



JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to everyone and thank you to all of the Staff and Parents and of course our Montessori Kids who made the last 9 months of 2020 a huge success!!

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND INTERNS

Most likely you have already seen some of these wonderful young people, but we would like to take this opportunity to introduce:

Kathrine Robertson: Kathrine has been working with us since September and is in the Police Tech program at John Abbott College. Kathrine is energetic and full of ideas for activities with the children. Kathrine works primarily in classroom 2.

Natalie Bechay: Natalie has been at Montessori since October and is in the Social Science program at John Abbott College. Natalie has experience working in camps and loves being with children. Natalie works in all classrooms and enjoys doing some special storytimes with the children.

Ramnit (Ram) Gill: Ram started at Montessori in November. After several years at Concordia University, Ram decided to pursue her passion to help those in distress and is currently at John Abbott in the Youth and Adult Correctional Intervention Technology Program. Ram is dynamic and she is a great addition to our staff.

We would also like to introduce our 2 interns who will be with us from January to April 2021:

Kamal Singh: Kamal is currently completing his Early Childhood Education diploma. His background before coming to Canada two years ago was in psychology. Kamal was fascinated by the psychology of children and has chosen a career in childcare.

In Kamal's own words:

I am interested in becoming an Early Childhood educator as I love observing children and noting how they see things. Moreover, I am interested in sports, dance, and outdoor activities and would like to share these interests with the children. In my prior education I learnt many things about the journey of human beings. I am excited to teach the children about the world. I would also like to teach children how to work as a team, how to learn in a "team" environment, and to teach them the benefits of unity.

I have already had the opportunity to observe a class at Montessori Pointe Claire, and have met some of the children, and I am excited to start my internship here.

Thank you very much,
Kamal

Manpreet Kaur: Manpreet has recently come to Canada and was a medical student in her country. On coming to Canada, she decided to become an early childhood educator and is working on her ECE diploma.

Manpreet has this introduction for our parents:

Although my background was science, I had worked looking after children as a babysitter and knew that I had a great love for them. I am passionate about encouraging children to develop socially, physically, and intellectually.

I love arts and crafts and I am looking forward to using those skills in my work with the children. I have some interesting projects planned for the children at Montessori. I am also excited to use my science knowledge to introduce the children to some awesome science experiments.

Thank you!

Manpreet

OUTDOOR PLAY

We go outside **as often as we can** so please dress your child well:

- ❖ If your child has sensitive skin, a little Vaseline applied in the morning at home to his/her face will help protect the skin from chapping.
- ❖ Always have available: Snow pants or slush pants (a pair can be left at the school)
- ❖ Mittens (No gloves for the 2 and 3-year-olds please). Mittens can be attached (clipped) to the jacket sleeves.
- ❖ A neck warmer - not a scarf. Scarves are dangerous on the playground equipment.
- ❖ Remove strings (ties) from jackets or make them very short. This is for safety on the playground.
- ❖ Boots should be labelled with the child's name somewhere that we are able to see it 😊
- ❖ Please note the school policy is **that we do not** keep children indoors if they have a cold. If the child is too ill to be outdoors, then he/she is too ill to be at school. Please do not ask the teachers to keep your child inside when everyone else is going outdoors to play. In the winter it is very healthy to play outside.
- ❖ We will not go outdoors if it is raining, too slippery, or too cold (usually under minus 12 with the windchill). However, do not assume that because it is cold first thing in the morning, that we will not go out. Oftentimes it warms up nicely by the time we do our morning outdoor play. Always have your child dressed to go out to play.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts (Relevé 24) will be issued at the end of February. Once you receive your receipt, if any corrections are needed please email the office (office@montessoripc.com) with the corrections needed and we will make the adjustments and send the new Relevé to you by email.



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