



MLC News



2011 Winter Concert

Our annual Winter Concert is put on by the children, for family and friends. This year's theme is "Peaceful Elements" and takes place on Friday, December 16, 2011.

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).

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, AM: Barb (Garrett's mom) and PM: Nichole (Carson's mom) and Dawn (William's mom) 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. Please give the office a call if you can help. Reminder: Please no peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, fish or eggs in the treats! Also, no dairy in the PM treats. Please be reminded that it is the parent's responsibility to monitor their child's food intake at school functions.

PLEASE BE QUIET IN THE HALLWAYS...

A letter to MLC from the D.L.C. Staff:

The Diagnostic Learning Centre (D.L.C.) is an intensive literacy program that is offered to students of the Winnipeg School Division in grades 3 to 6. The program runs for 8 weeks or 35 half days.

Each classroom consists of three students. Due to the intensity and cognitive demands of the program, students require a great deal of mental energy and concentration in order to learn and have success in literacy.

The noise level in the hallway disrupts the students' concentration and their learning. It also impedes the D.L.C. teachers' ability to deliver programming. As a result, we the D.L.C. staff, would greatly appreciate your cooperation in keeping the noise level down in the hallways and adult conversation to a minimum. We would also appreciate if there was no running in the halls and adults exited the building promptly once children have been picked up.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

-Diagnostic Learning Centre Staff

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WINTER CONCERT

Friday, December 16, 2011

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 16, 2011

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

after break

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Wishing you all a

Happy Holiday Season!

Lucille Labossiere

Kathy Pauls

Zan May

Judy Hurd

Terri Zebrynski

Beth Smyth

Nicole Normandeau

Ditte Cloutier

Lourdes Murray

Events of Note

2011–2012 Fundraising



21st Annual MLC Starlight Reception and Auction Evening

November 25, 2011

First and foremost, many thanks to the Fundraising Committee: Erin (Willem and Edie's mom), Jody (Theo's mom), Zoe (Alex and Jack's mom), Sara (Leah's mom), Tracy (Max's Mom), Dana (Kai's Mom), Kathy and Lucille for an incredible, dedicated effort in putting together this year's Starlight Reception and Auction. Thanks also to the other parents and MLC staff who pitched in at the Pre-Wrap, Wrapping Bee and Auction Set-up.

Special thanks go to:

Zoe & Daniel, for allowing us to use their home again this year for storage over the past few months and for hosting the wrapping party.

Sara and Judy, for recording all of the auction prizes in excel as they came in and as they were assembled into auction prizes.

Jody, for producing the auction program and doing an amazing (and comical) job of emceeding the event. Thank you also to Erin for designing the program cover.

We would also like to extend a thank you to the amazing volunteers who helped out during the evening, allowing the event to be a tremendous success and to run smoothly.

For the second year in a row, the event was held at the St. Boniface Golf Club which provided a lovely setting, meal and great service. Overall, it was a fun evening with great food, company, entertainment and conversation as well as some healthy competition.

As always, the mood was electric with the ever-professional auctioneer, Dan Wachniak of Royal LePage Realty, at the microphone. MLC is truly thankful for his volunteer auctioneering services, year after year, as well as for his generous donation of the use of his Rolls Royce (complete with Champagne) to the auction.

New to the auction this year were the Children's Thumbprint Trees. Thanks to Erin for drawing the trees and working with both morning and afternoon children. The Morning Class Tree went to Tracy, Max's mom, and the Afternoon Class Tree went to Angela, Isabelle's mom. It should be mentioned that each child chose their ink colour and where to place their thumbprint and the result was a true work of art.

Thanks to Judy, Sara, Erin, Zoe and Jody for helping everyone to cash out so quickly, and to those who helped make sure the winners got their loot.

As a result of everyone's efforts, we have raised approximately \$12,000 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 the MLC 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 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, bears, rabbits, beavers, and raccoons. We matched animal tracks to animal furs and pictures too. Avery's dad Bryan, a vet caring for animals in the wild, did a wonderful presentation on bears.

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

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. 16th. 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

Lunch Supervision

There are limited spaces available in the lunch program. Please tell Judy if you would like to sign your child up for lunch. The cost is \$6.00 per day and drop-ins are possible.

In the Spirit of Giving...

MLC will be putting together a Christmas hamper for a family in need for the Christmas Cheer Board. Please watch for a "star with an item listed" for your child's donation. Each child will get to choose the "star" they will take home. It may also be a \$5 amount. Thank you in advance for your support.

Show & Tell

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

BOARD NOTES

The next board meeting will be scheduled some time in early January. All parents are welcome to attend. Over the past few months the board has been working on a number of objectives. One focus has been to improve the functionality of the website by developing an on-line application form.

Winter Concert Chants and Songs



Included are the words to some songs and chants the children will be practicing for their performance at the winter concert!

The Bear

Here is a cave
Inside is a 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!

Under the Ground

What is under the grass,
Way down in the ground,
Where everything is cool and wet
With darkness all around?

Little pink worms live there;
Ants and brown bugs creep
Softly round the stones and rocks
Where roots are pushing deep.

Do they hear us walking
On the grass above their heads;
Hear us running over
While they snuggle in their beds?

-Rhoda W. Bacmeister

Neige, Neige Blanche

Neige neige blanche
Tombe sur mes manches
Tombe sur mon petit nez
Qui est tous gelé

Neige neige blanche
Tombe sur les branches
Tombe sur le grand forêt
Qui est tous gelé

The Water-Go-Round

Oh, the sea makes the clouds,
And the clouds make the rain,
And the rain rains down
On the mighty mountain chain;

Then the silver rivers race
To the green and easy plain-
Where they hurry, flurry, scurry
Til they reach the sea again,

And the sea, makes the clouds,
And the clouds make the rain...

-Dennis Lee

