



MLC News

19th Annual MLC Starlight Gala Evening

Friday, November 20 * Southwood Golf and Country Club

Cocktails, Appetizers & Viewing: 7 pm ~ Live Auction: 7:30 pm ~ Tickets: \$20

The Fundraising Committee is very excited! This year's auction is well planned as usual and going to be so much fun.

The centerpieces of the auction are the children's quilts, which are made from hand and foot prints of every child. There is a handprint quilt and a footprint quilt for each class. We are very fortunate to have a history of talented sewer/quilters who rise to the occasion every year and produce quilts worthy of everyday use or ornamental posterity.

A million thank you's to this year's quiltmakers: Doreen (a friend of Lucille's), Dorothy (Jack's grandmother) and Joan (Tyson's grandmother). The four quilts will be displayed in the hall as soon as they are ready.

We are still collecting donations of items, services, talents, promises, arts, crafts, and edibles. If you have a donation or plan on making one, please let Judy in the office know so they may be included in the auction catalogue. Reminder the preferred deadline for dropping off donations is Friday, November 6 but late donations will still be accepted. The donations are all catalogued and wrapped on November 14th.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and will be on sale in the school hallway at drop off on Monday, Nov.9th and Friday, Nov.13th. Tickets will also be for sale in the office until Friday, Nov. 13th. Please try to purchase your tickets by this date as Southwood catering needs numbers in advance . Browsing, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails are from 7 pm. Live Auction starts at 7:30 pm. Like last year, we will have a ticket auction area for smaller items. Cash or cheques will be accepted for the ticket auction. Visa and Mastercard, as well as cash or cheques, will be accepted for the Live Auction. (More info inside)

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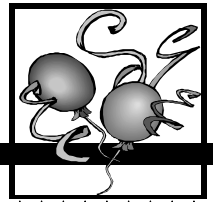
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- * November 2, 2009— Monday
A.M. Class in-service—no morning class,
- no lunch
- * November 11, 2009—Wednesday
Remembrance Day— no school all day
- * November 18, 2009— Wednesday
P.M. Class in-service—no afternoon class,
- no lunch
- * November 18, 2009, Wednesday
Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)
- * November 19, 2009, Thursday
AM/PM Parent/Teacher Conferences- no classes
all day.
- November 20, 2009, Friday
ANNUAL M.L.C. AUCTION FUNDRAISING
- WINTER CONCERT
- December 4, 2009, Friday
- At the Park Theatre
- A.M. 9:30 - 11:30
- P.M. 1:00-3:30
- Refreshments after concert
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL before break
- December 18, 2009, Friday
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL after break
- January 12, 2010, Tuesday

Events of Note



2009—2010 Fundraising

19th Annual MLC Starlight Gala Evening

November 20, 2009 Friday

Cocktails & Browsing—7 pm; Live Auction: 7:30 pm

Tickets, are \$20.00 each and are available starting November 9th. We are looking forward to an evening of fine appetizers, interesting and attractive gift packages and novel items for auction, the services of a professional auctioneer, as well as the pleasure of your company. This is a fun opportunity to meet other parents in the school and have a wonderful evening of food, drink and bidding!

Friends and family (adults only) are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there.

This is the fundraising highlight of the year—please come and support your child's school!!

Auction Wrapping Bee!

You can help! On Saturday, November 14th, we will be holding a wrapping bee. This is great fun. We all get together and organize the auction items into attractive packages. This is a great chance to meet other parents and volunteer your time, so please sign up. We need lots of volunteers for this event. A big thank-you to our growing committee of volunteers and helpers. Those of you with minivans or SUV's, we also need volunteers on Thursday, November 19th from 5:30—8:30 pm to help transport all of the donations to the Southwood venue and then set everything up there. Even if you are only available for part of the evening, every bit helps! See the sign up sheets on the bulletin board for details.

Fundraising Committee Contacts:

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Set up for the Auction

Thursday, November 19th

5:30 pm at 15 Baldry Bay

Jackie's home, 261-7477.

We need to transport auction items to Southwood Golf & Country Club,

101 Markham Rd

Auction Wrapping Bee!
 November 14th, Saturday, 10:00 am
 At 15 Baldry Bay, Jackie's home,
 261-7477
 Everyone is welcome and volunteers are needed! The more the merrier!



