



MLC News



2009 Winter Concert

Our annual Winter Concert is put on by the children, for family and friends. This year's theme is "Bears, Bears, Bears" and takes place on Friday, December 11, 2009.

The concert will be presented at the Park Theatre, which is located at 698 Osborne Street, on the east side of the street. Parents and children should arrive at the Park Theatre at 9:30 a.m. (morning class) or 1:00 p.m. (afternoon class). Please have your child bring along their teddy bear and don't forget that your child can come dressed in pajamas!

The concerts will start at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The concerts will be approximately 20 minutes long. Refreshments will be served after the concerts, and families are invited to stay and enjoy them. We have the theatre from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Clean-up must be before 11:45 and 3:15 pm.

Thank you to our party hostesses, Joan in the morning and Leanna in the afternoon, for volunteering to organize the parties. They will need lots of help from other parents, to provide food, set up beforehand and clean up afterwards. Thank you to all our helpers.

Please give the office a call or call Joan or Leanna, if you can help.

Reminder: Please no peanuts, nuts, fish or seafood in the treats!

For your information, **December 9th & 10th** will be rehearsal days for the winter concert. Please have your child bring their teddy bear on these days. They do not have to wear their pajamas. Also, please have your child bring in a cardboard box by December 8th. Teddy bear wants a car!



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WINTER CONCERT

Friday, December 11, 2009

At the Park Theatre

A.M. 10:00 - 10:30

Morning Class performance

P.M. 1:30—2:00

Afternoon Class performance

Refreshments after concert

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

before break

Friday December 18, 2009

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

after break

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

*Wishing you all a
Happy Holiday Season!*

Lucille Labossiere

Kathy Pauls

Zan May

Judy Hurd

Ditte Cloutier

Terry Zebrynski

Lourdes Murray

Beth Smyth

Events of Note

2009—20010 Fundraising



19th Annual MLC Starlight Gala Evening

November 20, 2009

First and foremost, many thanks to the Fundraising Committee for an incredible, dedicated effort putting together this year's Starlight Gala Evening- Fundraising Committee co-chairs: Julie, Annika's mom, and Shana, Peyton's mom and Committee Members: Jackie, Amelie's mom; Lucy, Juliet's mom; Loreleen, Adam and Jackson's mom; Angela, Isabelle's mom; Eden, Jack's mom; Sofia, Hanna's mom; Patti, Abigail's mom; Jodi, Ruby's mom; and teachers Kathy and Lucille.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to the pre-wrap event, the wrapping party, and those who helped transport the auction items to the venue and set it up. Thank you to Jackie and Eduardo, Amelie's parents, for allowing us to use their home for storage and the wrapping party. Thanks Jackie for all your hard work in producing the auction program.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our amazing volunteers during the evening that allowed this event to be such a success and to run so smoothly.

We again enjoyed an evening of mingling and munching on tasty hors d'oeuvres, dainties, and the occasional dip in the chocolate fountain at intermissions.

The Southwood Golf and Country Club provided a lovely setting and great service.

As always, the mood was electric with the ever professional auctioneer, Dan Wachniak of Wachniak Quality Realty, at the microphone. Thanks to Dan for his expertise again this year and for driving his Rolls Royce for a 'night out on the town'.

Once again, the children's handprint and footprint quilts were in the spotlight. Thanks to the quilters Dorothy Rohne, Joan Speidel and Doreen Burr. Each quilt is truly a work of art.

- AM footprint quilt went to Abby's parents
- AM handprint quilt went to Phoenix's parents
- PM footprint quilt went to Isabelle's grandparents
- PM handprint quilt went to Peyton's parents

A big thank-you goes to our emcee extraordinaire Bill, Hanna's dad. You did a fantastic job!

Also a big thank you to Annika's dad who manned his laptop for the evening to keep track of everyone's winnings and the live auction totals. Thanks to Judy, Greg and Julie for helping everyone to cash out so quickly, and to those who helped make sure the winners got their baskets.

As a result of everyone's efforts, we have raised **\$10,800** for the school (some expenses may still have to be deducted). We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated, whether by donating, requesting and gathering donations, buying tickets, and of course bidding. It was great to see so many pull together and support our school with such generosity.

Congratulations on this huge success!

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs



In The Classroom

December Classroom Happenings

Throughout the months of November and December, the children are doing seasonal activities, including:

- Paper folding and cutting (snowflakes).
- Glueing paper chains for garlands.
- Threading frames on pictures.
- Decorating the Christmas tree with punch outs of holiday shapes.
- Singing lots of winter songs.
- Chanting fingerplays about winter and the holidays.
- Making bear crafts to decorate the stage on Winter Concert Day.

Our study in November was based on North American animals and their habits and habitats. We were especially interested in how they prepared for winter, and thanks to the Living Prairie Museum for bringing our study to life with their presentation. We learned all about moose, deer, bear, rabbits, beavers, and raccoons. We matched animal tracks to animal fur and pictures.

Other geography activities include pinpunching the shape of North America, matching flags to countries and making a flag of Canada.

French

In French class, the children are learning about the weather, snowflakes, snowmen and snowballs.

They continue to practice counting, colours, shapes and greetings.

Winter Concert Info

Except during the concert, the stage is off limits to the children, as well as their siblings, guests and parents. The movie screen is irreplaceable and must not be touched.

