# Don Titus Montessori

November School Newsletter





#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November everyone. The school has been an active and positive place. The staff, parents and students have been working cohesively to create a focused place of proactive learning with an emphasis on inclusion, respect and safety. In addition, there have been multiple field trips and presentations for students including: Stranger Danger Safety talk from RCMP, an introduction to curling lesson, two career exploration workshops for the older students and the Halloween parade was a smashing hit with students. I view my role as being a steward for the school community in which I serve and support all educators, parents and students with the goal of improving student learning and achievement. We always welcome parent involvement and throughout the year parents will have an opportunity to provide input into the review process for the Montessori program at Don Titus to ensure that it is authentic and sustainable.

Here is some further updates to the motion that was passed at the September School Board Meeting to proceed with the process of a proposed school closure review of Don Titus Montessori School. It was verbally stated during the meeting that in the past the first and second reading of the Bylaw would have typically occurred in October. Due to the complex nature of the review, it has been decided that more time is required to gather data and as a result, the second reading of the Bylaw has been postponed to an undetermined later date. Understandably, this process can be upsetting for staff, children, parents and the Chetwynd community. I will make sure to promptly inform parents and the school community once a date has been confirmed for the second reading of this Bylaw. Gratitude to all the parent volunteers that help make Don Titus such a warm and inviting environment for our students to grow and learn! This wonderful sense of community is an integral part of the Montessori environment, making it your school of choice!

# Remembrance Day Assembly

You are invited to join the students and staff for a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 9, at 10:45 am. Each classroom is working on a small presentation for the assembly. After the assembly we will be having our annual Peace Walk to show our support of all peace efforts. Please come and join us.

# Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are set for November 21 and 22. This will be a chance for you to meet with the teacher and discuss what your child has done so far and the direction they are heading. The report cards will not come out until December. These days will be early dismissal days where school gets out one hour early both days at 1:36 pm.



## Note from the Office

- Please send exact change in a Ziploc bag or envelope for all fees and hot lunches. (we are unfortunately unable to make any change)
- Please remember No Parking in the Bus Zone.

### Reminders

<u>OUTSIDE CLOTHING</u> Winter weather is to be expected every day! It is important to ensure your child/children have appropriate winter clothing (hats, mittens, jackets, snow pants, and boots). *Many students are complaining about being cold!* 



<u>FACEBOOK</u>, We post notices and various information on the Facebook; however, we are unable to respond to messenger. Please call the school with any questions.

<u>FLU SEASON</u> If your child is sick please keep your child/children at home and let them recover. This is best for the child and limits the spread of the virus.

The sniffles will come sooner than later... Donations of boxes of Kleenex for your child's class are greatly appreciated



#### PAC News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Don Titus is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Fair Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12-4pm. We will have tables full of homemade and baked goodies as well as home-based businesses. We need volunteers, as well as donated crafts to sell at our table! This is such a fun event with lots of shopping, Santa pictures, and a concession - all proceeds go towards events and supplies for our school! Please contact Michelle for more info!

The PAC warmly thanks the Don Titus community for submitting your letters and emails to the School District Office! We will provide an update to the parents as soon as we have more information.

December is our *Book Fair* – **Dec. 4-7.** The Book Fair will remain open at the craft fair as well! Check out the posters for opening times!

The PAC welcomes new members and your input! Sign up at dontitus.ca/PAC.

Individual and class photos were sent home Oct. 30th

## School Photos Retakes! Monday, November 5th





## **November Special Events**

- 1) **Monday, November 5th** *Picture retakes day!* (Lifetouch Photos)
- 2) **Friday, November 9th** *Remembrance Day Assembly* 10:30 am -all are welcome. Peace walk to follow.
- 3) **Monday November 12**th Remembrance Day Stat. (*No school today*)
- 4) **November 21 and November 22** are *Early dismissal* days. Parent/Teacher interviews begin at 1:36 pm.
- 5) **Fri. November 30**<sup>th</sup> *NID* (No school for students)

