

Spring Fair – it's here!!!

The Spring Fair is just a few days away. In fact it's this coming Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tell one, tell all – the more the better, we hope to have a large turnout for the fair. It is such a great fundraising opportunity for the School. Thank you to all the families in advance for their participation and support.

Plans for the fair are well under way and in hand. However if you have not touched base with your committee head please ask a teacher or a board member to put you in touch with them as soon as possible.

Each family has been asked to donate children's goods, i.e. clothes, toys, books, for the fair. These items can be dropped off anytime at the school up and until Friday, June 1st at 9:30 p.m. We would ask that all toys and clothes be washed and look as new as possible.

All baked goods need to be dropped off at the school by 5pm on Friday, June 1st so that they can be priced and labelled for the sale. Due to the concerns of food allergies, a key list of ingredients should accompany all your goods. You should have received some blank cards and ribbons with instructions in your child's cubby hole to attach to the baked goods. Please, no items made with bananas or containing nuts.

Tarps and umbrellas are needed for the yard sale of the fair. If you have one of these items to loan the school, could you please bring it to the school the week of the fair. Please make sure that your name is clearly marked on the item so you can get it back after the fair. Thank you!

The Games Committee has planned some super activities during the day of the fair. Children are sure to have a fabulous time.

- Booth Games (all day)--> Wet Hen, Soccer Bowling, Buried Treasure, Cake Ring Toss
- Craft Table - making lanterns with baby food jars and coloured tissue paper
- Face Painting (all day)
- Smartie Toes - painting kids' toenails Smartie colours)
- Entertainers--> Clown, Juggler, Guitar Sing-Along
- Other Attractions --> Police Cruiser, Fire Truck, Fire Safety House

Thank you again to everyone and see you on Saturday come rain or shine!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Bettye Hyde Co-operative Nursery School AGM will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. It is obligatory for a representative from each family to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Two items need to be voted on at the AGM. The first item is regarding a bylaw update to include 9 board members instead of the 8 positions that are already have in place. The second item will be to vote on whether or not the school should undergo an audit.

The purpose of the AGM is, in part, to elect a new board for the coming year. If you are coming back next year and would like to be more involved please think about standing for a position on the board next year. The time commitment need not be huge. We meet once a month on a Thursday evening for about two hours and you would probably need to put in three to four hours per month on top of that depending on the job you choose. Take a look at the job descriptions below and contact one of the teachers or any board member if you would like to stand for a position. You will have an old board member as a mentor for the first couple of months. Welcome aboard!!

The **President's** role is central to coordinating the work of the board and committees and is directly responsible for overseeing activities and ensuring that all deliverables are fulfilled. The President is also responsible for setting the agenda for meetings and keeping the agenda on track. Additional responsibilities and expectations include cheque signing authority, liaising with staff and families, and fulfilling other tasks as required in order to ensure the success of the organization. Board meetings are held monthly and a bi-monthly Director's meeting is suggested.

The **Vice President's** job consists of supporting and collaborating with the President and being required to undertake or be delegated any role/job the President deems necessary for the proper functioning of the Board.

The role of the **Secretary** is to produce the minutes of the meetings and to distribute them to the Board members and to ensure that a copy is put up in the School. The Secretary also produces any official correspondence that the BH Board or President wishes to send.

The **Registrar** handles registration inquiries, applications and files. The Registrar maintains an up-to-date record of students enrolled in BH and those families who are on the waiting list.

The Registrar strives to have BH filled at capacity at all times within regulations and informs interested parties of any vacancies. The Registrar distributes the monthly student record to the teachers, the treasurer, the snack calendar coordinator and the volunteer coordinator.

The role of the **Volunteer Coordinator** is to maintain lists of volunteer roles based on previous years needs and areas of support identified by the teachers and members of the Board. Using information from the Registrar and the teachers ensure that all volunteer roles are filled by parents or guardians of Bettye Hyde students. Inform parents and guardians of their

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roles and who to contact to fulfil their duties. Where possible, provide volunteers with an outline of their responsibilities including Spring Fair committee task descriptions.

