



LANSING CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE LANSING CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

News from the Staff

From the Director:



Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party will be taking place Saturday, December 6th! A big Thank you to Mona and her special events team for all of the preparations. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to bring a potluck dish. We look forward to tasting a variety of yummy family favourites!

Children's Holiday Party

Children's Holiday Party is on **Thursday December 18th**. All children are welcome to attend this day. The children will enjoy special holiday activities including ginger bread cookie decorating. Children's entertainer Lenny Graf will perform for us at 10:30am. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.**

Please note that this is the last day of class before the holiday break.

Winter Weather Reminders:

Indoor Footwear

To ensure that our school floors stay slush and puddle free, please make sure that your children have indoor shoes. Duty parents are also asked that you bring indoor shoes with you for your duty days and leave wet boots in the cubby area.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather becomes colder we would like to remind parents to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the weather.



We will be playing outside every day unless it is raining or colder than -10 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.

Parking Issues:

At our parent meeting in Fall I requested that parents stop parking along side of our building when dropping off their child.

THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE if there is an emergency a fire truck or ambulance would not be able to get to the school. For the safety of all the children and consideration of others **please do not park** along side of the school for any pick up or drop off.

The school parking lot is for staff and duty day parents. All parents are asked to use the church parking lot designated area and remember to have your "Lansing logo" visible on your dash. Let's all work together for the safety and well-being of every child at Lansing.

December 2014

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December Birthdays

- ♦ Farzan - December 16th
- ♦ Cheryl- December 22nd
- ♦ Rhys - December 26th

Donate to our school Online.

www.lansingnursery.org
www.canadahelps.org/dn/18178

Reminder for this Month!

School will be closed from December 19 to January 4 2014.

School Re-opens **January 5 2014.**

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LANSING CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

News from the Board

From the President:

Programming for the 2015-6 School Year and New Fundraising Campaign Announced

PROGRAMMING:

Changes Proposed for next September, Discussed Via Survey

We're in the middle of a busy fall season here at Lansing and there has been a lot happening in all parts of the school. I wanted to bring you up to date on two areas of interest: planning for the school's programming for the next school year (starting September 2015) and fundraising.

As you know, Lansing has for the past few years been preparing for the introduction of Full Day Kindergarten and the impact that would have on the programs we offer.

To be clear, we don't intend to dramatically change our core offerings—the morning Nursery School with optional Duty Days and the afternoon and full-day Pre-school options for older children. However, we recognize that these may need to be modified to best meet the needs of the community and keep our school in a good financial position for future years.

Many of you filled out an online survey earlier this month to give the Board your feedback on whether these changes would work for you, as members of the communi-

ty. We thank you for your comments. The Board is meeting December 9 to discuss your feedback and make decisions about the programming to be offered in September.

Details about the new programming will be available later in December and early registration for Pre-School (for current families enrolling children 3.5 years and older) starts in January.

If you have any concerns about these changes, or want to discuss further, feel free to contact me or Gina Celsie or any Board member.

FUNDRAISING:

New TEAM Campaign Launched—Year's Total Approaching \$2000 and Counting!

I'm pleased to announce the launch of this year's TEAM Fundraising Campaign, a campaign focusing on Teaching resources, Equipment And Maintenance for the school.

Funding from fundraisers like the current ornament and pumpkin pail sales, events like Movie Nights, and donations coming through our online donation page are all part of the TEAM campaign.

Through these avenues our current fundraising total is nearing \$2000, with nearly \$1000 of that coming from

online cash donations. A big thank you to the generous families who have donated to date, as well as to the fundraising team for all their efforts.

With TEAM funding, we have already purchased new outdoor bouncy balls and hoops; and replaced the red play-dough table in the red room. Over the year we are planning to make repairs to one of the children's bathrooms, to make needed repairs to the playground steps and potentially to replace some older kitchen equipment needed to prepare snacks for the students.

However, we are still far away from our \$5000 fundraising target needed to make all these plans a reality. To track our progress, we'll be mounting a fundraising "thermometer", showing the "mercury" rising as we get closer to the target. Watch for it to be placed in the school foyer, and follow (and contribute to!) its progress over the coming months.

So, over the holiday season, if you can make a cash donation to the school via our online donation page, it would be greatly appreciated. The TEAM Campaign needs the contributions of all Lansing families, so thank you for being part of our TEAM!

Have a great holiday season and see you Saturday at the Holiday Party! Jodi (Evelyn's mom)

December 2014

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 	19 	20 
21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
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December 6 - Annual Holiday Party.



December 18 - Children's Holiday Party. Lenny Graf 10:30



December 19 - Staff clean up day. School Will be closed.



December 22 to January 4th - Winter Break school closed.



January 5 - School re-opens

Looking Ahead...

Friday, December 19th - January 4th - Winter Break—school closed

Monday, January 12th & Tuesday, January 27th, 2015—First open house of the 2015/16 school year.

Mid year junior and senior kindergarten report cards will be sent home.

What's Cooking?

Reindeer Cookies!

What You Need:

1 roll of pre-made sugar cookie dough
small pretzel rings
M & Ms
1 bell shaped cookie cutter
flour
baking sheet

What You Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Open cookie dough and mix in about 1/4 cup of flour to make the dough a stiffer consistency. Lightly flour the table, then roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness.

Using the bell cookie cutter, cut out 12 bell cookies. Turn the bell cookies upside down. This is your reindeer face! Place a red M&M in his nose and one pretzel on each side of his head for the ears. (See photo)

Bake for 10 minutes or until very lightly browned around edges. Remove from oven and let cool on the baking sheet for 1-2 minutes. Remove to a cooling rack to finish cooling.

Remember to leave some cookies for Santa!



News from the Staff cont'd...



Gingerbread Houses

On December 11th, the children at Lansing will be making their very own Gingerbread Houses to celebrate the upcoming holidays!



Chanukah

Callen's family will be coming in on December 17th to share with the children about the traditions and celebrations of Chanukah. As a special treat for that day, the children will be served Latkes.

Staff Clean-up Day

Friday December 19th is a Staff Clean-up Day. The school will be closed. The teachers will be tidying up and getting organized for the new year.



News from the Fundraising Team

Lansing Fundraising has 3 events during the holiday hoopla!

Holiday Potluck Silent Auction... We are still collecting items or services to auction off during the Holiday Party this weekend. If you would like to donate, please let us know. Items not auctioned this week will be saved for next year's family event.

2014 Personalized Photo Ornaments... Available for sale but hurry--sale is in its last days! Samples are available for viewing at the cubby area. Send your photos to lansingfundraising@gmail.com asap and we can make one for you! They make beautiful gifts for this merry season.

New for this year, Holiday Family Photos at the Holiday Party.....Wear your party best because a professional photographer will be at the party to capture pictures of families in return for a donation to the school (suggested donation: \$5). A copy will be emailed to each family participating.

PS--Thanks to those who participated in Movie Night and our Movie Night volunteers--teachers and family members/caregivers! Watch for another Movie Night in the spring

Silent Auction

