



Newsletter - December 2023

Topics for December

The holiday season is upon us. This month we will talk about winter and about how people celebrate winter holidays around the world. If you would like to share how your family celebrates, we are happy to learn from your child. Just simply encourage him to bring something, such as a picture book, drawing, a craft, a photo, or an object that is related to this winter holiday for our Friday show and tell activity.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, **December 8 from 3:30 to 4:00 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!). **All the children will be dismissed right after the concert so please make sure one family member is attending.**

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. Ms. Rania is not part of the teachers – children ration (1:8) required for our type of license, 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 administered 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. Farah, Ms. Serena, and Ms. Shukria