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February 2018 Newsletter

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

Events and Dates to Remember:

January 16-February 16

Preschool & Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

March 6

Local Advisory Group Meeting at 4:30pm

February 13 and 15

Galt Museum

February 14

Valentine's Day Party

February 19

Family Day - School is closed

March 13

Open House 6-8:30pm

March 20

Stone Soup

March 7pm, 8am, 15, 22 & 29

Kindergarten Skating

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 by the front entrance and do not forget our foster child we help out.

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 (60/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 **March 20**. 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, friendship building and caring. Children will be encouraged to perform acts of kindness and share them with their friends at circle time.

There will be an **Open House** for the public and families already attending the school held on March 13th from 6-8:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to have more one on one time with the staff and allow your child to explore the classroom while you are there.

Galt Museum fieldtrip will be held on February 13 and 15. Please make sure you have signed the consent form so your child is able to attend this fun fieldtrip. There will be a school bus that transports the class to the Museum. Parents are more than welcome to join us on any fieldtrip.

Kindergarten & Preschool Registration for fall 2018

If you have not register your child yet please make sure you do it this week. **Please register your child by February 16**. 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, 2018, 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, Danica or Danielle if you wish for your child to continue in Montessori education.

We will walk the kindergarten children to visit Fleetwood Bawden School in February in the morning and afternoon. Please feel free to join us on this fieldtrip. More information will be posted closer to the date.

Local Advisory Meeting

The Parent Advisory Meeting is on Tuesday March 6 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

Valentine's Day

On February 14 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.

Staff are asking you to decorate a Valentine box at home with your child and bring it to school February 13th. This box will be where the children can drop off valentine's cards for your child.

The school will be closed Monday, February 19th for the Family Day.