In The Classroom

We have been lucky to have some wonderful Fall weather. We were able to go outside;

running, running, running. We were tempted to organize the children into games, but they seemed to want to just run as much as they could. We took the children for a long walk all the way to the Park Theatre, just to check out the theatre where the Winter Concert will be held.

Inside, we've had lots to do. Of course we've learned about leaves and why they fall and what you can do with them (rake, jump, collect, rub, glue, draw, sort, name, match, etc.) We've learned some more class rules and been shown

October Classroom Happenings

more of the classroom materials (lessons in pink tower, broad stair, geometric cabinet, leaf cabinet, cylinder blocks, sandpaper letters and sounds, number rods, cards and counters, and Practical Life activities). We've learned about the importance of the sun; plants and animals; living and non-living things; magnetic and non-magnetic things; the difference between sink and float; the elements of the earth—land, water and air; the simple globe—water and land; the coloured globe—continents; and the world puzzle map.

November Activities

We will be focusing on the continent of North America, its peoples, animals, plants and landscapes. We will be learning about landforms (islands, lakes, bays, peninsulas, hills and plains). We will concentrate on N.American animals and how they get ready for winter. We are looking forward to a presentation on November 9th. from the Living Prairie Museum on just that subject.

We will be introducing and reinforcing Montessori materials in all areas. Looking forward, we will of course be doing crafts, songs, stories, etc. pertaining to the holiday season.

December 4th is the date of our Concert. The children will be practising the songs they've learned all fall, plus some holiday favourites.



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Class Photos

We hope parents have had a chance to check out the class photos and 2 individual poses for each child, on the hallway wall. Order forms are available at school.

Orders for class and/or individual photos are due by November 6th. Orders will be ready for pick up on November 17th. Cash or cheque payable to **MLC**.

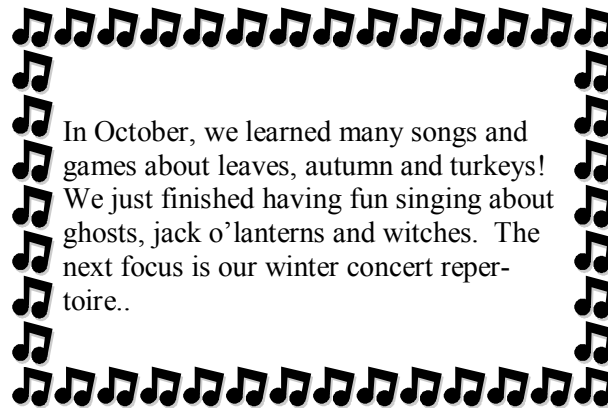
French

In French class, the children learned Halloween songs and the names for ghost (fantome), black cat (chat noir), pumpkin (citrouille), and witch (sorciere). This month, we will be talking about winter and introducing "weather" vocabulary. We will continue to practice greeting each other, counting and colours.

Parent Orientation

Orff Music

The Parent Orientation evening was held on October 6th. We had a really nice turnout of mostly new parents (thank you to the seasoned parents who also came). The staff hopes that this was an informative evening for the parents, and would welcome any feedback with regard to the content and time frame. It is always a pleasure for the teachers to talk about Montessori philosophy and share its principles. We love to tell parents what we do and work towards in class.



In October, we learned many songs and games about leaves, autumn and turkeys! We just finished having fun singing about ghosts, jack o'lanterns and witches. The next focus is our winter concert repertoire..

Whose Jacket is This?.....

As the cold weather arrives and children need help with jackets, hats, mitts, and boots, please be sure you have labelled all your child's clothing with their name. When 30 pre-schoolers dress in the same space to go out to play, items can easily get mixed up and occasionally lost. There will be a display of lost items on top of the lockers in the hallway by the classroom door. Children should leave a pair of soft-soled shoes (preferably running shoes) at school when boots are regularly worn. When it becomes cold we insist that children wear snow/ski pants to play outside. Don't forget to label the snow/ski pants!

We do not have enough staff to remain indoors with the few children who are not dressed for the weather.



Space Available

There is space available in the afternoon. Please contact Judy or Lucille for more information.

Drop off Options

Early drop-off at 8:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 4:00 p.m. are available options at MLC. Some parents have pre-paid and chosen this option. Parents who pick up after 3:45 p.m. should pay a \$1.00 late fee.

