



# SEPTEMBER 2018

## SCENIC CAMPUS

## NEWSLETTER

### Director's Message

I am delighted to see all the new and returning children. The children are exploring the classroom and have been adjusting well.

It is our sincere hope that in our ongoing Montessori journey, we will continue to learn, discover and grow. This can only work best with your participation, feedback and suggestions.

As you are aware in Montessori education the children of three age groups work together in the same classroom. The children learn from each other and develop life-long friendships.

Please know that we have an open door policy and feel free to speak with me in person, via telephone or through email whenever you have questions and concerns. If I am busy with children, leave a message.

The staff at our school is very friendly and will be happy to answer your questions if they are not busy.

It was nice to see you at the picnic. Thank you for coming and the delicious food.

Zahra Foroud B.A., B.Ed., Montessori Ed.  
Principal & Director

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Terry Fox Run**  
Sept. 14

**Peace Day**  
Sept. 21

**Kindergarten Gymnastics**  
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Thanksgiving (no school)**  
Oct. 9

**Picture Day**  
Oct. 16

**Open House**  
Oct. 24

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## Birth Certificate

Please provide a copy of your child's Birth Certificate as we need it to access Alberta Education funding.

## School Fees

Fees are due on the first day of each month. Postdated cheques for subsequent months are also accepted.

A late fee (\$25/week) is applied when fees are more 7 days late. Please contact Zahra directly if you need to make a pre-arranged late fee payment (in such pre-arranged cases late fees may be waived).

If you are unsure of your fee amount please speak with Danielle, Afra or Zahra.

Fees may be paid by cheque, cash, or e-transfer. For information on how to set up an e-transfer, please speak with Danielle, Afra or Zahra.

## Program Hours

Children must adhere to the hours contracted. All overtime needs to be pre-arranged.

Staff arrive and leave based on the children's hours.

If you are arriving before your drop-off time, or leaving after your pick-up time, you will be charged an overtime fee of \$10.00/hour (min 1/2 hour).

## The Classroom

**Peace** is an ongoing theme and is shared with children throughout the year.

This month, we are teaching children **safety** rules in the classroom and during outdoor activities.

We will also learn about **Fall** in our information circles and go for a nature walk to observe the changes and discuss the transformations.

The virtue of **cooperation and sharing** will also be our topic of discussion in our circles.

Our themes for **October** include **Time Line of the Earth** and the **Solar System**.

## Birthdays & Timelines

Timelines can be introduced by posting your child's birthday pictures from when he/she was a baby (one picture per year, starting with zero (a newborn picture). Please bring us your children's timelines to school on their birthdays.

## Terry Fox Run

September 14 we take children to a nearby park for running activities and return to the school to watch a video about Terry Fox together.

## International Peace Day

**September 21** is International Peace Day. Montessori Schools all over the world celebrate this day by lighting a candle and singing the Peace song.

We are learning "Light a Candle for Peace" and will sing this song together on September 21.

Kindergarten children from both Scenic and Forestry campus' will join at 11:00 am on the coulee by the Galt museum to sing the song together.

## Picture Day

**Tuesday October 17** is Picture Day. Picture day is also our dress up day. Please make sure your child is at school on time.

The cheques should be prepaid to Megan Kelsey Photography.

Package: \$25.00

1- 5 by 7	class photo
1- 5 by 7	individual
2- 4 by 5	individual
8- wallets	individual

## Show & Tell

Children may bring an item of interest (no toys please) such as a special book, picture, nature item to share during circle time. Children are also welcome to speak about a special event during this time (such as a recent family trip or event).

## Nature Table

We encourage children to bring nature items for show & tell. They may place them on the Nature table for a couple of days for everybody to see. Rocks, shells, and feathers are popular items for this activity.

## Open House

Our Open House for Kindergarten children is on Tuesday October 24 from 6-8 pm.

Parents can visit the school with their children. Children may show them what they have learned so far and parents may have a quick chat with the teachers.

## Field Trip

There will be more field trips for Kindergarten than preschool children. We take all the children to the library for stories and puppet shows occasionally.

Please check the bulletin board for more information.

## Visitors & Parent Participation

We invite you to visit our classroom and share your knowledge and experiences with the children. It could be about your job, hobby, culture, travels, or you could read a book. Your contribution in your child's classroom makes a big difference and your child will truly enjoy your visit.

## Scholastic Book Order

When you purchase books from the Scholastic book club, the school gets coupons and some new books. Thanks for your support.

## Sponsor a Child

We have sponsored a child since July 2004. We will be sponsoring a child named Chamsiya from Niger. We would like to ask you to help us by involving the children in this program. Your cost will be \$1.00 per month. The collection can is below his photo on the bulletin board (near the sign-in sheet).

## Recycling

Our recycling program is ongoing. We help the children to recycle in the classroom. Please help your child complete this project by taking the recycled items to the recycling bin. Sign-up sheet is by the door, it is done once a week, on Fridays. Thank you.



## Peace Table

Each classroom has a peace table. Children may sit and think quietly if they wish, and when needed, children are encouraged to discuss dis-agreements with each other at the peace table. We add fresh flowers to this table to help promote such a peaceful space in the classroom. We encourage you to bring a few flowers to be displayed on the table.

