LANSING CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE LANSING CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

News from the Preschool Program

December 2017

From the Teachers

Holiday Party

Our Annual holiday party will be taking place Saturday, December 2nd! A big Thank you to Tanaz and her special events team for all of the preparations. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to bring a potluck dish. We look forward to tasting a variety of yummy family favourites!

Children's Holiday Party

The Children's Holiday Party is in the **AFTERNOON** on ***Thursday December 21st.*** The children will enjoy special holiday activities including gingerbread cookie decorating. There will also be Children's performer in the morning at 10:15am

Please note: this is the last day of class before the holiday break.

Winter Weather Reminders:

Indoor Footwear

To ensure that our school floors stay slush and puddle free, please make sure that your child has indoor shoes.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather becomes colder we would like to remind parents to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

We will be playing outside every day unless it is raining or colder than -10 degrees Celsius with the wind chill. If you do not want your child to play outside in the morning please pick them up at 11:00 am.

Please ensure that all your child's outdoor winter clothing is in the cubby and not in a backpack or bag. To avoid lost articles of clothing, please label everything and stick hats and mittens in the sleeves of your child's coat

A Few More Reminders...

Extra Clothing:

Just a reminder for parents to restock your child's cubby with extra clothes once they have been used. Also, if your clothes haven't been used, please make sure they are clothes that are seasonally appropriate

Reminder for this Month!

School will be closed from December 22 to January 7 2018

School Re-opens **January 8 2018.**

December Birthdays

- Karl - December 27
- Kareena - December 27

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Soraya & Corrina

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News from the Director

From the Director:

December 1st, 2017

Dear Lansing Parents,

It's hard to believe it is December already. We have had a great fall meeting new friends and settling into School. I have appreciated all of your encouragement and support in my first few months as Director. Please feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance throughout the rest of the school year!

The Board has only met a few times but they have been busy looking at how we can make Lansing an even better school for our families and future families. We had our Halloween pumpkin pail fundraiser that many families participated in. Currently we are in the middle of our MacMillan's ready-to-bake and prepared food Fundraiser. This is a great way to stock up on treats for all of you family functions. We will also be having our photo booth set up at the Holiday Potluck party. We are looking ahead to our biggest fundraiser which will be our Silent Auction which will happen in the Spring. We ask that if you ask any friends or families that would be willing to donate any tickets to concerts or sporting events, those items help raise a lot of money for the school.

One of the things that the fundraising money will be put towards is technology in the classroom. Recently the Board approved to purchase 2 tablets for the school. We will also be trying out a new App called HiMama that will help parents stay connected to what their children are doing at school. Teachers will be able to use this program to track the children's development as well as send reports to parents that showcases the activities that they have participated in throughout the day and week. It will also open up communication between you and your child's teacher. You would have received an email about it. Please take the time to look over the HiMama website to familiarize yourself with some of the program.

I would also like to thank our teachers for their dedication and ongoing enthusiasm in making Lansing a special place for our families. They do a great job at creating a fun, hands-on approach to learning. I appreciate everything they do to make our programs such a success for the children and families.

Another thanks to all the parents, family members, volunteers and friends who really embrace the cooperative ethos of Lansing. You all are working hard in their volunteer roles to assist when and where you can. It is very appreciated, thank you!

One final thanks to our Board Members who work hard behind the scenes to help make some big decisions as we thing of the children and the future of Lansing. Each month, they take time out of their busy schedules to come together to discuss important school issues.

Here are some of the items they are currently working on:

1. Improve Website.
2. Create a school garden along the playground (landscaping).
3. Purchase of blinds for classrooms.
4. Host Open House and Registration events.
5. Investigate Bank's pre-authorized tuition payment to replace cheques.

One thing to keep in mind for January is our first Open Houses for 2018. Families from the community will have a chance to visit the school to see if this is a place that they would like for their children next September. Also as a reminder, December is a shorter month for Lansing as the school's last day is Thursday, December 21, 2017 and it re-opens on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

On behalf of the Teachers and Board, wishing you a Happy Holiday Season with family and friends.

Leslie Beveridge
Director

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Calendar of Events

December 2nd - Annual Holiday Potluck Party.

December 21st – Children's Holiday Party. AppleFun performs at 10:15

December 22nd – Staff clean up day. School will be closed.

Dec 22rd to Jan 7th – Winter Break - School is closed.

January 8th – School re-opens

Looking Ahead…

Friday, December 22nd –January 7th – Winter Break—school closed

Friday, January 12th & Monday, January 22nd 2018*—First open houses of the 2018/19 school year.*

What's Cooking?

Reindeer Cookies!

<u>What You Need:</u>

1 roll of pre-made sugar cookie dough
small pretzel rings
M & Ms
baking sheet
1 bell shaped cookie cutter
flour

<u>What You Do:</u>

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Open cookie dough and mix in about 1/4 cup of flour to make the dough a stiffer consistency. Lightly flour the table, then roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness.

Using the bell cookie cutter, cut out 12 bell cookies. Turn the bell cookies upside down. This is your reindeer face! Place a red M&M in his nose and one pretzel on each side of his head for the ears. (See photo)

Bake for 10 minutes or until very lightly browned around edges. Remove from oven and let cool on the baking sheet for 1-2 minutes. Remove to a cooling rack to finish cooling.

Remember to leave some cookies for Santa!