



# Newsletter

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JANUARY 2010

Welcome!

We hope you are all well and ready for this exciting New Year at Meadow Montessori School. We have quite a few new families that have joined us over the last month - please help us wish them a warm welcome.

## BOARD BUSINESS

On Monday January 11 the monthly board meeting was held. The main topic of discussion was the results of the parent surveys regarding the change to the balanced calendar year. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, the board voted unanimously to change the Meadow Montessori School calendar year to the balanced system. On behalf of the board, we would like to thank all the parents for their input and we look forward to the 2010 - 2011 school year and all the new and exciting opportunities that it will bring.

The next meeting of the board will be February 8th 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](mailto:board@meadowmontessori.ca)

The virtue for January is  
**ENTHUSIASM**

Enthusiasm is being inspired - full of spirit. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness - giving 100% to what you do. **Why practice enthusiasm?** Everything becomes boring to a person without enthusiasm. A person without enthusiasm is boring, too. When you are enthusiastic, other people like to be around you.

**How do you practice it?** Enthusiasm is a positive attitude. When you enjoy whatever you are doing, even the dullest job can be fun. Take time for simple pleasures and enjoy the wonders of life. Show enthusiasm to others by celebrating with them when something wonderful happens. Your enthusiasm shows through your smile.

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

*"It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." ~Duke Ellington & Irving Mills*

*"Man is just about as happy as he makes up his mind to be." ~Abraham Lincoln*



Next Month:  
Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Pro-D Day  
NO SCHOOL

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SNOW  
POLICY

If School District #42 is closed, Meadow Montessori is closed also.

Listen to CKNW or News 1130 in the morning, the decision is usually made by about 7 AM.



Happy Birthday!

Greetings for January

Preschool - Riley & Diego

Elementary - Charlie, Erica  
& Kaytlyn

Please Remember...



Our school is a  
NUT-FREE ZONE

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## Thank you...

Our beautiful winter concert just wouldn't be the same without the hard work of certain individuals.

Thank you **Miss Donna**, for your musical talent with the children. Your dedication is honourable and we really enjoy the products of your immense efforts. Thank you **Miss Susan & Miss Rachel** for your involvement & expertise with creative movement, it's obvious the children enjoy the classes. Special thanks to the **committee from the board** that volunteered to set-up and clean up - what a treat! And thank you to all the parents who provided the lovely snacks for us to enjoy. **Kudos to all!**

On a similar note, our **holiday fundraisers** were also quite a success! Thanks to those that faithfully participate. Without the small efforts of many, our fundraisers wouldn't be viable and our teachers would be faced with increased financial restrictions. **So thank you very much everyone!**



## Preschool Update

Space...the final frontier. Our preschoolers are now exploring the thrilling regions of our Milky Way and beyond. We are also planning an exciting trip to the Planetarium in mid February!

Back in December, "Christmas Craft Day" was a complete success! Thank you to the parents who contributed their time and materials. Bravo!

Miss Destin & Miss Sarah would also like to thank the parents for all the special gifts that were received over the holiday season.



Please, it is important to be on time for drop-off in the morning. For your convenience we do usually have the door open 5 minutes early. Thank you.

Also, if you are doing laundry and find little Montessori components coming home by accident, please return them in order to keep our replacement costs down. Thanks!

Remember: The teachers can be reached directly via email at:

[teacher@meadowmontessori.ca](mailto:teacher@meadowmontessori.ca)

## Elementary Update

Miss Bonnie & Miss Donna would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts they received over the holiday season.

We are very busy in the classrooms developing our back-to-school routines after the break - Happy New Year everyone!



Orders are **DUE**

This Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

## \*FUNDRAISER\*



This is the only Official Souvenir Program for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games authorized by VANOC.

**Families will be able to purchase copies of the Souvenir Program for the cover price of \$17.85 plus tax and shipping (for a total of \$20) of which \$6 will go to our school's fundraising body. Watch for ordering information coming home soon!**

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

We appreciate your participation in our fundraising initiatives.

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As you know Meadow Montessori School sponsors a child in Haiti. We are forwarding the following for your information and will gladly collect and forward donations for Canadian Feed The Children.

## EMERGENCY APPEAL: JANUARY 13, 2010



Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> a 7.0 earthquake devastated the Port-au-Prince area of Haiti, claiming a reported hundreds of thousands of lives. Canadian Feed The Children is working diligently to obtain information about the welfare of our community partners, staff and the families we support in the region.

What we do know for certain is that, in the wake of this disaster, the humanitarian needs are immense. [You can help with a donation now.](#) Some of our community partners, and the **children we support, are located where damage to the area has been rated 9 out of 10 on the intensity scale.**

We are prepared for the worst, but hoping for the best. Your donation will ensure concrete support is provided as soon as possible. We are setting in place an expansive plan to provide aid to the communities we support. Your donation will bring supplies and life-giving support to children and their families whose lives have been devastated by this earthquake.

**P.S. Please check our website at [www.canadianfeedthechildren.ca](http://www.canadianfeedthechildren.ca) for updates on the status of our aid. Thank you for helping.**



*Please remember, the children of Meadow Montessori School are asked to each donate 25¢ at the beginning of each month towards supporting Guerdy, our sponsored child in Haiti.*



**Together, we can make a difference in Guerdy's life.**

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