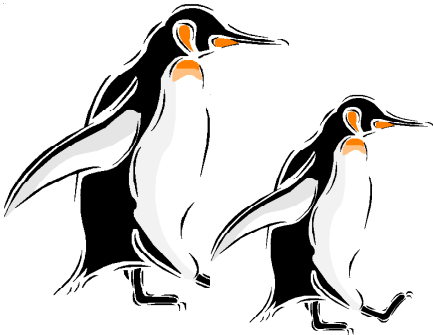




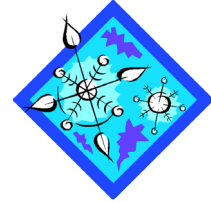
MLC News

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Happy New Year!



Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a pleasant, restful and fun holiday season. The teachers are glad to be back and have been looking forward to seeing all the children at school once again!



Dates to Remember

- **A.M. / P.M. In-service**
Monday, Jan. 9
No school all day.
- **CLASSES RESUME**
Tuesday, Jan. 10
- **A.M. In-service**
Friday, Feb 3
No morning class, no lunch program.
- **Registration Due**
for returning children and siblings
Friday, Feb. 10
- **Bring Someone You Love Day**
Tuesday, Feb. 14
- **Louis Riel Day**, no school
Monday, Feb. 20

Outdoor play



We try to take the children outdoors for a short period at the end of each class, weather permitting. They love playing in the snow! All staff is needed outside to properly supervise the playground, and so we ask that all children come to school with proper clothing for playing outside. And remember, please make sure your child's clothing is labelled.

Next Board Meeting

7:30 Tuesday January 10, 2012 at Jody's residence. Please contact her if you will be attending.

Parents

You may recycle your Holiday cards to us for use in crafts this year.

Say what?

Updates to the MLC website are underway and we are currently working on a testimonial section. If you or your child (or your child who has graduated) has something great to say about our school, the teachers, the lunch program, the school experience etc. please email kraft.mya@gmail.com with your quote(s).

Thanks so much for your help.

Events of Note

Bring Someone You Love Day – Feb. 14



Our “Bring Someone You Love” day at MLC is a chance to see your child working in the classroom. Each child may bring one guest (an aunt, uncle, grandparent or adult friend could come instead of a parent) to share activities of their choice, then sing songs and take home a special treat.

Part-time children who don't normally attend on this day are welcome to come with their guests. Because there will be double the number of people in the classroom on this day, only half the class attends at one time, and for a shorter class period. Watch for the February newsletter for details on who comes when.

Enrolment for the 2012-13 School Year

We realize that next fall seems a long time away. However, in order to allow new parents early opportunities to register their children for the next school year, we ask parents of returning children to re-register by Friday, Feb. 10.

Registration packages will be sent home with all MLC families whose children are eligible to re-enroll. Siblings of returning children are also invited to register at this time.

According to Montessori educational philosophy, children benefit most from a Montessori program by attending for three years. We hope all our currently enrolled three and four year olds will return next fall.

Our goal is to especially encourage parents of four year olds to continue at MLC through their Kindergarten year. As you know, the MLC Kindergarten

program meets provincial curriculum standards plus offers enriched learning experiences through the Montessori method.

The teachers would be happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about enrolment for the next year.

Each year, we have a number of Kindergarten children who attend our program for the whole day, either every day of the week or for one to four days. A lunch program has been in place for those children who stay all day, and for any other children who need extra time for pick-up in the morning, or who need to be dropped off earlier for the afternoon class. Space is limited.

Please direct questions about the Kindergarten program, full day enrolment and lunch program to Lucille.

Fundraising News

Welcome back, parents! The committee would like to once again thank everyone for their support in making our annual Starlight Gala Evening a success! The money raised will go to great use for the staff and children of the Montessori Learning Centre.

If any parents are interested in checking out what the Fundraising Committee does, please feel free to attend our next meeting. This is a good time to check us out, as all the

hard work is behind us for the year.

