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Bring Someone you Love Day

Friday, February 12, 2010 is a special day for all MLC families. Each child can bring one guest to stay with them in the classroom, watch them work and work with them, sing songs as a group, and enjoy being together in a shortened class period.

In order to accommodate everyone, we have set up an alphabetical schedule based on the children's last names. For example, if your child's last name is Anderson, they would come with their guest at 8:45 a.m. and leave at 10:00a.m., or in the afternoon, come at 1:00 p.m. and leave at 2:15 p.m.

If your child's last name is Smith they would come with their guest from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Please ensure your child and guest come to school at the correct time. Children who attend part time and normally do not attend school on Fridays are welcome.

Parents who would like to make cookies for a small valentine treat bag for the children are asked to speak to Judy in the office.

There will be no lunch program on Bring Someone You Love Day-Friday, February 12.

Valentine Cards

The classroom BANK turns into the MLC POST OFFICE from February 4-11. Cards can be brought to the "post office" any day between Feb. 4-11...the earlier the better. The children take turns stamping and delivering cards, which they can make at school or bring from home if they wish. The name of the child the card is being sent to should be printed clearly on the envelope or on the back of the card. Remember to bring in the cards by February 11. An up-to-date class list is attached. You don't have to wait until all your child's cards are signed to bring them to school; send a few each day. The post office will be closed on the 12th Bring Someone You Love Day.



Morning Class

A-G 8:45am to 10am

H-Z 10:15-11:30am

Afternoon Class

A-H 1-2:15pm

I-Z 2:30-3:45pm

Dates to Remember

- Registration due for returning parents- **Friday, February 5**
- Bring Someone You Love Day-**Friday, February 12**-No lunch program
- Louis Riel Day-**Monday, February 15**- No school all day
- Festival du Voyageur Celebration at School-**Friday, February 5**
- In-Services: **Tuesday, March 16**-No afternoon class-No lunch program
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-**Tuesday, March 16** (evening)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-**Wednesday, March 17** (daytime)
- **Wednesday, March 17**-No school all day
- Spring Break-**March 29-April 2**
- AM/PM In-Service-**Monday, April 5**-No School All Day
- Classes Resume **Tuesday, April 6**

Events of Note

Festival du Voyageur Fun at MLC

We celebrate the Festival du Voyageur at MLC each year with crafts, food and special fiddling music by James Ladyka. This year, the event will be held in the morning and afternoon classes on **Friday, February 5th**. If possible, please



dress your child as a voyageur on this day-jeans, a sash, a toque, etc. Our French program will also help prepare for this event.



Reminders for Parents

Morning drop-off is at 8:45 a.m. and pick-up is at 11:30a.m. A few parents have made prior arrangements for early drop-off at 8:30a.m. and have prepaid for this option.

The same goes for the afternoon program, which starts at 1 p.m. and dismisses at 3:45p.m. Some parents have made arrangements to pick up their children at 4p.m. and have prepaid for this option.

Parents who have not made these arrangements to drop off early, and who arrive early, must stay with their child until the classroom opens officially at 8:45 a.m. This policy is in the interest of fairness to all.

If parents are unavoidably detained either in the morning or afternoon, a penalty charge of \$1 should be paid. All the children must be picked up by 4:00 to allow time for the teachers to prepare for the next day.

If parents do not want their child to play outside (for any reason-

health, schedule, no snow pants), they should arrive 15 minutes early to pick up their child before the class goes outside. All the staff are needed outdoors to supervise the children, and office work also needs to get done.

Parents, please remember that no parking is allowed at the sidewalk intersections at Balfour and Mabel or at Ashland and Mabel. Parking there is hazardous for pedestrians from our school, the daycare nearby, and the disabled.

Abe, the caretaker, reminds parents not to park in the “tempting” space beside the garbage bin on Ashland Ave.

Please be sure to send a complete change of clothing in your child’s backpack. Don’t forget the underwear and socks!!!!

Parents-MLC needs spare children’s clothing sizes 5-6x- sweatshirts, mitts, t-shirts, pants and socks for those times when a second change of clothing is required. Thank you in advance.



