate it so much.

Local Advisory Council

We had our LAC meeting on Tuesday at 4:30. Unfortunately only 2 parents attended.

One of the parents is going to send you a personal invitation and hope we will have more parents to participate. The date will be in March and it will be posted.

Tax Receipt

All the tax receipts have been sent home. Please look at them carefully and let Zahra know if there are errors.

Re-Enrolment

Fall 2016 re-enrolment for Kindergarten and pre-school is now complete. Thank you for re-enrolling your children.

Summer-Camp

Please register your child for summer if you are planning to send them to the summer camp (July & August). The one-page registration form will be sent to you shortly. This will help us to plan our summer and give the staff their holiday time as they wish.

Please know that giving us the form with your selected dates is considered as a final commitment from you and based on that information we will have teachers on site. Please help us to make this work for you and the school.

Our Classrooms

February was busy. The children learned about nutrition and the four food groups. We also reviewed our five senses. We had so much celebrating Valentine's Day and sharing cards with each other. Thank you for all the treats. Thank you to all the children and their parents who have donated flowers for our peace table.

We celebrated Chinese New year on Monday February 8 at our classrooms. Thanks to Megan (Alex's mom) for the special presentation about the Chinese New Years' tradition.

In March we will review the timeline and study the different groups of animals.

Kindergarten children have finished their soccer. We had so much fun playing together with the Forestry Avenue Kindergarten class. Skating will start on March 9th and this is also a joint activity with the Forestry kindergarten children

Please feel free to donate any unwanted **out-side toys or play equipment** that are in good condition.

Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you for ordering books from the Scholastic Book Club. We hope you have been happy with your orders. We are able to purchase many new books for our library with the coupons we receive from your orders. Thank you.

Grand person's Day

Friday, April 22nd is Grand Person's Day at our school. Grandparents or, if grandparents don't live nearby, then other "grand" people in the children's lives, are invited to drop in for a half-hour visit. They can do some quiet activities with the children and enjoy some cookies the children will have helped to make. Please make sure to bring children back to their classrooms after your visit.

Montessori Parent Workshop

There will be a Parent Workshop on April 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm at 3611 Forestry Avenue Montessori school. This workshop will focus on the Montessori Method and Montessori at home. A sign-up sheet will be located in the front foyer.

Skating

The kindergarten children will begin skating at Henderson Ice Arena in the morning and Civic Ice Centre in the afternoon. We leave at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Your help with driving and supervising is greatly appreciated.

We would like to invite the parents of preschoolers and their families to join us on the last day of skating. We ask you to transport your children and supervise them during that time.

All children will need to wear helmets in order to participate. Although we don't require CSA approved helmets, they are recommended by the Lethbridge School District, they feel biking helmets, and other winter sport helmets do not meet the safety requirements. Many of the elementary schools will not allow any child on the ice without a CSA approved helmet, thus making it a worthwhile purchase at this time. At this time we allow any helmet, but strongly recommend CSA approved helmets.

St. Patrick's Day

We will hold a St. Patrick's Day party on Friday, March 17. If your family has an Irish background, we invite you to come and share your knowledge of Irish traditions with us. Please talk to one of the teachers to make arrangements. We will celebrate the day with activity centers and a treasure hunt for GOLD!

Hat Day

We will celebrate spring by wearing our hats to school on Monday, March 21st. Children may wear hats, decorated if they wish, in the classroom and, weather permitting, we will go on a nature walk to look for signs of spring. We will talk about protecting your skin from the sun as the days of sunshine start to become longer.

Professional Development

Our staff is consistently upgrading their skills and knowledge. Danielle, Stacie Roberta and Sarah were trained to work with speech delay children. Most of the staff will be attending the annual Early Childhood Education conference at Lethbridge College, March 13 and 14 and a couple of staff will attend "Children Change the World" Montessori conference in Calgary.

We are also proud of Roberta, Sarah and Kelsey who finished their Montessori Course in December 2015 and received their diploma from Toronto Montessori Teachers College. Danielle & Paige completed the same course in December 2014.

Elementary Montessori Information Evening

Montessori Elementary program continues at the Fleetwood-Bawden Elementary School, 1222 - 9 Ave. S. (just down the street from us). We are planning to make an appointment with the school principal to walk the children to the school and let you pick up your child from the school so you can have an opportunity to meet the teachers and tour the classrooms at the same time.

Dates will be posted and sent to you as soon as confirmed.



We are looking forward to nicer weather and wish you a wonderful Spring!