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January 2018 Newsletter



Events and Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1

No School - Happy New Years

Jan 2-5

No Kindergarten Program

Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30

Kindergarten Indoor Soccer

Jan. 17 – February 16

Re-enrolment for Preschool and Kindergarten 2017/2018 school year

March 6

Local Advisory Committee

Dear Parents:

We want to welcome you back after our Christmas break, we hope that you had a wonderful holiday and wish you a prosperous 2018!

Thank you for the many contributions of food and gifts to the families we “adopted” through Inter Faith Food Bank. Thank you for supporting these activities, as we hope this teaches the children the importance of sharing with their community.

Also thank you to all who attended the Christmas concert. It was a great success, the children did well with singing all those songs. Thank you for bringing all the yummy food and for your help with setting up and cleaning up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are very happy for the special staff at the Lethbridge Montessori School. It is beginning to feel like a circle of family with caring and dedicated ladies!

Acknowledgement to **MELODY LOGAN** for her dedicated work at the Montessori school for 16 years.

Acknowledgment to **PAULINE KLIENER** for her 15 years of hearty work at the Montessori School.

Stacie, Lori and **Danielle** have completed level 1 Sign Language Course from the College. They have been teaching the children the alphabet, colors and other signs. Way to go ladies!

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018

Re-enrolment forms for Fall 2018 will be ready by January 17. Please re-enroll your child in preschool or kindergarten as per age requirement by the end of January. This way we will secure your space before offering space to the public. For kindergarten your child must turn 5 before December 2018. Summer forms will be ready in May and you may sign up for summer only if you require care.

CLASSROOMS

December was a very busy month with the children learning songs and poems for the concert and making Christmas presents. They also learned about Christmas traditions in different countries, as well as other seasonal celebrations.

In January, we will learn how our bodies work. We hope to instill an appreciation for what wonderful creations our bodies are. Please let us know if you could share information on this topic.

If the weather permits, we will also hold a Winter Festival in January or February.

Chinese New Year is on February 16 this year! It is year of Dog year.

“**Dog** is the symbol of loyalty and honesty. People born in the **Year** of the **Dog** possess the best traits of human nature. They are honest, friendly, faithful, loyal, smart, straightforward, and have a strong sense of responsibility.”

Parents, we invite you to share your culture with our children if you can. A half hour presentation will be appreciated.

REMINDER

Please make sure you bring your child during the hours you have registered them. We work hard to maintain our ratios at all time. If you pick up your child late a staff will have to stay to maintain ratio and a late fee will be owing on your account.

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

You are the natural teachers to your children, teaming up with you makes this teaching more effective and meaningful. Even though we have open door policy and parent-teacher interviews, we could benefit more by meeting with you more often. At the local advisory meeting, we can talk about the school’s policies and how you can help to better our program. We can also talk about student’s progress and give general feedback to each other. Local Advisory meeting is open to all the parents and it will not take more than 45 minutes to one hour.

I will send the Agenda in the next newsletter.

Next Meeting: March 6 at 4:30 pm at the school.

SOCCKER

Kindergarten parents, we have booked the soccer centre for four sessions, but this activity can only be possible if we have enough **volunteer drivers to provide rides in the morning and in the afternoon**. It would also be helpful if anyone could help coach. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

They will go in two groups one at 9:00 a.m. and the other at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you:

- ❖ For your generous gifts for the families we sponsored at Christmas time.
- ❖ For sending fresh flowers for our Peace Table.
- ❖ For helping us to sponsor a foster child.
- ❖ For helping us teach the children to recycle by taking the bags of recycling when you can.
- ❖ For driving the kindergarten children to their activities
- ❖ For all the Christmas sweets!
- ❖ For setting up and cleaning the gym at our Christmas party.
- ❖ For your presentations of different cultures.
- ❖ And for being great team members with us.

Please remember we have Open Door Policy and feel free to talk to us whenever you have questions or concerns.