Parents please help us keep your children safe by chaining/latching the gates upon entering and exiting the playground. Encourage your child to meet you inside the orange marker cones, our "pretend fence", and to say good-bye to the Greeting Teacher (the one with the clipboard).

Parking at School

When picking up and dropping off your child, please be careful not to park too close to the intersections. Vehicles parked in front of the sidewalk can cause a considerable hazard for those trying to cross the streets, especially as the snow begins to pile up. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Shhh....

Please remember that there are other teachers and students working in the building, and we do not want to disturb them with excessive noise and activity in the hallway.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 18, 2009—evening
Thursday, November 19, 2009—daytime

Fifteen minute time slots are scheduled for a meeting between parent(s) and teachers. It's a great chance to talk and share information about your child. Look for sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board.



Winter Concert

Our winter concert will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009.

The concert will be held at the Park Theatre on Osborne Street, at the following times:

Morning Class - 9:30 a.m.— Parents and children should arrive at the Park Theatre at 9:30 a.m. The concert will start at 10:00 and go to 10:30 a.m. Please feel free to stay after the concert for refreshments (provided by the parents), and a chance to meet other parents and families.

Afternoon Class— 1:00 p.m.— Parents and children should arrive at the Park Theatre at 1:00. The concert will start at 1:30 p.m. and go to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be offered after the concert.

Help Wanted! After-Party Host or Hostess

We need a morning and an afternoon parent to act as host or hostess of the after-concert parties. There is a template to follow, so don't be afraid!

Please let Judy know if you would like to do this.

Board of Directors for 2009–2010

Thank you parents!

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Professional Development

September 11th, Lucille attended a workshop on pandemic planning sponsored by Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools.

On October 5th, Lucille attended a workshop sponsored by Manitoba Child Care Program on emergency and pandemic planning.

On October 24th, Terri and Zan updated their emergency first aid and cpr training through St. John's Ambulance.

On October 23rd, Lucille, Judy, Kathy, Zan and Terri attended the MMTA Conference.

Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

November 9th, 2009.

At the home of Ali

824 Ashworth St.S.,

Board members, Parents and staff are always welcome to attend.

MMTA TEACHER'S CONFERENCE

On October 23, 2009, MLC teachers joined many Montessori teachers in Winnipeg at the annual Manitoba Montessori Teachers' Association (MMTA) Conference. This year it featured Judy Feeney from the Giving Tree Montessori School in Colorado Springs who gave a wonderful presentation on "A Montessori Peace Curriculum Made Simple". Judy Feeney has presented this topic at both national and regional conferences in the U.S. and this was her first visit to Canada. We enjoyed her presentation very much and we also appreciated the sharing of music, ideas, materials and community with other teachers.



Congratulations Cookie Monsters!
 You earned \$1562.68 for the school.
 Congratulations to the top 3 sellers who won a \$20 Wal Mart or movie theatre gift card: the families of Isabelle, Annika, and Garrett. Great work!
 Also, great work to all of those who participated! Enjoy the fruits (or cookies) of your labour!

November 2009 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AM In-Service No morning class No lunch	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day No School	12	13	14 Wrapping Bee
15	16	17	18 PM In-Service Evening P/T Con- ference—no school, no lunch	19 Auction Set up AM/PM In-Service no school all day P/T Conferences	20 Auction Evening	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November 2009 Show & Tell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AM In-Service	3 Connor, Megan Colleen, Julianna	4 Amanda, Nathaniel Amanda, Peyton	5 Meghna, Tyson Meghna, Ruby	6 Hunter, Benjamin Sophia, Adriana	7
8	9 Amelie, Ella Amelie, Jayda	10 Josh, Hanna, Joey Josh, Aiden	11 Remembrance Day	12 Lola, Brooke Moira, Zachary, Lucas	13 Kayden, Adriano Simon, Adriano	14
15	16 Lauren, Stella Stanley, Juliet	17 Molly, Sophia Bailey, Saskia	18 Joey, Charlotte, Jack Reimer. PM In-Service P/T Conference eve.	19 AM/PM In-Service	20 Jack Rohne, Abigail Jack Rohne, Joey	21
22	23 Adam, Jackson Elwood, Isabelle	24 Quin, Eric, Matthew Garrett, Kaelan	25 Riley, Kate, Annika, Danica	26 Phoenix, Tessa Phoenix, Ben	27 AM/PM In-Service	28
29	30 Caleb, Addison Sunny, Ava					

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