

Bettye Hyde Newsletter

January 2007



Co-operative Nursery School

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all the families at Bettye Hyde School. With this new 2007 year, we will see a few new faces at school. As noted in the last newsletter, our trusty director Cindy has left on her Aussie adventure. Janet and Lisa will be co-directing the school in her absence. Catherine, Danielle and Robyn will be returning and please help me welcome Claudia to our teaching team. We will have student teachers in from time to time as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask a teacher or any board member. Please make note of the request from the church regarding the St. Francis Room and people's coats, boots and other items. The minister of the church is legally blind and will trip on items left in the general foot path. Thank you for your cooperation. See you around the school.

Debra Nolan
President

And a few words from Claudia....

Hello, my name is Claudia Furino and I am very excited to be joining the excellent team of educators at Betty Hyde. I am a recent graduate of Algonquin College and I have enjoyed spending the last few months working as a supply teacher in daycares and nursery schools in the Ottawa area. I have also been working as a nanny for a wonderful family with two children aged 2 and 4 years old. I look forward to getting to know both the children and parents of Betty Hyde and working closely with everyone over the next few months, as I also prepare for the arrival of my first baby in the spring!

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Registration for Bettye Hyde in 2007/2008 is fast approaching. Our OPEN HOUSE is on **28th February from 7 to 8.30 pm.** We need your help to publicize the OPEN HOUSE around the neighbourhood. If you go to a playgroup can you 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. Please sign up by your playgroup on the sign-up sheet by the attendance log. Many thanks!

Spring Fair Meeting

Please keep your eyes peeled for a note regarding the date for the **Spring Fair meeting.** A representative from every Bettye Hyde family needs to attend. In keeping with this topic, if you have any gently used children's items (clothing, books, toys, snowsuits, etc.) to donate to the Bettye Hyde Spring Fair, please contact us at 613 236 3108. Pick-up can be arranged. Tax receipts given for larger items. Many thanks for your help!!

Picture Time

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

Shoes, Boots etc...

We have been asked by the church to keep the space outside the nursery school more orderly. We are asking all parents, siblings, caregivers and visitors to Bettye Hyde School to place their shoes and boots on the mats under the pews in the entrance area. The church refers to this area as the St. Francis Room. They are very specific about keeping this entrance area clear. For all families' information, the minister of All Saints Church is legally blind. We are to keep all areas clear of clutter, i.e. shoes, boots, strollers etc. Please help us respect the wishes of our landlord. Thanks!

Reusable Metal Water Bottles

For the environmentally minded, here's a link that might interest you about reusable metal water bottles: <http://www.reusablebags.com/> Some of the children at BH are using them and our fabulous past Director, Cindy, thought this would be useful information to pass on.

A Recap of December Events and Good Deeds

- The annual **Festival of Lights** took place December 6 and what a turn out we had! Proud parents poured into Bettye Hyde school to watch their children sing and perform a selection of holiday songs. A big thank you goes to Kathleen, Hannah's mum, who worked with the children to make the evening so magical. The festival

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also provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with other parents and enjoy some tasty food.

- **The Great Grape Raffle** was also a great success. Our target was \$1500 and we're told we did meet it and then some! Many thanks to all who sold and bought tickets. Your support is very much appreciated.
- This year, Bettye Hyde Co-operative Nursery School arranged, through the Shepherds of Good Hope, to assemble and deliver a **hamper** to a family in need in time for the holiday season. We were placed with a family of six; including four children ranging in ages from seven months to nine years old. Every item that was needed, and wished for (including toys for the children), was donated to our family. In fact, many put in more than were requested.

Heartfelt thanks go out to our collective members, and their generous spirits, for making the Bettye Hyde hamper a great success. Have a Happy New Year!
Janelle Brazeau (Gabriel's mom)

Reminders

PD Days

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

Other important dates

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| March break | March 12 -16, 2007 |
| Good Friday | April 6, 2007 |
| Easter Monday | April 9, 2007 |

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

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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.

Afternoon Program

We still have some spaces in the afternoon program. If you have friends with children aged between 3 and a half and five years old who are looking for a fantastic program for their child/children two, three or five days a week please tell them about Bettye Hyde. If they have questions, encourage them to ring one of the teachers, drop by or visit **www.bettyehyde.com** or contact our registrar Monika Michalska by email at monika.michalska@sympatico.ca or via phone at 613.230.5492. Please take some of the flyers by the daily sign-in sheet to give to your friends, family and co-workers. We would love to meet them.

Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter content and suggestions are always welcome. If there is information you would like to include for the February issue of the Bettye Hyde Newsletter, please send by no later than Friday, January 24 to Jane Powers at **jane.p@sympatico.ca**

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Next Board Meeting

Details to be confirmed.

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