



Newsletter - December 2023

Topics for December

In December, our preschool joyfully immerses us in the festive spirit of Christmas. The air is filled with excitement as the little ones explore the magic of the season through heartwarming stories that narrate the tales of Christmas traditions, sharing, and the spirit of giving. Our little ones will also actively participate in crafting their own Christmas decorations. Together, we celebrate the magic of Christmas, fostering a sense of togetherness and gratitude during this special time of the year.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, **December 8 from 2:30 to 3:00 pm** and it will be held in the Church Hall (the building behind the church, next to the parking lot, entrance on Gray Ave). Please send your child wearing a festive outfit (no rain boots!). Morning class children **must be dropped off at 2:20** in the church hall, by the stage. **All the children will be dismissed right after the concert.**

Please keep in mind that the seated spots are limited to only 2 per family. We also recommend reducing the number of attendees as we are transitioning the cold & flu season and a lot of children got sick in the last weeks.

Pajama Party

We will have a Pajama Party on Wednesday, December 20. Please dress your child with a 2 pieces pajama. We request your support to celebrate this event by providing food for our class. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the front door of the school if you would like to contribute.

New staff

I would like to introduce Ms. Rania as our extra staff. She is certified as a Responsible Adult and is helping in both rooms when needed. She is not part of the teachers – children ration required by licensing regulation, but accordingly to the licensing regulations, she can act as a substitute for a period of less than 30 consecutive days when needed.

Reminders

- Morning health checks before sending your child to school. If your child is having cold/ flu/ covid-19 like symptoms, please keep him home until no fever/ vomiting/ diarrhea for 24 – 48 hours without medication administrated and other symptoms improve, to avoid other children and teachers getting sick.
- Our school will remain open and operate on regular hours, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances (eg. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely or for teachers to arrive to work on time. This information will be posted on the Home page of our website brightstarmontessori.ca. We will do our best to communicate school closure, cancellation, or reduced hours of operation via email by 7:00 am.
- We are a nut free environment and this year one of the children has a severe allergy, holding an EPI PEN as the allergic reaction can be life threatening. Please keep this in mind when sending treats to school and always look for the nut free symbol.
- **Last day of school is Friday, December 22.**
- Our school **will be closed December 25 to January 2. Professional Day on January 3. School reopens for students on Thursday, January 4.**



Sincerely,

Ms. Feng, Ms. Joy, and Ms. Lisa