

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

## March 2010

The Vernal Equinox or the First Day of Spring this year is March 20<sup>th</sup> although some of us might think that spring is already here by the incredible weather we've been having. Don't let those balmy breezes fool you though as they have fooled many an eager gardener. In like a lamb out like a lion they say?



We'll have to see...in the meantime keep dressing the tots in layers so we can enjoy the sunshine even if it's a bit on the chilly side.



## BOARD BUSINESS

The next meeting of the board will be March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 March is Orderliness

Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organized and having a place for things when you need them.

**Why practice it?** When people are orderly, they get things done efficiently, without wasting time and effort. Without order there is confusion, and it is easy to lose things. People such as doctors and fire fighters, who need to do things quickly and skilfully, need to be very orderly.

**How do you practice it?** Have a place for your things and put them away when you finish using them. Orderliness helps you do things efficiently, by making a plan and following it, step by step; it can help you solve even difficult problems. (Reference: The Virtues Project Educators Guide, Linda K. Popov)

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." ~ Confucius

"Order and simplification are the first steps toward mastery of a subject – the actual enemy is the unknown." ~ Thomas Mann



## SPRING BREAK March 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school -  
Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Daylight Savings Time  
Begins March 14<sup>th</sup>!)



First day of school -  
Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Remember those shoes!  
Now that the warm weather is approaching the children need to wear shoes that are good for running and playing at the park.



Happy Birthday!

Greetings for March

Preschool: Mireya  
Elementary: Marc,  
Manish, & Torben

Please Remember...



Our school is a  
NUT-FREE ZONE



# Newsletter

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## Preschool Update

The solar system unit is wrapping up this month. Thank you so much to Diane & Frank Sandor (Atticus' parents) for their donation of nifty space materials for our solar system studies! The much-anticipated fieldtrip to the Planetarium is this **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>** REMEMBER the time for the AM class has changed, we will be meeting at the Planetarium at **9:45 AM**, please be sharp. Directions are available, just ask the teachers.

After Spring Break we will be venturing into all things



We will be studying birds, growing plants and learning about land, air and water!



Please, keep toys and stuffies at home. Children can't work with the materials properly if they are holding onto their toys.

Books to share are always welcome! Thank you!



## Elementary Update

Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> is the field trip to a Paralympics celebration site in West Vancouver. It will be wonderful to hear all about their adventures next week. Report Cards go out this month!

### Did you know?

We have a UNIFORM EXCHANGE/SWAP program at the school for our elementary students. Many gently used items are available and will be offered at a fraction of the price of new on **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please, if you have any pieces to donate or resell, bring them in or contact Kristine in the office for more information. New uniforms can be purchased from Neat Uniforms in Burnaby at any time. [www.neatuniforms.ca](http://www.neatuniforms.ca)

## REMEMBER to SWIPE



## SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

IS your family missing one of these wonderfully easy fundraising Husky Cards or do you need a few more? Ask your teacher and raise money the easy way!!!

## \*FUNDRAISING\*



Mmmm... CHOCOLATE! HURRY! HURRY! The Easter Bunny needs your help with his shopping list - **Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>!** Get your orders in by this **Friday 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!



## THANK YOU!

Keep those orders coming! With your help over the past few months, Meadow Montessori was able to purchase a new listening centre for the school and an array of new books a total worth about \$400!! Thank you so much for your support!! If you price check you'll agree we get some of the best prices through Scholastic for books and software for children. You win, we win, and it's a great deal!

## Orders are DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>

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

We appreciate your participation in our fundraising initiatives.