Fundraising News

Thanks to everyone who supported our school through buying or renewing a magazine subscription. Did you know you can still order online and it will continue to benefit the school? Please go to www.QSP.ca to view the complete catalogue. Enter MLC or our code # 31976 when you are placing your order and an average of \$10 per subscription will be credited to the school’s account. An e-mail will be sent out soon with information you can pass along to all your family and friends!

Our next campaign will be the Glenlea Greenhouses plant fundraiser. The order forms will be available in the beginning of March with delivery scheduled for **Wednesday June 2nd**. The school continues with this fundraiser year after year due to the consistently high quality flowers and plants. It is an easy, convenient way to purchase bedding plants, vegetables, herbs and hanging baskets. There is also the option of buying a gift card if you would prefer to shop in person or as a gift for the gardener in your life. The fundraising committee is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Julie at 478-1224 if you are interested.

MLC Fundraising Committee

In the Classroom

February Activities

MLC Students Study South America



We had fun this past month with our continent study of South America. The children learned about life in Colombia via a presentation of one of our parents and their child who lived in Colombia. Thank you to Amelie and her mom for their wonderful insight into Colombia.

We also talked about the rain forest and its different layers where a variety of animals live. Thank you to the students and parents who brought in items from different countries in South America.

French (Tuesdays)

“Je t’aime” and Festival du Voyageur are the themes for February. We will also continue learning the French words for body parts, counting, colours, and greetings.

February is Music Month at MLC

In Orff Music and Movement, Zan is talking about musical instruments this month. We are inviting parents to bring their instrument to school, talk about it and play a song for the children. Please talk to a teacher if you are available.

Love, Love, Love! We will be learning Valentine songs like, “Love Somebody, Yes I Do!” and “Hello, Hello Valentine”. We will also be playing singing games. Be prepared to sing and move along on Bring Someone You Love Day, when the children will serenade their special guests.

Valentine’s Day Activities

This month, we traditionally celebrate Valentine’s Day with several days of art and crafts leading up to this special day. The children can make valentines at school and/or bring them from home. All the cards will be stamped at our Montessori Post Office. “The Bank” is retired for this period. We will also have special “sound of the letter” weeks to reinforce the sandpaper letters we study at school. We will focus on a different letter each week in February. The children can bring an item beginning with the sound for that week. The items will not be returned as they will be glued in a collage and hung for all to see (class project).

Letter of the Week



February 1-5

letter ‘p’

February 8-12

letter ‘s’

February 15-19

letter ‘m’

February 22-26

letter ‘t’

Morning Class List

Adriano
Molly
Caleb
Abigail
Amelie
Matthew
Joey
Ella
Amanda
Megan
Kayden
Quin
Charlotte
Josh
Sophia G.
Eric
Hunter
Hanna
Riley
Lola
Brooke
Connor
Addison
Stella
Phoenix
Nathanial
Kate
Tessa
Meghna
Jack Re.
Benjamin
Adam
Jackson
Lauren
Tyson
Jack Ro.

Afternoon Class List

Adriano
Adriana
Sophia
Jayda
Stanley
Amelie
Joey
Amanda
Simon
Juliet
Peyton
Bailey
Colleen
Julianna
Josh
Aiden
Dyson
Elwood
Sunny
Annika
Saskia
Danica
Phoenix
Ruby
Zachary
Ben
Meghna
Jack
Moirra
Isabelle
Ava
Garrett
Lucas
Kaelan
George



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

February 2010

Morning Show & Tell names appear in italics

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Adam, Jackson Juliet, Bailey	Amanada, Adriano Amanda, Adriano	Molly, Sophia Sophia, Adriana, Joey	Nathaniel, Brooke Ben, Isabelle	Benjamin, Lauren, Jack Rh. Jack Rh., Zachary	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	LOUIS RIEL DAY NO SCHOOL	Phoenix, Josh Phoenix, Josh	Megan, Quin Lucas, Colleen, Julianna	Charlotte, Hanna Aiden, Elwood	Bring Someone You Love Day	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Lola, Caleb Saskia, Danica, Dyson	Meghna, Ella Meghna, Stanley	Hunter, Riley, Tyson Jayda, Peyton	Joey, Kayden, Amelie Amelie, Simon	Abigail, Matthew, Jack Rei. Sunny, Annika	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Connor, Addison, Stella Ruby, Moira, Kaelen	Eric, Kate, Tessa Ava, Garrett, George	
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