

**December 11, 2012**

**Dear Parents,**

**Winter** is finally here...the children have been waiting for the snow and the teachers have been researching snow sculptures and igloo building supplies.

**St Nickolas** and his horse, Black Peter ( the older children said there was a “human” in there) two actually, came to school on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and the children all put out their shoes during nap time and woke to find candy canes in all the shoes.

The children and teachers are preparing Luminaria bags to line the school walkway Dec 17-21 from 4:15-6pm to brighten your arrival at school. Please join us for hot chocolate and holiday cookies baked by the children from 4-6pm to celebrate the **Winter Solstice**.

Thanks to the parents who are bringing special activities and food to celebrate their own cultural and family holidays. The children and teachers love your **participation**.

### **Looping of our Teachers**

Three teachers will be rotating in the Peace, Wind Song and Shell room as Lori ScottRussell will be moving to part time and become our Toddler Program Coordinator supporting the Wind Song, Sun and Shell classrooms + numerous other duties to support the daily life of the school.

**Katrina McMahon will join the Shell room team.**

**Gina Heldberg will join the Wind Song team.**

**Molly Rader will join the Peace room.**

**While the children will miss these teachers, they will be reunited with these teachers as they move through the classrooms and**



**they will be close by to visit the children every day. This change will take place – next Monday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**We wish your family a wonderful, restful and joyful holiday season and a peaceful and successful New Year!**

**Affectionately,  
Beth MacDonald & the MMS Staff**