

# Bettye Hyde Newsletter

April 2006



**April ... / Hath put a spirit of youth in everything.**

- Sonnet xiii, William Shakespeare

## **Spring Rain**

*by Marchette Chute*

The storm came up so very quick  
It couldn't have been quicker.  
I should have brought my hat along,  
I should have brought my slicker.

My hair is wet, my feet are wet,  
I couldn't be much wetter.  
I fell into a river once  
But this is even better.

## **Scientists in School**

**(by Rosemary Leach)**

On Thursday, April 12 budding scientists in Bettye Hyde's afternoon programme became "Scientists in School." During a visit from "Scientist Jane," the children learned about the kinds of work a scientist may do and had the chance to try out some scientific experiments at four different workstations.

At the **Meteorology** or **Weather** station, Scientist Jane demonstrated how a thermometer works by placing both ice-cold water and very hot water in a flask sealed with a rubber stopper containing a glass tube filled with red liquid. The children saw how hot air at the bottom of the tube pushed the red liquid up to show a rise in temperature. In addition the kids sprayed small sponges with water to emulate how a cloud fills and then measured the "rainfall" using a rain gauge. Finally, with the help of a portable fan, Scientist Jane demonstrated how to measure the speed of wind using a miniature Anemometer.

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At the **Chemistry** station, the children tested various substances such a kool-aid, brown sugar, pepper, salt and rice to see which ones would dissolve in water to make a solution.

During their stop at the **Astronomy** station, the children learned how to find magnetic north on a compass. As well, they learned about some of the constellations in the night sky, like the Big Dipper. Inside a darkened tent they looked at examples of shooting stars, the moon and Saturn, that famous planet with rings!

And what scientific expedition would be complete without a chance to look some dinosaurs? At the **Paleontology** station the children made rubbings of dinosaur skeletons, went on a dig and created their own fossils!

Here are some of the excellent ideas Bettye Hyde's children came up with when they were asked what is a scientist:

“Someone who discovers stuff and sees new stuff.” “They teach you things you didn't already know.” – Sam  
“They make chemicals.” – Mila  
“They can use lots of different materials.” – Sarah

“Scientists in School” is a great way for kids to learn that anyone who is curious can study science. Thanks to Scientist Jane Smyth for making the afternoon so interesting and fun. If you'd like more information on the programme please contact Monika Michalska.

## Important Up-coming Events

Wednesday 26 April—“Loving Literacy,” a presentation by educator Barbara Brockmann  
As many parents and educators actively promote reading and emergent reading behaviours, this workshop will focus primarily on developing writing opportunities for pre-school children, as well as recognizing emergent writing abilities. This presentation will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the school.

### \*Friday 5 May -- Morning Program Fieldtrip

--The morning children will be going to the Experimental Farm to see the new spring lambs and calves, among other fun activities.

### \*Friday 5 May -- Afternoon Program Fieldtrip

--The afternoon children will visit the Children's Museum at the Museum of Civilization from 1-3 p.m.

**\*Please note that these fieldtrips are not open to children who attend the school's Tuesday-Thursday program.\***

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Wednesday 10 May—"Math Matters," a presentation by educator Barbara Brockmann  
This presentation, a follow-up to the 26 April presentation on literacy, will highlight early math activities for pre-school children. It will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the school.

Friday 12 May—Greg's last day!

We will be sad to say good bye to the wonderful "man with the red shoes," who leaves us on this day for adventures in distant lands. MANY MANY THANKS, Greg, for your dedicated work and fabulous rapport with the children. Our best wishes go with you!

Friday 12 May—Mother's Day Breakfast (**Open to ALL families**)

Calling all mothers to come to BH school on this morning for a scrumptious breakfast of fresh fruit and muffins, served by the children! The school will open at 7:30 to accommodate all early-risers. All families are welcome to attend this event.

