



Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the winter edition of Maria Montessori Stepping Stones CDC newsletter.

We welcome all new families who have joined us this month. December had been an exciting month with lots to celebrate around the holiday season. The focus of the month was sharing our blessings. Thank You to our lovely parent for attending our holiday breakfast and craft session with children.

We had an amazing fall with lots to celebrate. The children learnt about Thanks Giving, Diwali, Halloween and Remembrance Day. October was still warm this year and children had lots of outdoor play every day. We learnt about being thankful for our blessings. The short November month was filled with discussion about peace, Remembrance and light.

The January cold snap has kept many of us indoors, but now the cold dome has left Alberta and as we return to normal temperatures, we will be going outside to play. Please make sure your child has winter gear to be able to join the group.

Dates to Remember (Closure)

Family Day Feb 17, 2020

Good Friday April 10, 2020

Easter Monday April 13, 2020

Reminder: There is a fee increase

from 1st April, 2020.

We are open to suggestions and we strive to make improvements in the care we provide to your family.

We are looking to create a parent board to help us serve you better. Please let us know if you will be interested in being on the board. We will be meeting once every 6 months to discuss the needs of the center. We will have rest of the discussions via emails between the times we meet.

St. Alphonsus is now accepting online application for 100 voices program.

This program builds children's strengths and skills in a playful, language-rich environment. To attend Pre-Kindergarten, children need to meet criteria to be eligible

Access to active play in nature and outdoors — with its risks — is essential for healthy child development. The [Canadian Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health](#) recommends increasing children’s opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings — at home, at school, in child care, the community and nature. (Retrieved from AECEA Newsletter)



Kid’s Joke (Provided by OSC)

Q. What happened to the dog who swallowed the firefly?
A. It barked with delight.

Q. What stays in the corner and travels around the world?
A. A Stamp.

Q. Why are frogs so happy?
A. They eat whatever bugs them.

Community Event:

- "A Self-Care Starter Kit: An Essential Survival Tool for Helping Professionals Workshop" hosted by REACH Edmonton. Friday Feb 28th, 2020. Time: 9:00 am-12:30 pm.
- Free training opportunity
Google IT Support Professional Certificate. For further information:
<https://www.epl.ca/gisc/?fbclid=IwAR1ZKOKuKvaE0bJNt-GqO1YcHEQgLitRNwc-LG0jVy0lu5gYX5I-oV3uXAs>