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Year-end Family Barbecue



Thursday, June 24

The Riverview Community Club

4:30 p.m. - Everyone welcome

5:00 p.m. - Start eating

7:30 p.m. - Clean up!

Our year-end family celebration is fast approaching! It promises to be a fun evening and all MLC families are invited to come and enjoy friendship, food and some great children's entertainment. Tickets will be available through the school office after June 6 - \$6 per person (children under 3 get in free). Admission includes hot dogs, drinks, cookies, face painting and a children's entertainer.

Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheets - we will need people to set up, clean up and make things such as fruit and vegetable trays, salads, cookies/squares/or dessert. We will also need a picnic **host/hostess** for each of the morning and afternoon classes to organize food donations to the picnic. If you are interested in hosting, please let Judy or Lucille know.

Parents, Please let the office know if any of your emergency contact numbers have changed (telephone or cell phone) or if you have moved.

Dates to Remember

A.M. In-service

Tuesday, May 4.

No school, no lunch.

Victoria Day - No school

Monday, May 24

Trip to the Farm - A.M. class

Tuesday, June 1

(No school for the afternoon class, and no lunch program)

Glenlea Plant pick-up

Wednesday, June 2

11:30 am class & 1:00 pm class

Trip to the Farm - P.M. class

Friday, June 4

(No school for the morning class, and no lunch program)

Year-End Picnic

Thursday, June 24

Last Day of Regular Classes

Thursday, June 24

In-service A.M. & P.M.

Friday, June 25

(No school)

Spring Activities

Spring is such an exciting time of year! We are noticing changes all around us brought by the season. Neighbourhood nature walks and trips to the playground will help us look, listen and talk about what happens to our world when it warms up. Please check the Daily Schedule for news of outings taking place during school hours.

Events of Note



Annual Field Trip – Morning Sound Farm

This annual outing is one we find great fun for the children! Morning Sound Farm is located near Sanford. The trip offers hands-on experience where children can pet, hold and feed many farm animals, plus (possibly) a hayride and pony ride. There is also a playground and a picnic area.

Morning Class

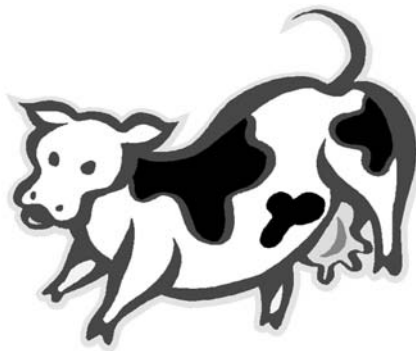
Tuesday, June 1 (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
No afternoon class.

Afternoon Class

Friday, June 4 (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
No morning class.

Drop-off: 8:45 a.m.

Pick-up: 2:30 p.m.



Please bring the children to MLC at 8:45 a.m., as the school bus is leaving promptly at 9:00 a.m. The children should bring a packed, labeled lunch and drink, carried in a nylon or plastic lunch bag or box. Help your child dress appropriately for being outdoors all day—a hat, old shoes or boots, if poor weather. Please speak to a teacher ahead of time regarding any medications, and apply sunscreen and mosquito

repellant at home.

We welcome parent volunteers!

For those parents who decide to come along, **please do not bring younger siblings.** In the past, we have found that it is a challenge for parents to focus on their older child and also keep younger siblings happy. It is a long day for all of us and the very young can be unhappy and upset before it's time to leave.

The attached permission slip must be signed and returned if you want your child to attend. Please attach \$7 per person (child or adult). The admission fee to the farm is \$5.25 plus \$1.75 towards the cost of bus transportation.

Children enrolled part-time are welcome to join us. For more information visit:

www.morningsoundfarm.com

Fundraising News

A great big thank-you to everyone who ordered flowers! We raised **\$1,392.13!!** Remember that the delivery date is June 2nd and we will need lots of volunteers to help sort the flowers early in the morning (8:30- 11:00). Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can be of any help. Pick-up of flowers is 11:30am for morning parents and 1pm for afternoon parents. We will need lots of boxes (eg fruit/ veg trays or similar smaller boxes with 3-5" edges). Please

drop them off at the office any time on or after May 28th. Please also consider bringing your own boxes on the day of pick-up.

Our final fundraiser of the year is for **Mabels Labels** which is a Canadian company that specializes in clothing and sticky labels that are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe. Every label is custom made with your child's name and come in a variety of colours and styles. It will be a "Green" fundraiser in that you can view all products and complete your order online. The fundraising committee fully appreciates that you may not be

able to support every campaign but we hope that over the past year we have picked products that are of use to you and your family. Thank-you for your continued support!

The Fundraising Committee

Professional Development

Kathy Pauls will attend two workshops on May 27th sponsored by the MCCA Manitoba Child Care Association. Zan May attended an all-day Orff Music Conference - Unite 2010 on April 30th.

