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## October 2009

We've enjoyed a beautiful September - the children have nicely settled into their individual routines and have been able to get the most out of the lovely late summer weather.

As the rains begin and colder weather starts to chill us, please remember to bundle up the little ones with layers, boots and rain gear. The Elementary class especially needs to enjoy their fresh-air walk in the morning by keeping warm and dry. Umbrellas are welcome although watch for those pokey ends! Child's umbrellas are designed with safer blunt ends on the spokes and are best for our walks.



## BOARD BUSINESS

An **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Meadow Montessori School Society Board of Directors will be held here at the school on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** **Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.** We hope to have a good turnout of interested parents!

*Your child - Your choice -  
Your school - Your voice!*

If you wish to contact the board directly, the email address is:  
[board@meadowmontessori.ca](mailto:board@meadowmontessori.ca).

## The virtue for October is GENEROSITY

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone and it is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

### Why practice generosity?

Without generosity, people act uncaring, refusing to share their belongings, their time, and their friendship. When we give freely, especially if a sacrifice is involved, our spirit grows strong. When one person is generous, other people want to be generous too.

### How do you practice it?

When you are generous, you think of ways to share what you have. You think about what people need and do things to give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas, your things, or your money.

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

"The more one gives, the more one has."

~Chinese Proverb

"Whatever you give to others is also a gift to yourself." ~ Sanaya Roman



**Thanksgiving  
Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
School is closed.**

Please help us share this season. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items to be offered to the Friends-in-Need Food-bank, please have them in by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Parent Teacher Interviews

**No School on Tuesday,  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> for the  
Elementary class.**

**No School Tuesday &  
Wednesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> &  
14<sup>th</sup> for the Preschool.**

A sign-up list for time-slots will be posted on the bulletin boards a little later this month so keep an eye out for it.

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**Pro-D Day - No School  
Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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**Parent, Caregiver &  
Teacher Night Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ask your teacher for info.

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**Picture Day is coming up  
next month!**

**Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>**



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## Preschool Update

For the month of October our classroom theme is autumn harvest time, pumpkins, apples and falling leaves. We will also look at the Thanksgiving holiday and what it means to us today.

Also, this month the children will be learning about **Diwali** the "Festival of Lights" celebrated as an official holiday in India. It marks the beginning of a new year and



celebrates the victory of good over evil.

Ethan's mom Nancy has agreed to help us celebrate this event this year!



And it's  
**PUMPKIN-  
PATCH  
time!**

Our annual trip to the local pumpkin-patch for the preschool class is set for **Tuesday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Please return your field trip forms as soon as possible so we know how many people to expect. Please note that there is no school for the preschool on the day of this field trip.

## Bulletin! Bulletin! Bulletin!

**Did you know** that our elementary school offers instruction from Kindergarten to Grade 5? We offer a small hands-on academic environment where students are able to progress at their own rate.

With a goal of increasing the enrolment in our program, we are offering a tuition discount to new students in the 2009/10 school year. The monthly fee would be just \$250.00. Students may transfer in at any time.

If you have a friend, relative or neighbour who might be looking for an alternative educational setting for their child, please pass our information along to them.

**Remember**, a family that refers a student to our elementary classroom will receive *one month free* tuition after the student referred has been enrolled and paid for a minimum of three months.



## Elementary Update

### International Day of Peace

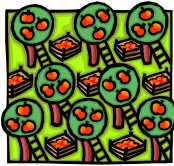
At exactly 10:36 AM on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2009, it was our turn to sing the special peace song, "Light a Candle for Peace", that children from Montessori schools all around the world were singing that day. The children's beautiful singing was accompanied by the bass xylophone, played by Grade 2 student, Erica, and interspersed by solos on the glockenspiel, played by Grade 4 student, Kaytlyn. Seven candles were lit, one for each continent of the world, as well as a lovely peace dove candle loaned to us by Grade 5 student, Nia. We wish to thank the parents that joined us for this uplifting, and very peaceful, event.



We were lucky on our field trip to the apple farm - we didn't get rained on! We rode on a tractor-drawn wagon around the chemical-free orchard and tasted apples right off the trees! We saw where the apples are stored in cold rooms and the apple-sorting

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machine. We had lunch, bought apples & pies, played in the playground and checked out the goats and chickens. We all had a great time at the farm!



## FYI

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 our Elementary classroom will join the preschool and become a

## NUT-FREE ZONE

Our entire school will now be a safer place to be for everyone.

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Our **Meet & Greet Picnic** was a huge success this year! Everyone loved the venue; we had it all to ourselves which made watching the children easier than ever. The food was great and the company even better. Thank you for coming out and making our "meet & greet" a truly fun occasion for all!

**Please remember our school policy of NO Halloween costumes at the end of the month. Thank you!**

## Purdy's Fundraiser



Last year, one of our best fundraisers was Purdy's, yet we still had a few people mention that they didn't have enough time to collect their orders. This year we are sending out our catalogues early so we can have a record-breaking order!

Participating in our Purdy's Fundraiser is very simple and makes your holiday shopping a little sweeter!

Not only do you get a quality Canadian product but also you don't have to brave the malls to get it! Please have a good look at the brochure and think about your Christmas list now.

Take it to work with you!  
Extra catalogues available!

Support your school!

**Orders will be accepted until November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Fresh delivery on Dec 4<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.

## SCHOLASTIC

We are sending home the October's Scholastic order forms. Ordering through our school is not only very cost friendly, it also helps us acquire new teaching items and books. Please take advantage of the excellent prices offered through Scholastic!

**Orders are DUE Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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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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## WE SHOULD BE PROUD

As a school we are well on our way to becoming a **GREEN** school. We had a wonderful response to our Green Newsletter Initiative. Thanks so much to everyone who is participating! For more information on green schools log on to: [www.seedsfoundation.ca](http://www.seedsfoundation.ca).

