



Holiday Concert!

The **Junior classes** have been practicing for a special Holiday Concert to be held on the evening of **Friday, December 16.**

Ms. Quintero's class, Mrs. MacDonnell's class, and Mrs. Umesh's class extend a warm invitation to their families to attend. The performance will be held at the Brooklin Community Centre on Cassels Rd. starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets to cover the cost of our venue and equipment rental are now on sale for \$5 per seat. Seating is limited and not assigned. In order to ensure every family has seating, ticket quantities will be limited to 3 per family initially. (There is no charge for siblings sitting on parent's laps.) We will release any unsold tickets on Wednesday, December 14. If your child will be unable to attend on the evening of the Concert, please let their teacher know so we can plan for their absence.



Holiday Open House!

The school is hosting a holiday season Open House after-school during

the week of Dec. 19. *Mrs. Conner's class, Mrs. Khuwaja's class and Mrs. Karlsson's class* will post sign-up sheets for visits from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The children's work will be on display and the teachers will be on-hand to share seasonal good wishes. Each student will give a personal demonstration of one favourite Montessori activity. Please plan to drop by and spend a few minutes in the classroom with your child before the Winter Break. (Our senior students will have their moment in the spotlight at their Spring Concert!)

Holiday Food & Toy Drive

In support of the Durham Regional Police Service Food & Toy Drive, we will be collecting non-perishable foods, and new, unwrapped toys until Tuesday, December 20. The food and toys will be distributed to needy families in Durham Region. Our donations teach the children valuable lessons about charity and the needs of others.



Planned Staff Absences

Mrs. Umesh will be making a long-awaited trip home to India this month. She will be absent from Dec. 12 to Jan. 12. She leaves her class in the capable hands of co-teacher Mrs. Poole and classroom assistants Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Pushman. Our school cook, Claudia, will be absent for surgery for the rest of December.



We wish her a

recovery and

look forward to her

In the interim, we will be using the services of Choice Children's Catering for our school lunches. They operate a peanut, nut, and trans fat free facility and come well-recommended for tasty and nutritious foods.

Winter Break

*Last day of class: Friday, December 23rd.
Classes resume: Monday, January 9, 2012.
Have a wonderful holiday!*



2012 Calendar

As you ring in the New Year, please mark the school holidays on your 2012 calendar:

- PA Day – Fri. Jan. 27
- Family Day – Mon. Feb. 20
- March Break – Fri. Mar. 9 - 16
- Easter Weekend – Apr. 6 - 9
- Victoria Day – Mon. May 21
- Last Day of School – Thurs. June 28



Let's Stay Healthy!

'Tis the season of visiting and sharing, but with the warm wishes may also come the sniffles and flu! Kindly err on the side of caution when making the decision to keep your child home with a cough, cold or flu symptoms. We ask that children be at least 24 hours free of fever and able to fully participate in daily activities before their return to school after an illness. We all thank you!



Parking Lot Safety

Thank you for not parking or stopping on the boulevard directly in front of the school. This ensures good visibility of our driveway exit for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles. Please remember to hold hands in the parking lot and when crossing the street!



Fire Department Visit

The Whitby Fire Department visited our School on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 30. They presented an interactive Fire Prevention and Safety program to the Senior Casa students.



Outdoor Activities

Just a reminder that we do schedule daily outdoor activities, weather permitting. In this unpredictable season,

please ensure your child has warm outerwear and waterproof mittens for the inevitable! An extra pair of dry socks and a spare pair of mittens always comes in handy. If your child has a bicycle helmet at school, please take it home for the season. We also appreciate your assistance to ensure 'indoor shoes' are used in the classroom.