In the Classroom

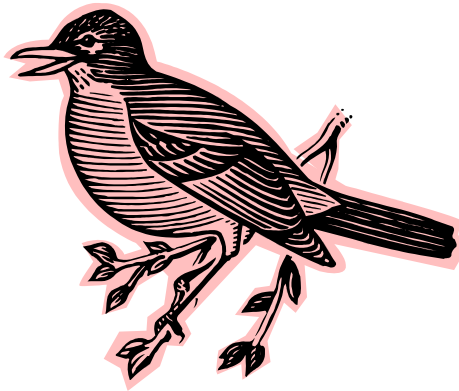
May Activities

We will have fun with the beginnings of gardening. We will plant a see-through window garden so the children can watch radish, bean and carrot seeds germinate, sprout roots and grow into mature plants. We plan to help the children plant their own seeds in individual pots and take care of them until they are big enough to plant in a sunny spot at home. Watch out for a big sunflower!

We also have some fun activities planned for the shelves, like flower arranging, still-life painting, parts of a flower puzzle, parts of a flower colouring sheets, matching flower photos, progression of a flower from bud to bloom.

The children will also be working on a Mother's Day project.

Toward the end of the month, we will be learning all about the farm in



Birds will be one focus in May.

preparation for our field trip. Through art, stories and song, we will hear about the people and animals who live there.

We are excited to do a unit on birds, and have lots of fun ideas ready. May will be a busy month!



French

Continuing to build upon: counting (1-20), colours, greetings, family, clothing, foods, feelings, body parts, weather, finger plays, games and songs. We will learn some farm vocabulary in May.

Orff

During May, our music activities will focus on springtime weather and planting. Along with the usual rhyme, rhythm and musical game activities, we will focus on rhythm and tune recognition. We will also have lots of fun with songs and games about farm life and animals.

Health & Safety

Now that we expect to be out and about in the sun more often, please make sure that your child is adequately protected from the sun (hat and sunscreen) and is appropriately dressed for the weather. Also, please remind the children not to run outside the marker cones, our pretend fence. Note that the same shoes can be worn inside and outside as long as they aren't muddy.

Earth "Year"

With Earth Day bringing ecological issues to the forefront of our minds, the teachers have decided to make "Earth Day" an "Earth Year." We are planning awareness activities for them regarding earth-friendly practice. Thank you to the "lunch bunch" parents, who are doing their best to set a good example by keeping packaging to a minimum and using washable reusable containers! The teachers will highlight other ways that we can help the planet, through sustainable practices.

REMINDEES

SHHH!! Parents please remind your child to be quiet in the hallway at drop off and pick up. The Diagnostic Learning Centre has students who are still concentrating on their work at these times.

Subsidies – Parents may apply for Child Day Care Subsidy directly from Manitoba Family Services. Please see the attached handout or check their website: www.gov.mb.ca/childcare.

THANK YOU!

We enjoyed the assistance of many parents in April, and wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for help in the classroom, making materials, doing laundry, special presentations! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and energy, helping out in the class!

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

May 2010 Show & Tell Calendar

*Morning Show & Tell
names appear in italics*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 <i>Eric, Lola</i> Julianna, Colleen	4 A.M. In-Service Isabelle, Juliet	5 <i>Jack Reimer,</i> <i>Hanna</i> Zachary, Aiden	6 <i>Adam, Jackson</i> Elwood.	7 <i>Jack Rohne,</i> <i>Charlotte</i> Jack Rohne	8
9	10 <i>Ella, Megan B.</i> Moir, Saskia	11 <i>Nathaniel, Lauren</i> Danica, Kaelan	12 <i>Molly, Sophia</i> Simon, Lucas	13 <i>Quin, Caleb</i> Peyton, Garrett	14 <i>Connor, Abigail</i> Jayda, Stanley	15
16	17 <i>Adriano</i> Adriano, Bailey	18 <i>Josh, Joey</i> Josh, Joey	19 <i>Riley, Stella</i> George, Sunny	20 <i>Brooke, Tessa</i> Ruby	21 <i>Katie, Hunter</i> Ava, Ben	22
23	24 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL.	25 <i>Kayden, Matthew</i> Dyson	26 <i>Meghna</i> Meghna, Annika	27 <i>Addison, Phoenix</i> Phoenix	28 <i>Amelie, Amanda</i> Amelie, Amanda	29
30	31 <i>Tyson, Benjamin</i> Sophia, Adriana					

**MLC Montessori Learning Centres, Inc.
2010 Field Trip to Morning Sound Farm
9:00 am – 2:30 pm**

please check one:

- Morning Class-Tuesday, June 1** **Afternoon Class-Friday, June 4**

I give permission for my child to participate in the Montessori Learning Centre field trip to Morning Sound Farm on the day indicated above. I understand we will be traveling by chartered school bus. I also understand that school buses are not equipped with seatbelts.

The price of admission is \$7.00 per person, and I attach the fee for each person going to the farm.

Name of child:

Name of parent planning to attend (if desired)

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate below if your child has any serious medical conditions or allergies (life threatening or not), which may be of concern during this trip.

Please speak to Lucille Labossiere to confirm procedures and authorizations in case of emergency.

Complete and return permission slip by **Monday May 24, 2010**