

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Wed, Nov. 11, 2020**  
Remembrance Day

**Tues, Nov 17, 2020**  
Early Dismissal –  
1:22pm

**Thurs, Nov 19, 2020**  
Early Dismissal –  
1:22pm

**Friday, Nov. 20, 2020**  
NID Day – No School

**Friday, Dec 4, 2020**  
Primary Report Writing  
Day

**Dec 21, 2020 – Jan 1,  
2021**  
Winter Break

**January 4, 2021**  
Back to School

**February 5, 2021**  
NID Day – No School

**February 15, 2021**  
Family Day

**March 22-April 1, 2021**  
Spring Break

**April 2-5, 2021**  
Easter Break

**April 23, 2021**  
NID Day – No School

**May 24, 2021**  
Victoria Day

**June 4, 2021**  
NID Day – No School

**June 25, 2021**  
Last day for Students.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Polaris Montessori Community

November is upon us and it seems like the year is flying by. I am enjoying getting to know your children here at Polaris Montessori.

Our school is hosting Student Lead Conferences within the limits of our Covid Restrictions. The dates are November 17 and 19<sup>th</sup> and because of this our students are dismissed at 1:22. Teachers will be contacting parents on how they will proceed with the conferences.

Freedom with Responsibility has been discussed with the Intermediate classes this past week. I have been emphasizing the importance of student's working to their potential and showing respect for other's learning by working quietly and respectfully.

Winter is coming and children need to come prepared for the weather. They need to have coats, hoods or toques, mitts and boots with them.

It was exciting to see more parents on Zoom for the PAC meeting. Please join us on the last Tuesday of the month for Polaris Montessori PAC meetings.

We are having a Virtual Remembrance Day on Tuesday, Nov. 10. There is also no school on the following day, Nov. 11, 2020.

Stay safe and Healthy.

Ms. T. Tisdale

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, November 9 – Picture Retakes \*\*note change of date\*\*

Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 17 – Early Dismissal – 1:22pm

Thursday, November 19 – Early Dismissal – 1:22pm

**Friday, November 20 – Pro D – No School \*\*note date change from original SD57 Calendar\*\***

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Remembrance Day virtual assembly will take place

**Tuesday, November 10th at 10:40am.** Students will be given a poppy to wear before the assembly. If you would like to send a poppy donation at that time, we will forward any donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.



## At Polaris Montessori

*We will empower students,  
families, and staff.  
Follow the core principles of  
a Montessori philosophy.  
Harmonize the best of what  
the Montessori and B.C.  
Public Schools' curriculum  
have to offer.  
Create a school culture  
where everyone feels,  
connected, cared for,  
respected, safe and happy.  
Ensure that students and  
staff will be successful  
within the broader  
educational community,  
to help students and staff to  
be self-directed, self-  
monitoring, risk takers.*



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## **CHECK BACKPACKS AND PLANNERS**

Please remember to check your child's backpack/planner for any important information that comes home.

## **BE PREPARED ☺**

We appreciate that families are ensuring their children come to school with all their supplies/lunch for each day. We know it is a different process to drop off items with our doors locked. Thank you for your help!

## **COLD WEATHER POLICY**

An "In Day" will be called on very cold weather days. On such days there will be a sign posted at the front door by 8:20am. Students can then enter at their usual entrance door and sit quietly outside their classroom. Please ensure your children are dressed warmly for the weather conditions as it could warm up during the day and students will then go outside to play.



## **DRESS FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS**

We have already had a few chilly days and several students have not been prepared for the weather! Please help your child to ensure they are coming with proper outdoor wear so that they are not cold while they are outside during lunch time or before and after school.



It is also a very good idea to send an extra set of clothes and to label all coats, snow pants and boots.

## **PAC HOT LUNCHES**

Hot lunch coming soon!! While we're getting things set up behind the scenes, please take the time to setup an account on the hot lunch site. Even if you've had an account in the past you'll have to re-register as we must reset the accounts due to privacy reasons. Attached is the link to the hot lunch page and instructions on how to setup an account. While you're there, checkout the ongoing fundraisers for class pets and Montessori classroom supplies. We hope to have hot lunch running in the next couple of weeks and will aim to have one every other week on Thursdays. Also, please note that for now we're only taking credit card as payment. If you have any questions or you'd like to volunteer on hot lunch days (Thursday from 11-12pm) please message Alisa Olesik at [alisakimi@hotmail.com](mailto:alisakimi@hotmail.com). [www.polaris.hotlunches.net](http://www.polaris.hotlunches.net)

## **PAC POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER**

PAC is selling beautiful Poinsettias, wreaths, planters and greenery to raise money for Montessori classroom materials. By purchasing a poinsettia this winter, not only will you be spreading holiday cheer, you will also be supporting an amazing cause! Ordering and paying online makes this a COVID safe fundraiser.

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