



# Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

December 9, 2016



**Theme:**

## Children of the World

*This next week all the classrooms will be participating in activities surrounding this theme.*

### Important Dates

Dec. 14	Community Library Preschool Story Time
Dec. 14	Ms. Lori Swenson's Birthday!
Dec. 15	January Enrollment Due
Dec. 21	School Holiday Party
Dec. 22	MLC is Closed
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Please send your January enrollment to Stephanie Kissell by Dec. 15.

### Cleaning Up

This month and next, the staff is working on cleaning and organizing. This past week we went through our donated clothing and have many cold-weather items that need a new home. We will be posting these items on Big Sky Village of Parents on Facebook, but if any of our MLC families have a need, please let your Lead Teacher know as we would like to give you first priority.



In addition, we have two donated car seats in great condition looking for a new home!

For this next week Morningstar students will learn about different cultures and how they celebrate holidays. Students will have opportunities to create cultural crafts, participate in dramatic play, and eat cultural food as they learn about different traditions. Families are invited to share any personal cultural experiences with the classrooms as students learn how others celebrate special holidays.

The **Toddler class** is asking for families to bring food items on **Friday, Dec. 16**, that are a part of their tradition when celebrating holidays traditions.



### Director's Desk

This month I have asked the teachers to come up with a **Holiday Wish List** for each of their classrooms. If you would like to donate or purchase any of these items, I have created an Amazon.com wish list titled: **MLC Holiday Wish List 2016** for you to access. Morningstar is a 501 (c)(3) so all items are tax deductible. We will provide you with a receipt of your gift for your records.

Welcome **Stephanie Byam!** She is a Teacher's Aide working primarily in the toddler classroom. She has a degree in Animal Science but has recently been interested in pursuing early childhood education. She has experience working as a nanny and youth wrangler at a guest ranch. She lives in Big Sky.

We would like to say *farewell* to **Ms. Ginny Ferguson**. She has been a part of the team at MLC for over 5 months and has done a wonderful job working with our students, families and colleagues. We will miss her and wish her the **very best** as she embarks on a new endeavor.

### Extra Extra Extra Clothes!



Please send your child to school with plenty of warm clothes. Now that the snow is here to stay, we want to make sure all of our students stay dry and warm each day. Thank you!

We have heard reports from around the community...

### Flu season is here.

We care about the health and well-being of our students and staff. Please review MLC's Parent Handbook on symptoms and illness policies and as we work to keep MLC as healthy as can be.



This week, Community Librarian Robbeye Samardich will be hosting a story time at 11am. She will read books that support our theme and lead a craft activity.



### PARTY TIME!

Our staff is planning a **Pajama Holiday Party** for our students on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 4-5:30pm. Parents are invited to attend! If you would like to help, here are some things we need:

- **Parent Volunteers (3)**
- **Cookies and frosting for decorating**

*Please talk to your child's teacher or Stephanie Kissell if you are interested in helping out!*