

Blue Spruce Montessori News

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SPRING NEWS

News from the classroom

It is wonderful to see the children return from their Spring break energized, enthusiastic and eager to learn. It was an exciting time with the Olympics in town so it was a much needed break for all. It is always amazing when the children return after a break to see them interact with their environment like they have never been away. The inviting Montessori materials and order of the classroom is always a welcome place for the children.

Everyone is adjusting well to the teacher change and will still get to see Mrs. Muqtader as she will be our relief teacher and is filling in various mornings and afternoons.

This is our last term at school and full of events and trips and also getting ready to say goodbye to our Extended Day students, some that have been with us for four years. We look forward to an exciting few months and watching the continued growth of your children. Thank you everyone for making the effort to be on time.....what a difference!! Please keep it up until the end of June.

Observations/Teacher Parent Conferences

April 19th – 23rd Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board for upcoming classroom observations and Parent Teacher conferences. Please be sure to sign up for both. We ask for your co-operation to make parent observations run as smoothly as they can. Please enter the classroom by the south door, it will be unlocked. Please find an observation chair and enjoy watching the children at work. Please keep an eye on the clock, say goodbye to your child before you leave and exit quietly. Observation guidelines will be sent out for everyone for a refresher of how to make the most of your time in the classroom.

During Teacher/Parent conferences we ask that you do not bring your children, however if you are struggling to find babysitting you may bring your child along. We will sit them out of listening range as we will be discussing their progress. Also we have a lot of parents to speak with this day so please do respect the time of others. If we need longer time to discuss issues with you, we can make an appointment for another time.

Earth Day

April 22 is Earth Day this is a great time to think about being green and making changes in our every day lives to leave the planet a better place for our children, Why not start a compost, buy bags and take them to the grocery store instead of using plastic. The choices are endless. We will be looking at ways that we can reduce our garbage and recycle more. Encorp is a great facility that accepts not only bottles but electronics and most recently milk and yogurt containers. Why not have the children be in charge of the recycling at home and teach them a skill they can use to make the earth better.

Usborne Literacy Fair

Thursday April 29th 6 – 7:00 p.m. We are going to hold an Usborne Literacy Fair and are hoping to get some great new books for the class library. Lisa Anderson, an Usborne rep will come to school on April 29th and set up a display of Usborne books. Please arrive at 6 p.m. where we'll have coffee and goodies to keep you going and Lisa will do a presentation of some of the award winning books. Anyone unable to make the evening can look at the books Friday April 30th before and after school. We will also begin circulating catalogues a week before the Fair so you can either order or make a wish list of books you may like. Blue Spruce will get 30% of the final sales to spend for the school library. We have our eyes on some great new readers and story books. Books can also be checked out on line @ usbornebooksathome.ca

Mothers Day Tea

Friday May 7th We will once again be inviting all our mums into the classroom to be served tea by their children and enjoy hearing them sing. Invitations with further details will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

School Closed – Victoria Day

School will be closed on **Monday May 24th** for the Victoria long weekend holiday.

April / May Birthday Celebrations

This month we celebrated Jordyn Nguyen's 3^{4th} Birthday.

In May Jonathan Yee and Kaela Chima will celebrate their 4th Birthdays. Jonathane Dick, Ayesha Qureshi, and Nathan Pang will turn 5 years old

Happy Birthday everyone!!

From all the Staff at Blue Spruce Montessori