



NEWSLETTER

February, 2008

Can anyone tell me where January

went?? It seems like we just got back from our Winter Break and poof, the month is gone!

And.. it seems as though the children have matured since we returned. They are more focused and interested in the materials, can concentrate longer on a single piece of work and can even sit and listen longer at circle. WOW!

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

Just to clarify, we are closed for a SNOW DAY if the public schools in Maple Ridge are closed. We apologize to any parents who braved the storm and brought their child to school on either of those 2 days. It has happened so seldom (first time since I've been here!) that it did not occur to us to send out a notice on our policy. Oops! But....winter is not over so should we receive another major dump of snow, please check the news for school

closures. We do hope the children managed to get out and have some fun in the white stuff.

Returning Students

Re-registration

packages will be coming out in the next week or so. We are encouraging all families to return their forms as soon as possible as it is first come, first serve. We give currently attending families 2 weeks to get their forms in and then the registration opens to the public. **This is really important!** The interest from new families is very high this year and we want to make sure you all can get the spot(s) you want.

All a BOARD...

(get it??? He he)

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th here at the school beginning at 7:00 pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Special Days

February is a busy, busy month around here. All next week, we will be celebrating **CHINESE NEW YEAR**. If you have anything relating to

this you would like to share with the school, please send it along with your child. The children will be bringing home some special art projects as well.

During the following week, we will be celebrating February 13th being the 100th day of school. The following day is ***Valentine's Day!***

Traditionally, we have the children decorate a bag or container to house their received Valentines and the children distribute theirs on that day. If you would like a class list of names, we will have some just inside the door for you. Just a reminder, if you are writing the names of the children on your child's valentines, **please do not use capitals except for the first letter of a name.**

The following **Monday, February 25th** is a **Professional Development Day**. We teachers will be venturing to South Surrey (no, not any further) to visit another Montessori school and share ideas and such as we continue to make this the best Montessori School it can be.

Thank you,
thank you,
thank you.

We want to give a big thank you to Lily and Samantha for their help with "cooking with the kids". We also thank in advance: Teena and Anne for their time coming up real soon. The children really enjoy these cooking excursions and we appreciate your time and effort with this.

And another HUGE thank you to Lily for taking our recycling each week. We are trying to teach the children to recycle whenever possible and you are certainly helping with this.

Bingo, I win...you win...

I'm waiting to hear about the new Bingo schedule and will post it as soon as I get it. There are some changes going on with the Bingo Plex and we will post our sign-up sheet soon. We know you're all waiting anxiously. Yeah...

It's all elementary...

The Elementary classroom does not have a lot to say these days since all is running so smoothly. One thing they would like to mention is to please have your children dress warmly and bring appropriate clothing to go out in the cold and snow. That means boots, snowpants, warm jackets, mittens, etc. They do try and get out on dry days.

Just a tiny litte note regarding snack in the preschool classroom...

The preschool classroom attendance varies, however, when providing snack, please allow for at least 20 children. This will ensure all children will get one snack and those that tip toe back for seconds won't mean someone else goes without. Not that we would ever let anyone go without. It's just that sometimes there is a super yummy snack and if it's gone too soon and someone misses out, they get "whatever is in the cupboard"

But.. speaking of food... here is our recipe for the month. Enjoy.