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and members. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Erin at 284-9977 or Jody at 474-2678. Information about our next meeting will be posted on the board shortly.



Word of Mouth

The best way to support Montessori Learning Centre and continue the successful quality program we have all nurtured is to blow our own horn. Word of mouth is the most effective advertising there is, so spread the word, parents!

Board News

The Parent Advisory Semi-Annual Report will go out to parents in January. The staff was delighted to be treated to a take-out dinner for our Staff Christmas party. Many thanks for a fun evening and meal.

Thank You to...

- The Winter Concert Hostesses – **Nichole (Carson's mom) and Dawn (William's mom)** in the afternoon class and **Barbara (Garrett's mom)** in the morning class. A wonderful job of organization!
- All parents who helped with set-up and clean-up, and those who brought goodies!
- **Ditte, Emily and Erin** for their volunteer help in the afternoons.
- The many parents who have volunteered their time in the classroom this month.

In the Classroom

January Activities



All areas of the classroom will reflect a progression of skill building. The *Practical Life* area will contain activities that need more dexterity and attention to detail, for example: dry and wet pouring 1-3; pouring to a line; using eye droppers, tweezers, whisks, hole puncher; cutting along a line – straight, angular, curved or circular – with scissors.

In the *Sensorial area*, we plan to show the children extensions to, and different ways of working with the basic Montessori equipment (i.e., the broad stair, the pink tower, cylinder blocks, knobless cylinders, long red rods, and constructive triangles). We will also present more advanced work as the months progress.

Language and Math areas will continue to offer activities for all levels of development in our classroom. Equipment and materials are changed regularly so the children are always finding new ways to reinforce the basic concepts of sounds and quantity.

We will begin a study of the continent of Australia this month, learning about the people, and some animals and birds including koalas, wallabies, kangaroos, wombats and parrots. We will discuss the weather in Australia and have a "beach day" at school. The children can wear beach clothing under their regular clothes and during their time in Room 2 will have an opportunity to do some 'pretend' beach activities. As well, we will listen to music and stories, and learn games and dances. If parents have any artifacts, art or articles of interest that come from Australia and want to share them with the class for the duration of the study, please talk to a teacher.



French (Tuesdays)

The children are continuing to learn and practise French through songs, stories and conversations. We practise greeting each other, counting to ten, then to twenty, and we learn the colours.

We will learn more words to describe the winter weather, our mood today and body parts.

Donations

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated: white paper; stickers (of animals, hearts, etc.) for use in February's post office; artifacts specific to countries in Africa (i.e. currency, stamps, photos, clothing, toys, artwork etc.)

Please see a teacher if you are able to contribute supplies to the classroom.

Reminder: When there is an in-service day, either morning or afternoon, there is no lunch program available. Please note this on your calendar.

January 2012

Morning Show & Tell names appear in italics

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|--|--|--|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 All-day in-Service | 10 @classes resume | 11 <i>Quin, Arah, Bergen</i> Tessa, Alexis | 12 <i>Claire, Dyson, Phoenix</i> Dyson, Phoenix, Megan | 13 <i>Anjali, Kai</i> Anjali, Sydney | 14 |
| 15 | 16 <i>Alex, Jack</i> Aiden, Aliya | 17 <i>Sunny, Bailey, Bella</i> Sunny, Jill | 18 <i>Emmett, Will</i> Travis, Will, Metro | 19 <i>Emily, Sophia</i> Elizabeth, Jack R. | 20 <i>Addison, Hudson</i> Kaleigh, Rowan, Isabelle | 21 |
| 22 | 23 <i>Simon, Joshua, Myren</i> | 24 <i>Layla, Elwood, Garrett</i> Layla, Elwood, Garrett | 25 <i>Max, Shea</i> Reyna, Zachary, Elise | 26 <i>Declan, Leah</i> Declan, William, Benjamin | 27 <i>Edie, Willem, Theo</i> Emma, Simon, Lyla | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <i>Neve, Avery</i> Bailey, Maxwell | 31 <i>Noah</i> Carson, Jack S. | | | | |