

# THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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December 10 , 2021

Dear Parents,

We are at the last stretch of the first quarter of the 2021/2022 school year. The staff and children are busy in the classrooms with their routines and it is exciting to see the children learning and growing even as the world around us is dealing with the pandemic. It is so rewarding for us as educators to be able to provide a warm and welcoming place to our community where the children can learn and grow.

December is always a month of festivities and joy. The teachers connect with the parents to discuss the children's progress and the classrooms are decorated with the Holiday and Christmas themes. Children sing songs and dance and there is a sense of jubilation in the environment. Keeping in mind the spirit of the season, each classroom is busy in anticipation of the concert for our families. December 14th will be the day of the concert at the school. The parents will get the recording of events for their child's class. Please feel free to have the children dress in formal attire for the concert on December 14th.

Our Parent-teacher meetings are going well. As always, we welcome your feedback and comments so that we can continue to provide an excellent program for the children. Please feel free to share your ideas with me through e-mail.

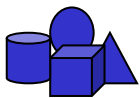
Thank you for all the parents who took part in the after-school option questionnaire. Those who did not reply were deemed to have indicated that they are not interested in the after-school program. Based on the results of the questionnaire, there are only four families who are interested in after-school program and those children are in three different classrooms. At present, Peel Public Health still does not allow mixing of cohorts and so we have determined that the logistics of running one extra hour in three different classrooms with one child and one educator is not feasible at this time. We have therefore decided to put the extended hour option on hold for now. I sincerely apologize to the families that were interested in the extended hour option, we may revisit this at a later date.

Winter season is upon us and so is the unpredictable weather. Poor weather conditions can become dangerous for the families and educators as they travel to our school. Our policy is that if the Peel District School Board is closed because of the bad weather our school is closed too. On days with poor weather conditions, the school will inform the parents about the closure of the school because of the stormy or icy road conditions through email early as early as possible in the morning. Please check your in-box before you head out to drop off your child on a snowy or icy day.

Please make sure you are aware of the protocols of international travel for young children who are not double-vaccinated. I have attached that information for your convenience.

Once again, I would like to remind the parents about the health and safety guidelines, runny, stuffy nose and sore throat are no longer considered Covid symptoms, however, children with these symptoms are still required to stay at home. There is no requirement for Covid test or doctors' note for child to return to school after these symptoms are resolved.

For all other symptoms listed in the screening question 1 that includes cough and fever, you MUST provide the negative Covid test result or an alternate diagnosis from the doctor. The child will not be allowed in the classroom if those documents are not sent by email or shown to the teacher at the door. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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I would like to remind all the parents that the last day of school in 2021 will be December 17, 2021 and the school will close down for winter holidays from Dec. 20, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022 (incl.). The first day of school in 2022 will be Tuesday January 04, 2022.

Lastly, I would like the families to continue following the health and safety guidelines to keep our community safe during the holidays. The new variant is also a point of concern and we all have to do our part to keep each other safe and healthy.

Happy Holidays to all of our wonderful children and families.

Warm Regards,

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