

Special Guests

On Friday, April 13th *Scientists In School* will be coming to Bettye Hyde. Our afternoon children will be participating in the *There's No Place Like Home* program, which explores animals in their natural habitats. We are looking for a few afternoon parents who can come in to participate and help out that afternoon from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. If you are interested, please speak to one of the teachers.

Staff Changes

Thursday, April 5 was Claudia's last day at Bettye Hyde. As many of you know, Claudia left as she is due to have a baby within the next month. We wish Claudia all the best and look forward to visits from her and her baby! We are pleased to announce that Danielle will be extending her hours now that her school year is wrapping up. She will be replacing Claudia and will now be working 9:00 – 2:30 every day.

Algonquin College Job Fair

On April 16, Lisa and Janet will be attending a job fair at Algonquin. The E.C.E. department is hosting the event which will be a terrific opportunity for us to meet this year's graduating class and hopefully find quality teachers to add to our own substitute teacher list.

Sandy Hill Community Garage Sale

Saturday May 12, is the Sandy Hill Garage Sale. Bettye Hyde Nursery School will be setting up a table that day to promote the school. Catherine, Janet and Lisa will be there to answer questions about the school and our programs, and also to publicize our Spring Fair.

Litter-less lunches

The City of Ottawa has implemented a change with respect to garbage pickup. The city will no longer pick up garbage from Child Care Centers. Due to this change, we would ask all children in the lunch program to start bringing a litter-less lunch from home. Investing in some reusable drink and food containers will help to decrease the garbage and can also save your family money in the long run. Several of the other schools have already implemented litter-less lunches. The teachers will put out the recycling bins at lunch time and any garbage (non recyclable) i.e. drink boxes and cheese string wrappers, generated from the lunch will be left in the bag and sent home for the family to dispose of. This new change will be effective immediately. Please help us achieve this goal of no garbage from our lunches and ultimately help out the environment. We would ask the same consideration for the snacks brought for special days. Any garbage should be taken home with you. To those of you already doing this, a great big THANK YOU.

Some Noteworthy Items

Caregiver Required for 2-3 months

I am looking for a full-time caregiver (your home or mine) for approximately 2-3 months starting in August to care for my son Thomas who will be 15 months old. I would prefer someone in the Sandy Hill neighborhood or close to the downtown core. Rate negotiable. If you are interested, please contact Sandra (Molly's mom) at 613-789-9083.

Ten Tips for Family Literacy (from the Ottawa Public Library)

1. Begin reading now. – Its never too late, or early, to read with children.
2. Lots of movies are based on books. – Share the book then enjoy the movie together.
3. "Read" while you're in the car. – Experience great books on CD or tape.
4. Make time disappear. – Share a book in the doctor's office waiting room or while you ride the bus.
5. Make this the "year of the magazine". – Subscribe to a magazine for all members of the family.
6. Play with words. – Put magnetic letters or poetry sets on the refrigerator.
7. Make your next birthday party a book affair. – Choose a theme based on a favourite book, put books in the grab bags and create personal books as a craft.
8. Use the library regularly. – It opens the whole world to your family.
9. Build your family library. – Find treasures at yard sales, rummage sales and *Friends of the library* bookstores.
10. Let your children see you reading. – They will begin to copy you.

Board positions

In the March edition of the newsletter we listed the various Bettye Hyde Board positions and their respective job descriptions. As a reminder, please let a teacher or a board member know if you would like to stand for one of the following positions for next year: President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar, Volunteer Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Fundraiser or Newsletter Editor.

Reminders

Spring is fast approaching and so is Bettye Hyde's big event

Items will soon be coming in for our sale and we're looking for space to store them. If you have a dry garage, a basement corner or any extra space at all please let us know. As a reminder we will be selling children's items (clothing, books, toys, snowsuits, etc.) at the Bettye Hyde Spring Fair.

Bettye Hyde Newsletter - April 2007

Shoes, Boots, etc...

Please remember to place shoes and boots on the mats under the pews in the entrance area. For all families' information, the minister of All Saints Church is legally blind. Please keep the entrance area free of clutter. Thanks!

Need a tax break?

In case you did not know, Bettye Hyde is a registered non-profit organization and as such any donations are tax deductible.

Mrs. Tiggy Winkle

If you are buying presents over the next few months please hang on to any Mrs Tiggy Winkle's receipts. They give 10% of the receipt value to Bettye Hyde PLUS a gift certificate for the school. Last year we raised nearly \$200. We will put a collection box for the receipts in the coat changing area. Also tell your friends and family!! The more the better!

Additional clothing

Please ensure that your child has one complete extra set of clothes available at all times. Each piece of clothing needs to be labelled including shoes and socks.

Laundry

Every parent will be asked to take turns doing laundry throughout the year. **Please return all B.H. laundry** on your child's next scheduled day.

Parking

No parking or early drop-off in the Chapel Street parking lot is allowed unless it is your child's **special day**. Please respect this guideline!

www.bettyehyde.com – check it out!

The more hits our website gets, the greater chance **Google** will pick it up which gives our nursery school broader accessibility. Check it now!

Another useful website

www.liceguide.com - a website designed to answer the many questions parents have when confronted with head lice. It has instructional videos, fact sheets and product information that are easy to download.

Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter content and suggestions are always welcome. If there is information you would like to include for the May issue of the Bettye Hyde Newsletter, please send by no later than April 23 to Jane Powers at **jane.p@sympatico.ca**

2006-2007 Board Members

Debra Nolan - President
Shirley Diener - Vice President
Monika Michalska - Registrar
Doug Ainslie - Secretary
Cheryl Hotchkiss - Parent Volunteer Coordinator
Fundraising – Position Vacant
Andrew Staples -Treasurer
Sarah Pantin - Publicity
Jane Powers - Newsletter Editor

Next Board Meeting

The BH board will meet again at 7pm on Thursday, April 19 at Drumlins Pub.

Bettye Hyde Co-operative Nursery School

317 Chapel Street
Ottawa, ON
K1N-7Z2

Phone: (613) 236-3108

E-mail: info@bettyehyde.com