

BETTYE HYDE NEWS

Betty Hyde Family Movie Afternoon

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Description:

A young girl yearns to read and learn despite her parents' discouragement. She is sent to a school with a mean principal and some intense moments occur.

When: Saturday, February 9th, 2 pm

Where: Bettye Hyde

Admission: \$1 per person plus an optional donation of a canned item for the church's foodbank

President's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Directors to wish you and your family a happy and healthy 208. I would also like to welcome back our Director, Cindy Mitchell, who has been away in Australia for this past year. This is a perfect opportunity for me to thank Lisa and Janet for all their hard work as co-Directors while Cindy was away.

Finally, I would like to update Bettye Hyde families on the school's finances. In 2006-07 there were many improvements and renovations that were done at the school. The good news is that we had reserve funds and we are on track financially. This is in no small part thanks to all of your hard fundraising work. Thank you also to all of your participation in the school, because we couldn't have such a wonderful school without you!

Monika Michalska

January./February 2007



Co-operative Nursery School

Important Dates in Winter

February 8th—PD Day (BH closed)

February 9th—Bettye Hyde Family Movie

February 14th/15th—Picture Day

February 18th—Ontario Family Day (BH closed)

February 26th—Open House 6:30—8:30pm

March 5th—Spring Fair Meeting, 7 pm

March 10th—14th (BH closed)

March 21st—Easter Friday (BH closed)

March 23rd—Easter Monday (BH closed)

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G'Day Mate!

By now, you've probably all had a chance to meet with the returning director of Bettye Hyde. After a year of chasing dreams and blue-tongued lizards during a special leave with her family in Australia, Cindy has returned to her home here in Ottawa, and her community here at Bettye Hyde.



Cindy was born in Manitoba and studied Child Psychology. She revamped two different daycares in Winnipeg before moving to Ottawa with her partner Kurt 15 years ago. Responding to a small newspaper job posting, shortly after arriving in Ottawa, Cindy applied and landed a job as the director of Bettye Hyde. It was a challenging position to accept, considering the person she was replacing had been the director for 28 years! However, not to be phased by the big shoes to fill, Cindy took up the challenge with energy, commitment and fresh new ideas about child-centred learning.

What a vision she has built over the past 15 years. Despite the difficulties relating to chronic underfunding of the childcare sector, Cindy has worked tirelessly to improve working conditions and benefits within the Co-op. Through her leadership with numerous Nursery school and preschool networks, Cindy has contributed to the larger community of school providers as well. Supporting ideas like flexible hours and optional access, Cindy wants Bettye Hyde to continue to offer quality, affordable care for preschool children in Sandy Hill. By developing ongoing relationships with educational institutions like Algonquin College's Early Childhood Educator program, as well as attracting other excellent employees, she has built a fantastic team of consistent, and professional staff at Bettye Hyde.

With a great love for the community of Sandy Hill, Cindy enjoys each and every day at Bettye Hyde. In her words; "the children are delightful. It's just fantastic. I laugh all the time"!

When she's not working with the children and staff at Bettye Hyde, Cindy enjoys skiing, socializing with friends, music, hiking and bridge. After a year abroad, she's full of energy and enthusiasm for Bettye Hyde and to continue to learn. Cindy aspires to work towards a Master's of Psychology at some point in the future if work and time permit. Welcome back Cindy!

Ottawa's Winterlude February 1st—17th

Every February, Canada's Capital Region is host to **Winterlude**, Canada's winter celebration. Three fun-filled weekends of excitement and activity await the whole family! From spectacular ice carvings to an amazing playground made of snow, Winterlude is a great way to take in the best of our Canadian winter. For more information, contact <http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca>

"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open."

Harry Edwards

Psst! Hey Parents! Read This!

Picture Day

Bettye Hyde's Picture Day will be held on February 14th for T/Th kids and February 15th for MWF kids. We will be taking individual and class pictures on those days.

Music Teacher

Bettye Hyde's dedicated music teacher, Kathleen, is off to China for 2 months. Kathleen, have a wonderful trip. We look forward to hearing your exciting stories upon your return. You'll be missed.

Open House

Bettye Hyde's Open House will be held on February 26th, 6:30-8:30pm. It's a chance for families in the area to visit the school and learn about the program. Please inform your friends and neighbours.

Congratulations to Bettye Hyde family for new addition

Congratulations to Mia Vermiere and family for the safe arrival of Andrew Eric born on January 15th, weighing 8 lbs 10 oz.

Request for Accountant and Financial Wizard

Bettye Hyde is looking for an accountant to volunteer his/her time to conduct a trial audit for the last 2 financial years. Your services would be greatly appreciated.

Spring Fair

The annual fundraising event for Bettye Hyde is fast approaching. Please start saving items for the fair, including maternity wear. This year we've decided not to sell other adult clothing or household knick knacks as they are a slow mover at the sale and have not generated much revenue in the past. The fair will take place on May 31st.

Great Grape Raffle Winners

Wow! \$1987 was raised this year for the renovation of the playstructure.

Congratulations to this year's winners—

1st Nouhad boushy (Maya's grandpa)

2nd Jonathon Phillips (BH Board Secretary, parent of Bettye Hyde alumnus)

3rd Bob Forbes (parent of Bettye Hyde alumnus)

4th Britt Sykes (parent of Bettye Hyde alumnus)

And a special thank you to our top ticket seller—Kara Drover (mom to Willow and Cooper)



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Concern for Kenya: You can help

A friend of All Saints Church (the church Bettye Hyde is housed), Dr. Dan Kaseje, is a medical doctor, priest and HIV/AIDS activist from Kenya.

He has visited Ottawa twice, talking about his work building a new university in Kisumu and fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The church has been fundraising for his efforts in Kenya. You can help too! Donations can be made, payable to All Saints' and they will send the money to him. All Saints will issue a charitable receipt for donations received.

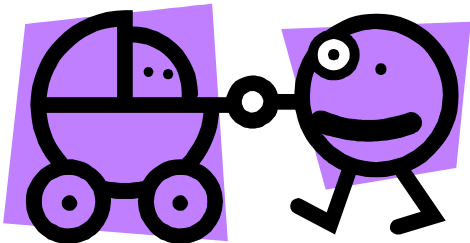
For more information, please talk to Cindy.

Next board meeting: Thursday, February 21st, Drumlin's Pub

www.bettyehyde.com

Parent Request

Nanny urgently needed in New Edinburgh home for a 5 year old boy in the mornings and then he and his 6-year old brother from 3-5pm (both attend Rockcliffe Elementary). The family can make arrangements for full time hours. Please call Sally Douglas at 613-796-3975.



Bettye Hyde Wish List

For this month the Bettye Hyde teachers have put out a request for:

- **scrap paper for the free art area**
- **Access to a local garden**
- **digital camera**

If a camera is donated, a tax receipt for the value of the camera can be arranged.