Parents, please maintain control of your children during our visit to the Park Theatre. The children are not allowed to run all over the place. They may trip and fall in the darker, unfamiliar environment, and we wouldn't want anyone to be hurt.

We are renting only the movie hall part of the theatre, so parents and children should come directly into the movie hall

upon arrival and should stay in the movie hall during the after-party.

Parents, please choose your family's seats in the theatre. Winter coats, etc. can be piled on your child's seat while he or she is on stage. Don't forget to take all of your belongings home.

Parents who are helping to provide goodies for the after-concert party can bring their food when they come.

Orff—see song inserts

In the fall term, many musical concepts were introduced through songs, games, and movements. Rhythm and beat have been explored through patching (slapping thighs), clapping, and moving in a line to drum beats. Chants have also been introduced.

Differentiating pitch and recognizing the upward and downward movement of melodies have been exercised by using (matching) the Montessori bells. We have played pitch games using the glockenspiel.

We have used percussion instruments to differentiate sound qualities, (delicate/heavy). Using a singing voice is encouraged through group song games and with a sit-down song related to the day's theme.

Many of the instruments that have been introduced in Orff - such as the Montessori bells, rhythm sticks, wood blocks, glockenspiel and xylophone—have been placed on the music shelf in Room 2 for all the children to use.

Some of these instruments will be used to accompany the concert on Dec. 11th. Kindergarten children will play instruments to accompany the songs.

Continent Song



The Continent Song goes like this.....

"North America, South America

Africa, Europe and Asia,

And don't forget Australia,

And don't forget Antarctica."

Importance of Movement

"If you watch a child of three, you will see that he is always playing with something. This means that he is working out, and making conscious, something that his unconscious mind has earlier absorbed."

"The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."

By Maria Montessori

Space Available

There is a full afternoon space available.

Thank you

To the parents who have helped in the classroom when asked, whether it be to cover a teacher's illness, or absence due to meetings, or professional development. Your help is very much appreciated!

Show & Tell

Please note, there will be no Show and Tell for the month of December.

BOARD NOTES

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Winter Concert Chants and Songs



Included are the words to three chants we will be performing at the winter concert. We will also be performing the chorus to "Bare Necessities" from the Jungle Book and the song "Teddy Bear" performed by Elvis Presley. Both of these songs can be found on Youtube. Your child might enjoy watching them with you!

Polar Bear Chant—to a steady beat

High voice: Hello, hello, hello, Sir.
Will you come out to play, Sir?
Low voice: No, Sir.
High voice: Why, Sir?
Low voice: Because I have a cold, Sir.
High voice: Where did you get your cold, Sir?
Low voice: At the North Pole, Sir.
High voice: What were you doing there, Sir?
Low voice: Counting Polar Bears, Sir.
High voice: How many did you count, Sir?
Loudly: **One, Sir**
Two, Sir
Three, Sir
And that's enough for me, Sir!



Cinnamon Bear Poem

Cinnamon, Cinnamon
Cinnamon Bear
Sitting on a kitchen chair.

Cinnamon sugar in a shaker.
Shake, shake, shake it
Like a baker.

Sprinkle it on buttered toast.
It's the treat
You'll love the most.

Cinnamon, Cinnamon,
Cinnamon Bear,
Do you think that we may share?



Bear Poem

Here is a cave
Inside is bear
Now he comes out
To get some fresh air.



He stays out all summer
In sunshine and heat
He hunts in the forest
For berries to eat.



When snow starts to fall
He hurries inside
His warm little cave
And there he will hide.

Snow covers the cave
Like a fluffy white rug
Inside the bear sleeps
All cozy and snug.



Songs for the winter concert

Teddy Bear by Elvis Presley

Baby let me be
your lovin' Teddy Bear
Put a chain around my neck
and lead me anywhere
Oh let me be (oh let him be)
Your Teddy Bear

I don't wanna be a tiger
'Cause tigers play too rough
I don't wanna be a lion
'Cause lions ain't the kind you love enough
Just wanna be, your Teddy Bear
Put a chain around my neck
and lead me anywhere
Oh let me be (oh let him be)
Your Teddy Bear

Baby let me be, around you every night
Run your fingers through my hair

And cuddle me real tight
Oh let me be (oh let him be)
Your Teddy Bear

I don't wanna be a tiger
'Cause tigers play too rough
I don't wanna be a lion
'Cause lions ain't the kind you love enough
Just wanna be, your teddy bear
Put a chain around my neck
and lead me anywhere
Oh let me be (oh let him be)
Your teddy bear
Oh let me be (oh let him be)
Your teddy bear

I just wanna be your teddy bear

Bare Necessities Chorus

Look for the bare necessities,
The simple bare necessities,
Forget about your worries and your strife,
I mean the bare necessities,
Old mother natures recipes,
That bring the bare necessities to life.

Look for the bare necessities,
the simple bare necessities,
forget about your worries and your strife,
I mean the bare necessities,
That's why a bear can rest at ease,
with just the bare necessities of life.



Thank you

To the parents who have
helped in so many ways,
for example:

providing food for the
concert after-party, help-
ing to set up and clean up,
doing laundry, doing the
Scholastic book orders.
Many hands make light
work!