



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

April 21, 2017



April Theme: Animals

This next month all the classrooms will participate in activities surrounding this theme.

The **Infant Class** has had a wonderful time learning all about farm animals and will be learning more about forest animals this week. They are looking forward to spending more learning time outside as the weather gets nicer.

The **Toddler Class** will study the letter Z and learn about ZOO ANIMALS! They will count spots on a giraffe, match patterns on other zoo animals, and make paper plate lions.

It's spring in Montana and the wildlife is buzzing! The **Preschool Class** will be studying "Mont-animals"! Have you seen any moose, deer, or other exciting creatures? We would love to hear about it as we explore the natural habitats in our own backyard. Did you know Montana is unique in that it is one of the last states in the lower 48 to have more animals than people?

Important Dates

April 28	May Billing Processed
April 28	No School
May 3	IB Informational Meeting @ WMPAC @ 6pm
May 4th & 5th	Give Big Gallatin Valley Fundraiser

Reminder:

No School on Friday, April 28th.

Quarterly Enrollment Policy Update

Quarterly Enrollment Policy helps MLC predict long-term staffing and financial needs while allowing families flexibility with scheduling. Families are required to give their enrollment dates 3 months in advance. In an effort to be accommodating, if families notify MLC 30 days or more in advance of absences (for example: vacations), they will be charged 50% of their tuition. Just a reminder that our Summer Quarter Enrollment is due **May 15**.



Director's Desk

I will be out of the office next week. Lori Van Eps will be here all next week so please direct any questions, comments, or concerns to her. Thank you!

Stephanie's Office Hours: No Office hours this week

Faye's Office Hours: Wed. 8:00am-9:30am

Lori's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-10am

Or by appointment

Give Big Gallatin Valley May 4th and 5th

Morningstar Learning Center along with other non-for profit organizations in Big Sky are teaming up with Give Big Gallatin Valley for a 24-hour live and online celebration of giving created to increase giving in Gallatin County.

Mark your calendars for an exciting kick-off event hosted by Lone Peak Cinema May 4th from 6-7:30 pm. There will be a raffle with great prizes, happy hour prices on beverages for those who donate, AND information on local Big Sky non-profit organizations!

You may access our giving page here: <https://www.givebiggv.org/organizations/morningstar-learning-center>

IB Primary Years Program Informational Session

Wednesday, May 3rd, in the WMPAC @ 6:00 PM

Families with children in K-5th grades are invited. At this event, many important aspects of the Primary Years Program including the curriculum structure, the character education component, and BSSD's timeline for the full implementation of the program will be discussed.

