



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

January 27, 2017



Important Dates

Jan. 29	MLC Clean Up Day 12-5pm
Jan. 30	February Billing Processed
Feb. 2	MLC Open House @ 5:45pm
Feb. 3	Balloon-o-gram Orders Due
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Feb. 9	MLC Board Meeting 9am @ First Security

Valentine's Day Fundraiser
 The classrooms are preparing a Balloon-o-gram fundraiser for Valentine's Day this year. A Balloon-o-gram costs \$5 and includes 1 helium balloon, a personalized note and a small bag of candy. You have the option to add additional items for an additional fee. Order Forms are available in each classroom and are due on or before **February 3, 2017.**

MLC Clean Up Day

Our building is in need of some maintenance and we need YOUR help. Sunday, January 29th we will have a Clean-Up day. After we finish our work, we plan on going to Lone Peak Brewery for dinner and drinks. Please let Stephanie know if you plan on coming! See the flyer below for details.

The Great Kindness Challenge

We are partnering with the Big Sky School district in the Great Kindness Challenge. Attached is a worksheet with acts of kindness your child can check off. Preschool students will dress in Theme each day next week:

Monday - Beach/Hawaiian Style

Tuesday - Superhero

Wednesday - Hippie

Thursday - Rock Star

Friday - School Spirit: Stars! The Preschool class will face paint stars, have star stickers, etc.



Director's Desk

We are excited to show MLC families and the community the recent changes at Morningstar. We have been purchasing new learning tools for the students, restructuring staffing, amending policies, and sprucing up our building. Please plan to attend one of our Open House nights, February 2nd and 3rd where you may talk with staff, see the changes in our classrooms, and have a Q & A with members of our Board of Directors.

Spread the word!

Welcome **Sonya DeChaine!** Sonya is a new Teacher's Aide who will be helping out in all of the classrooms. Sonya is an energetic, fun-loving aunt who has worked with children as a wrangler at Elkhorn Ranch, as well as helping take care of her own niece and nephew. She grew up in Bozeman and is looking to relocate to Big Sky with her fiancé and dog.

January Theme: Winter

This next month all the classrooms surrounding this theme.

The **Infant Class** will promote the idea of friendship and kindness. They will read the Hand are Not for Hitting series, and use phrases such as "gentle hands", "teeth are not for biting," etc. They will also begin a Valentine's Day Craft.

The **Toddler Class** will focus on gross motor activities each morning through playing games. They will continue to include elements from this last week's Fairytale theme, and will also participate in some of the Kindness Challenge activities. Tuesday they encourage students to dress up like superheroes!

This week the **Preschool Class** will learn about what makes a community and the different roles within a community. To complement this theme, they will also participate in the Kindness Challenge and Spirit week.





MORNINGSTAR LEARNING CENTER

CLEAN UP

HELP CLEAN UP OUR BUILDING!



If you can:

- fix door handles,
- pull staples from walls,
- hang curtain rods,
- dust

we can use your assistance!

Mark your calendar for

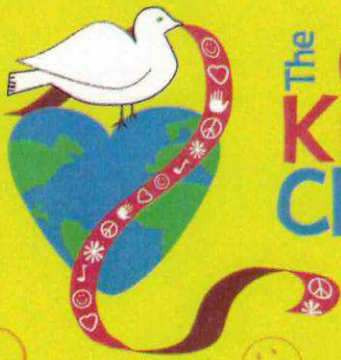
Sunday, January 29th from 12-5pm.



Lone Peak Brewery and Taphouse has graciously offered

50% off food and beer

for all volunteers!



The Great Kindness Challenge

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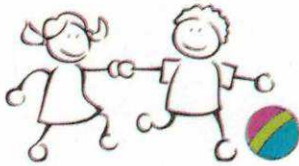
Kindness Matters.
Complete as many acts of kindness as you can.
Have fun!

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Acts of Kindness

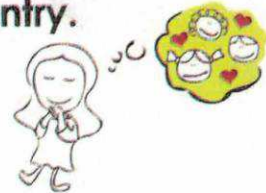
Invite a new friend to play.



Smile at 25 people.



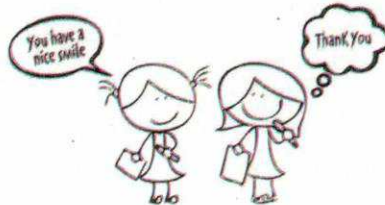
Make a wish for a child in another country.



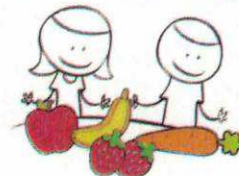
Give your friend a High Five.



Compliment 5 people.



Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack.



Decorate 5 hearts and give them to friends.



Entertain someone with a happy dance.



Lend a pencil to a friend.



Help someone up if they fall down.



Thank someone who has helped you.



Create your own kind deed.



A Kids for Peace Experience
KidsforPeaceGlobal.org
GreatKindnessChallenge.org

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