The **Publicity Coordinator** is responsible for publicizing all internal and external events that Betty Hyde is involved with and working with the newsletter coordinator to keep parents informed about events. It also involves designing and distributing publicity material and developing links with local organizations including local elementary schools.

The **Fundraiser** is involved in organizing various fundraising activities such as the Grape Raffle and the Spring Fair. In past years there has also been a fund raising committee to help carry out this job. We aim to raise about \$5,000 a year through these activities.

The job of the **Newsletter Editor** is to collect all the pertinent information required for each months' edition of the BH newsletter. The editor is also responsible for printing and distributing the letter to each BH family.

Registration for September

Updated registration and post-dated cheques are due Friday, June 1 to secure your child's spot for September.

Field Trip

The Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning children will be going on a field trip to the Experimental Farm on Friday, June 1st. Tuesday, Thursday children are also invited but must be accompanied by an adult. The bus will be leaving the school at 9:00 am sharp and returning at 11:30 a.m.

Art Show

The Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoon children will be displaying their art work. The art show will take place at BH, Friday, June 8 from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

End of Year Picnic

The end of year picnic and graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 26 from 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Splash Pad Park.

Refinishing of the church's hardwood floors (our landlord)

The church will be refinishing the hardwood floors of Bate Hall, Guild Room, and the three steps and small foyer area leading to the church offices. The church has asked that people not walk on it all week and they will put construction tape up to warn people. It is an oil finish, and so there will be a strong smell in this area. The church has advised that if we keep our door shut, the smell should not go downstairs, much. However people will be hit with the fumes when they come in either Blackburn or Chapel St. entrances. The church offices will be closed as there will be no access to their offices. The work should be finished Friday, June 8th, for very lightfooted people to tread carefully. Full use of the premises will be ready Saturday, June 9th.

The church thanks BH for our cooperation.

Late Fees

Please remember that you will be charged a \$4.00 fee if your child is picked up late from school. To make sure that everyone is on the same time, the teachers go by the clock in the school above the children's sink where they have snack – near the kitchen.

Sunscreen – a tip from a BH parent

Just a tidbit of info that other parents might find useful as we move into sunscreen season: A little while ago, my dermatologist recommended that we use a CHEMICAL-FREE sunscreen for our kids. She said that many sunscreens are marketed for kids and described as being kid-safe, but actually contain many unnecessary chemicals. Although she didn't recommend any particular brand, I found that Neutrogena Sensitive-Skin sunscreen (a white container with blue cap) has no chemicals in it. It contains "no irritating chemical sunscreens", and lists only one medicinal ingredient (titanium dioxide, 9.1%), in contrast to other products which have that particular ingredient as well as a laundry list of other chemicals. Loblaws sells it, as do many pharmacies.

Teachers Wish List

Banker boxes and binders

Bambinos!!

On February 23 at 4:41 a.m. Karen Strutynski and Chris Altmeyer welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Katarina and Louisa are proud sisters of Rhiannon Jolie Altmeyer.

Claudia Furino, former BH teacher, gave birth on Mother's day to Sophia. What a wonderful gift. Best wishes to all!

Laurent Chagnon is a big brother for a second time! On May 23rd early in the morning, Sengmany Phommachakr and Nicolas Chagnon brought a gorgeous baby boy to our fair earth. We hope to find out his name soon! Congratulations!

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 neighbourhood or close to the downtown core. Rate negotiable. If you are interested, please contact Sandra (Molly's mom) at 613-789-9083.

Child Care Provider in Sandy Hill

Spots available for September
Call Lana 613-565-3180

Reminders

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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Afternoon Parents

Please feel free to come spend an afternoon at Bettye Hyde. Even though you are not expected to stay when you provide the snack for your child's special day, you are most welcome to stick around - the children would love it!

Seasonally Appropriate Clothing

Spring is here and, with it, the wet, muddy weather. Children often need extra socks, pants and shirts after coming in from outdoor play. Please ensure your child has a spare set of seasonally appropriate clothing. If they already have an extra set of clothes, please make sure the clothing still fits. Remember to label all articles.

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!

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.

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

Joint Board Meeting

The 2006-2007 BH board will meet with the new 2007-2008 board on Monday, June 18 at 7pm. This meeting will take place at the school, not the pub.

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