## **SPRING FAIR, 3 June**

### **A Note from Carm, regarding the Yard Sale:**

With spring flowers comes spring-cleaning. We need items that you can part with to sell at the Bettye Hyde Spring Fair. We are asking each family to donate \$50 to \$60 of good ticket items. We will be selling children's items and clothing, books, and good workable household appliances.

- Items we Need:
- 1) High-end children's clothing (MEC, GAP, Osh Kosh)
  - 2) Toys (Fisher Price, bikes)
  - 3) Children's CDs, DVDs, books
  - 4) Attractive (even coffee table-style) adult books
  - 5) Household items (blenders, juicers, et cet.)

**WE ALSO NEED A PLACE TO STORE ITEMS before the FAIR. CAN YOU HELP?**

**On Thursday 27 April**, there will be a mandatory meeting of **all Spring Fair group leaders** at Drumlin's Pub (321 Somerset St. East) at 7:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events for All Saints Church**

- 1) "Rockin for Robes": Don't forget to mark **April 29<sup>th</sup>** in your calendars. All Saints' annual blues dance and dinner costs a mere \$15 per person. This adults' evening is a fabulous and inexpensive night out. All proceeds from this adults-only evening go to the church. Get your tickets from Cindy!
- 2) Strawberry Tea and Mega Art Sale: Don't miss **June 24-25** at All Saints Church. The tea and art sale are well-loved annual events and important fund raisers for the church.

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## Of Note:

Welcome to our Algonquin College students, Nan and Lyndsay.

An arts program has begun in the afternoon program.

(from the Registrar) Please ensure that all your postdated cheques for the 2006-2007 BH school year are submitted to Monika by **Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Failure to provide the cheques on time will result in losing your child's spot in next year's program.

**THANK YOU to Christa Nichols**, Harry and Bridget's mom, for so generously printing a great number of fabulous colour brochures to promote Bettye Hyde School. Ask the teachers to see these brochures, and be sure to pass them out to prospective new Bettye Hyde families!

## **The Teachers' Wish List**

Can you donate any of the following items? We would be grateful!

- art calendars, preferably of the work of Monet, Seurat, and van Gough.
- a regular (not digital) 35 mm camera

## **BH Fundraiser: Mrs. Tiggywinkle receipts**

Please search around at home and/or buy those remaining birthday gifts—and hand in the last of your Mrs. Tiggywinkle's receipts by **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Next month's newsletter will provide an update on this BH fundraiser.

**In an effort to keep our downtown school safe**, parents are asked to be more vigilant about strangers in or outside the church. Please ask such people some version of the following questions: "May I help you?" "Are you looking for someone in particular?" It takes a community effort to keep our children safe.

**Please remember to drop off any used toner cartridges or cell phones** in the recycling box which is now in the coatroom. Let's be good examples to our children about RECYCLING and RE-USING.

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**BH website:** Be sure to check out [www.bettyehyde.com](http://www.bettyehyde.com). Make sure to put your cursor on the pictures, because they change! The more hits the web site receives, the more chances that **Google** will pick it up for broader accessibility.

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## Nut-Free Chocolates, Candies and Cookies

A little late for the spring holiday season, nevertheless check out BonBonVivant, a Kanata company that specializes in nut-free chocolates, candies, and cookies. Alicia and Patrick Meeds developed their company to combat the frustrations and fears they experienced in shopping for their own severely nut-allergic child. Their products are manufactured in an environment that is free of all peanut and tree nut allergens (bulk correspondence to Cindy, 18 Oct 2005). They have a wide variety of products in a variety of flavours. Among the boxed chocolates, for example, choose from 11 flavours, including cappuccino and salt caramel. Among the "Kids Only" packages, check out the bags of dinosaurs, turtles, flowers, or zoo animals.

Treats for any occasion. Always handmade to order, with fresh ingredients and Belgian chocolate. All peanut and nut free!

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Alicia and Patrick Meeds

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