

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

## February 2010

It's February and that means registration time for the next school year. We look forward to many of you being back with us and as you know, our current families have first priority for next year's spots. Please fill out your forms and return along with the applicable fees ASAP. Registration will open to the public after Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

A warm welcome to the newest member of Meadow Montessori School: Kathy Mazurkewicz (ma-zur-ka-wich) or 'Miss Kathy' who is now working with the preschool children on Fridays and subbing when required.

Can you believe that spring is just around the corner? It doesn't seem like we've even had winter yet - not that we're complaining! The children are really enjoying their time at the park these days - the fresh air and exercise does wonders for them too. **Remember to send your kids to school with outdoor shoes so that they can run and play without difficulty.**



## The virtue for February is LOVE

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act or a hug. Love is treating people and things with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you.

**Why practice it?** Without love, people feel alone. When they don't feel they matter to anyone, they become unhappy. Sometimes they act angry and don't let others get close. When you are being loving, you help others to feel important. They become gentler and kinder.

**How do you practice it?** Love is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and caring about what they feel. It is accepting them, loving them just as they are. Love is thinking about how you want to be treated and treating others the same

Way. (Reference: The Virtues Project Educators Guide, Linda K. Papov)

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." ~ Martin Luther King

"Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." ~ Karl Menninger



**Board Meeting, Monday  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

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**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Pro-D Day  
NO SCHOOL**

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"I would personally like to encourage Parents to come out to one of the open house dates (February 6, 13, 20 from 2:00 - 4:00pm) for a chance to see and understand the Montessori tools that are used by our children. The Teachers were excited and happy to explain how the tools work progressively as our children grow. The experience also showed me how passionate and caring our teachers are with the children. It was wonderful to spend a bit of time with the teachers and see the types of things our children are doing in their classrooms." Jody Makela AKA Andrew's Mom



**Happy Birthday!**  
**Greetings for February**

Preschool: Sarah, Lila &  
Alexander  
Elementary: Chanelle

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## Preschool Update

The solar system is actually expanding before their eyes as the children learn all about the planets in the next couple of months. We will also be looking at the Olympics this month which will be fun!

The much-anticipated fieldtrip to the



Planetarium

has been rebooked for **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The time for the AM class has changed, we will be meeting at the Planetarium at **9:45 AM**, please be sharp.

Valentine's Day



is coming up, we will be celebrating

it on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to participate, please have 20 cards available with your child's name only signed on each.

Don't forget about "Cooking with the Kids"! The children love this activity and no one signed up for January! Details can be found in our Sept/09 newsletter easily accessed on our website.



**Orders are DUE  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2010**

## Elementary Update

*Please*, it is important to be on time for drop-off in the morning. The door opens at **9:40 AM** with school starting at 9:45. Children that come late disrupt the natural progress of our morning, thank you! Also, please be sure your child's sweater and vest has his or her names clearly labelled - this just makes life easier for everyone, thanks! ☺

The younger children are already past the big bang in the First Great Story - the universe story. The kindergarten children will also be participating in the planetarium field trip on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Everyone is learning about the Olympics, from the origins in Greece to the Mascots of Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympiad.

The older students (grade 1 and up) will be heading out on March 5<sup>th</sup> to the West Vancouver Community Center, a celebration site. As part of the Paralympics, they will meet a Paralympics athlete, view some of their specialized equipment, take part in the Interactive Canadian Space Institute exhibit as well try some traditional games. More details and permission forms to come.

## \*FUNDRAISERS\*

Olympic Program Reminder



This is the only Official Souvenir

Program for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and

Paralympic Winter Games authorized by VANOC.

**Families can purchase copies of the Souvenir Program for \$20.00 of which \$6 will go to our school's fundraising body.**

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Mmmm... chocolate!



Yes, it's time again to be thinking about helping out the Easter Bunny with his shopping list - **Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>!** Check out the attached Purdy's Brochure and get your orders in by **March 5<sup>th</sup> for fresh delivery on March 26<sup>th</sup>.** Get the best *Canadian* chocolates and support your school at the same time!

Remember, we are a Non-Profit Society and your support positively affects our classrooms.

We appreciate your participation in our fundraising initiatives.