

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



2010

May has arrived and brought with it some fairer weather for us to enjoy. The children are as busy as bees in a hive, learning, growing and developing new skills. It's amazing how a little sunshine brightens and energizes all of us. Sure as life is change, and spring is often a metaphor for new beginnings, this year May has brought some changes for Meadow Montessori School. We have said goodbye to Miss Destin and wished her well. We wish to warmly welcome Miss Pegeen (Pronounced with a hard 'g') who will be teaching in the preschool alongside Miss Sarah and Miss Kathy. Please help us make her feel at home and introduce yourselves. We are all looking forward to working together!

## BOARD BUSINESS

The next meeting of the board will be May 17th 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 May is Helpfulness

Helpfulness is being of service. It is doing useful things for people, such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier.

**Why practice it?** We all need help sometimes. We need people to teach us, and people to give us their strength or ideas. Sometimes we just need a friend to talk to. If there were no helpfulness, there would be no cooperation. When we practice helpfulness we get more done and we make each other's lives easier.

**How do you practice it?** When you are helpful, you care about others. You notice what needs to be done and just do it. You don't wait to be asked. If you cannot figure out what someone needs, ask him or her "How can I help?" or "What do you need?" And remember to ask for help when you need it. (Reference: The Virtues Project Educators Guide, Linda K. Popov)

"Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends." ~ John Lennon & Paul McCartney

"No one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."  
~ Unknown



## Mother's Day Tea

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 to 11:00 &  
1:30 to 2:30

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PRO-D Day (No School)

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

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Victoria Day Holiday  
(No School)

Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

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With all the activities taking place we will not be holding the School Picnic, planned for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a chance to get together at the Mother's Day Tea and at the Concert at the end of the year. The ANNUAL MEET & GREET PICNIC will be held in September.



Happy Birthday!

Greetings for May

Preschool: Aidan M.

& Sabina

Elementary: Aidan J.

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## Preschool Update

Since our planting unit was somewhat interrupted, we will be continuing our studies. As well, we will be looking at insects and how they affect plant life. Of course the children are also busily preparing for Mother's Day and practicing for the tea.



Our Preschool Classroom is in need of a new carpet!

We are looking for one large piece (27x19) of carpeting of neutral colour preferably designed for high traffic areas. Free is best - cheap is good too! Perhaps some of you know a good dealer or someone who would wish to donate in trade for some advertising in our newsletter? Let's do some networking folks and get this carpet in by the fall!



## Elementary Update

The kindergarten children have been busy studying the signs of spring while the elementary students have been investigating the life cycle of insects, frogs and a few other living things. They are particularly interested in bugs and have had fun collecting some for the classroom. Soon they will be studying the parts of the flower.

**\*FUNDRAISING\***  
**SPRING 2010 PLANT**  
Fundraiser was an  
**AMAZING**  
**SUCCESS!!**  
Thanks to everyone  
who participated!!

## \*Now Presenting\*



Just in time for BBQ season!!!

Excellent quality meat & seafood – fill your freezers!!  
See attached order forms.

**Orders are DUE**  
**Friday, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Pick-up on May 19<sup>th</sup> Noon-7PM**  
Meridian Meats & Seafood Maple Ridge #2 – 22621 Lougheed Hwy, MR  
604-463-5053



**Orders are DUE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

## An old tradition - made new...

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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 will be most appreciative. 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. If you haven't signed up yet please do so as soon as possible so we know how many are coming!

