

# Lethbridge Montessori School Newsletter

## September 2018



## Welcome!!!

Welcome to any new children and also our returning children. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over this coming year.

Hopefully you have had a chance to become acquainted with the teachers in your child's class. For your information the teachers in each class are as follows:

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 8  
Welcome Picnic
- ◆ September 21  
International Day  
of Peace
- ◆ September 18, 25,  
October 2, 9  
Kindergarten  
gymnastics
- ◆ October 8  
CLOSED
- ◆ October 11  
Open House
- ◆ October 17  
Picture Day

Casa de Bleu (AM) - Kristin (Kin), Rosemary, Elisa & Rachel

Casa de Bleu (PM) - Kristin (Kin), Nancy, Elisa & Rachel

Casa de Violet (AM) - Lisa, Sabira & Olesya

Casa de Violet (PM) - Sabira & Olesya

Casa de Vert (AM) - Samantha, Christy, Heather & Tatyana

Casa de Vert (PM) - Samantha, Heather & Tatyana

Casa de Jaune (AM) - Zeenat, Jenny & Harumi

Casa de Jaune (PM) - Zeenat, Jenny & Harumi

Casa de Rose (AM) - Rebecca & Aynie

Casa de Rose (PM) - Rebecca & Christy

Just a reminder regarding fees and hours. Fees are due on the **1st of each month**. If you have not done so please provide post dated cheques. If you are unsure of your fee amount please speak to Zahra or Lisa.

If fees are paid late without being pre-arranged you may be charged a late fee of \$25 after the 7th day.

**Children must adhere to the hours contracted.** Staff arrive and leave based on the children's hours. If you are arriving before your drop off time or leave after your pick up time you will be charged an overtime fee of \$10.00/hour (min 1/2 hour). All overtime needs to be pre-arranged.

## Scholastic Magazine

Each month a book magazine will be in your child's class by the sign-in sheet. If you are interested in placing an order please complete the order form and return it with your payment in the form a cheque (can not accept cash) to Lisa. You can also place your orders online and pay with a credit card. Once the orders have been received they will distributed to you. As you place orders you can help the school earn reward points to purchase supplies for the school 😊

## Birthday Celebrations

To celebrate a child's birthday we invite you to bring in pictures of your child, specifically one picture for each year of their life so that we can create a timeline of their life and share that with the children during circle time, at that time we sing a special song for the child which focuses on the things they would have been doing at each age.

## Nature Table

We do not encourage or allow children to bring toys from home, however if children find items of nature that they would like to bring in and share with the class during circle time they may do so. They can place these items on the nature table which is located in each classroom.

## Recycling

The children love to colour and cut and therefore we produce plenty of materials that can be recycled!! Each classroom has a recycling bin and often a bag is placed by the front door when recycling is ready to go, please help us by volunteering to take our recycling, we would appreciate any help from parents with trucks for the large recycling items that may be located in the foyer from time to time.

## Peace Table

Each classroom has a peace table, this table is used for the children to sit and think quietly if they wish, or if children need to discuss their dis-agreements with each other they are encouraged to use the peace table. Because it is a peaceful place in the classroom we beautify it by adding fresh flowers, we encourage you to bring a few flowers that we can display on the table. There may be a sign-up sheet located in your child's class.

## September Themes

During September the children will study classroom rules, me & my family, peace, safety and fall.

## Welcome Picnic

We want to invite you to our annual Welcome Picnic. This will be held on Sunday September 8th at the Baroness Picnic shelter in Indian Battle Park. The picnic will be a pot luck lunch so please bring some food to share! There is a sign-up sheet posted on the parent information board in the foyer. The picnic will be from 12:00-3:00pm.

## International Day of Peace

September 21st is International Day of Peace. Over the next couple of weeks we will talk about peace and the children will learn the song "Light a Candle for Peace". At 11:00 am the children will sing the song. The Kindergarten children will join with the Kindergarten children from Scenic Drive on the coulee's by Galt Museum to sing together.

## Kindergarten Gymnastics

The kindergarten children will participate in gymnastics on Wednesdays starting September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help with driving and supervising it would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the entrance by the kindergarten sign-in sheet. For more information please speak with Kristin.

## Open House

October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm there will be an open house for parents and children currently enrolled in the program. We know that drop off and pick up time can be busy and so we invite you to come and spend some time with your child in the classroom and let them show you some of the things they enjoy working with. Your child's teacher will also be available for any questions you may have about your child.

*Please feel free to come and speak with Zahra or Lisa if you have any questions or concerns, or leave your anonymous comments in a suggestion box located in each classroom.*

