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March 2018 Newsletter

Events and Dates to Remember:

Kindergarten visiting Fleetwood Bawden School

March 1 @ 9am & 2 pm

Kindergarten Skating

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

March 13

Open House 6-8:30

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 16

Hat Day & Stone Soup

March 20

PJ Day

March 28

Kindergarten Easter break

April 3-6

Art Show

April 9 & 10

Grand Person's Day

April 13

Dear Parents,

We had busy and exciting month, this past month the children had a Valentine's Day party and continued our study of the body. Specifically the senses which lead to our study of nutrition.

As you know five of our teachers completed their sign language course. We got some parents interested in sign language as well.

Nora and Theo read & signed the book “Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?” in the downstairs’ classroom. Children loved it. Thanks Nora! Please see it in our face book if you like.

Local Advisory Council

We have scheduled our LAC meeting for Tuesday March 6 at 4:30pm. We hope you will attend to this meeting and organize a group to prepare for the Teacher Appreciation Day and Kindergarten Graduation. These events cannot happen without your help and support.

You can also bring your own agenda to this meeting and we will try to cover them together.

Tax Receipt

All the tax receipt have been sent home, Please look at them carefully and let Zahra know if there are any errors. Please remember \$60/month for kindergarten is not tax deductible.

Re-Enrolment

Fall 2018 re-enrolment for Kindergarten and Pre-school has been completed. If you have not registered please bring your forms in no later than March 5th.

We have another favor to ask you 😊 (Summer Camp)

Summer-Camp

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

Please know that giving us the completed form back with your selected dates is considered as a final commitment from you. Based on the information on your completed form we will make sure we have teachers on site to meet ratio. 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 fun 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.

In March we will review the time line 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 2nd and this is also a joint activity with the Forestry Kindergarten children.

We also enjoyed a visit from a story teller named Kate who came both morning and afternoon. We like to invite you for story telling if you would like to spend half an hour in your child's classroom.

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

Stone Soup

To complement our discussion on nutrition we will include a '**Stone Soup**' activity in our classroom.

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.

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 13th 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 have helped make. Please make sure to bring children back to their classrooms after you finish your visit.

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, March 29. 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, and they feel biking helmets, as well as other winter sport helmets do not meet the safety requirements. Many of the elementary schools will not allow any skater 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 are recommending the CSA approved.

St. Patrick's Day

We will hold a St. Patrick's Day party on Friday, March 16. 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 Tuesday, March 20. Children may wear hats, decorated if they wish, in the classroom and, weather permitting, we will go on a nature walk this week 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. All the staff will be participating on the Early Child Care Conference on March 24, 2018. Zahra will attend the American Montessori Society's annual conference in Denver with a couple of Elementary Montessori Teachers.

Elementary Montessori Information Evening

Montessori program continues at the Fleetwood-Bawden Elementary School, 1222 – 9 Ave. S. (just down the street from us). We are walking to the school on March 1 at 8:45 and back by 11:30 and then again at 1:30 pm and back by 3:30. Children will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and tour the classrooms at the same time.

Parents, we hope you can join us during that time if you can.

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