

Mission Statement: "To create a community environment that fosters children's social, ethical and intellectual development."

APRIL 2010



April showers and spring flowers grace National Poetry month. Of course our children have been poetry in motion just buzzing for spring to arrive! We would like to formally thank **Jody Makela** for volunteering as coordinator for our open houses. She helped organize parents and snacks and even took care of the children while parents had a look around. Without you, Jody, our Open Houses really wouldn't have been as nice as they were. **Thank you so much!**

May you all have a lovely holiday weekend this month!
Enjoy!



BOARD BUSINESS

The next meeting of the board will be April 26th at 7pm. All parents are encouraged to attend!

*Your child - Your choice -
Your school - Your voice!*

If you wish to contact the board directly email:

board@meadowmontessori.ca



The virtue for April is Friendliness

Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home.

Why practice it?

Friendliness keeps you and others from feeling lonely or left out. It helps people feel that they belong. When something good or bad happens it feels good to share it with a friend. Friendships don't just happen - people who are willing to be themselves with each other make them.

How do you practice it?

Friendliness begins with liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. Be kind. You can be friendly just by looking into people's faces and smiling. (Reference: The Virtues Project Educators Guide, Linda K. Popov)

"Don't walk in front of me
I may not follow
Don't walk behind me
I may not lead
Walk beside me
And just be my friend."
~Albert Camus

"The best way to have a friend is to be one." ~ Peggy Jenkins



Good Friday (No School)

Friday, April 2nd

Easter Monday

(No School)

Monday, April 5th

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Teacher/Parent & Child Conferences

Parent teacher interviews will be held Tuesday, April 27th for the elementary class and Tuesday and Wednesday for the preschool classes. There will be no regular classes on those days. Kindergarten parents please sign up for an interview with elementary and, if you would like, with preschool teachers. Kindergarten attendance is optional on Wednesday morning. Please note: There are no afternoon classes for Kindergartener's in the preschool.



Happy Birthday!

Greetings for April

Preschool: Rudy, Athena &
Alec

Elementary: Danaan

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Preschool Update

Preschool report cards will be coming home April 16th. Watch for the sign-up sheet for Parent/teacher interviews to be posted soon.

The children really enjoyed their field trip to the planetarium, thank you parents for taking the time to participate! During March we have been studying nutrition and dental health.

Continuing into April we will be studying all things SPRING! Planting, growing, rain, worms - it will be a very busy month, especially because we will be celebrating Earth Day on the 22nd!

With sunny weather approaching, please **remember**

sunscreen (applied before school especially to the face and arms) and/or **sunhats and proper shoes** for play when we go to the park.

Please, keep toys at home!

~We gladly give out class lists for birthday parties. Please give out the invitations after school. Thank you for your kind cooperation!



Elementary Update

This month we are acknowledging National Poetry Month by creating and reading some poetry. Maybe we'll have some Haiku for you ☺ next month. As it is Earth Day in the 22nd we are planning some greenish activities to celebrate, details to come!

FUNDRAISING



Thank you! For participating in our Purdy's Fundraiser!

(P.S. The Easter Bunny thanks you too!!)

SPRING 2010 PLANT Fundraiser

Add living color to your life! Celebrate Earth Day! Buy a hanging basket for Mother's Day! And support your School!!! DeVry Greenhouses is a large wholesale greenhouse in Chilliwack specializing in the production of the highest quality bedding plants, hanging baskets and planters in North America. Please see order forms!

Orders are due:

Friday, April 23rd

Plants ready for Pick-up: Thursday, April 29th



Orders are DUE

MONDAY, APRIL 12th

SOMETHING
TO LOOK
FORWARD TO
FOR EVERYONE!!



Next month, on **Friday, May 7th** the students and teachers will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea.**

There will be two sittings for the tea, morning class from 10:00 to 11:00 and afternoon class from 1:30 to 2:30. The elementary students' parents may choose which tea they would like to attend. All mothers and grandmothers may attend, or, if for some reason you cannot attend, another person to represent your family would be welcomed. It is important that all children have someone to serve. In addition, we would like to request that a few fathers volunteer to serve at the tea. The ladies would be most appreciative. Please watch for a sign up sheet on the preschool bulletin board so we know how many 'teas' we will need. Elementary and kindergarten students will come for a regular school day but the preschool students need only come for the "tea time". We ask that the preschool children arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time.