



THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI INC.

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Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

"O, Wind. If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind ?

These lines by poet Percy B. Shelley ring true for the weather and the pandemic that we are all facing. With the arrival of the new year, our hopes are to get over this challenge successfully. My request to all the families and the staff is to continue to follow public health guidelines to ensure that our school community remains safe and healthy. **Please continue to:** restrict social interaction to your immediate household only, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and stay home if you are not well. The school will be a safe place for all of us if we prioritize our plan for the safety and health of ourselves and children.

Recent studies have shown that schools who use effective mitigation and disease prevention strategies can create a safe environment for children and educators (a healthy school "bubble"). That is the reason I would like all of us involved to work together and be mindful of this to keep our school a very safe place for the community. We have created a safe environment since July 2020 and we can very well do the rest with the effective collaboration of the families and educators.

We have welcomed four children in the new year , three in Casa 5 (two of them are the siblings of the children already in casa 5) and one in Casa 1. We welcome the new families to our school community.

Ms. Jameel (Casa 1) has travelled abroad due to a personal matter and is returning on January 8th. As is our school policy, she will follow the Peel public health protocols and stay at home to quarantine and safely return to work following the mandated quarantine period. Ms. Spogmai Khan is covering for her in Casa 1.

Lastly, we ask that parents and staff continue to be transparent in the screening process and help our school to stay safe in the coming months. I want to sincerely thank the parents and staff for their continued vigilance and transparency.

I wish all the families a very happy and safe 2021.

Regards

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