

Bettye Hyde Newsletter

February 2007



Co-operative Nursery School

Registration

Bettye Hyde registration for 2007/2008 is fast approaching. Our OPEN HOUSE is on Wednesday, February 28 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We need your help to publicize the OPEN HOUSE around the neighbourhood. If you go to a playgroup, please take some of the flyers with you and tell new parents about Bettye Hyde. Last year we had a great response because of this extra bit of publicity. Many thanks!

Early Registration

The parents of children who are currently in the School must notify Bettye Hyde by Friday, March 23 if they wish to send their children to Bettye Hyde for the 2007/08 school year. This can be done by filling out an early registration form and paying a fee of \$60. The early registration form will be issued in mid February. As well, 10 postdated cheques are required by Friday, June 1 to guarantee a spot.

Picture Time

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 and 8 for both the morning and afternoon children.

PD Day

Don't forget there is a PD Day Friday, February 9, 2007.

Farwell to Kathleen

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to our music teacher Kathleen Rooney. Kathleen and family are making a more permanent move to their country home and she is taking time to set up her practice out there. We wish the whole family the best of luck! Thankfully Kathleen has recommended a new teacher. Wendy Williamson-Scrimm will be offering a music program at the school on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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A Recap of January Events

- On Wednesday, January 25th, Bettye Hyde School took part in the Literacy Day Challenge. Schools all across the city were invited to find an interesting way to promote literacy in the classroom. In keeping with our co-operative spirit we decided to invite parents into the program to share their favourite children's books during a quiet reading time. Reading a book with children is always such a magical experience. Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend and make this event a success. Everyone from grandparents to siblings got involved. The children were so excited to have so many special visitors. It was truly wonderful to see the joy and enthusiasm in the room.
- Thank you to all the families that came out last week to the spring fair meeting. We have an enthusiastic bunch of people signed up for the various committees. If you were not at the meeting, someone will be contacting you to let you know your committee. Spring Fair is our fundraising event of the school year. This year the spring fair will be on Saturday, June 2nd. Mark this day on your calendars. Every family is expected to participate at the spring fair. If you are unable to attend, you need to arrange for a family representative to stand in for you. If you are doing some spring cleaning and have stuff to donate, please let a teacher or board member know. We can find storage for things until the spring fair if you need it out of your house. There will be more information in future newsletters. Thanks again.

Reminders

PD Days

The P.D. day for this term will be Friday, February 9, 2007

Other important dates

March break March 12 -16, 2007

Good Friday April 6, 2007

Easter Monday April 9, 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!

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Criminal Reference Checks (CRC)

Parents please bring your CRC's into Bettye Hyde School once you have received them from the police. The Director will then make a note of your status and return the forms to you for your records.

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 March issue of the Bettye Hyde Newsletter, please send by no later than February 21 to Jane Powers at **jane.p@symaptico.ca**

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Next Board Meeting

The BH board will meet again at 7pm on Thursday, February 22 at Drumlins Pub.

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