



Bettye Hyde NEWSLETTER - June 2011

Spring Fair Wrap-Up

Bettye Hyde Co-Operative Nursery School's spring celebration and fundraising event, held June 4th, has morphed into a community-wide event and has been renamed the Sandy Hill Spring Fair.

Many local and family themed organizations, artists and businesses participated. Spring Fair committee members extend their gratitude to the following sponsors, performers and organizations for supporting the very enjoyable community event:

Action Sandy Hill, Allison Duncan, Canadian Organic Growers, Culinary Conspiracy, Fitness with Jules, Jamaal Rogers, Let's Talk Science, Loblaws, Metro, National Capital Dance Educators, Ottawakiosk.com, Ottawa East Community Association, Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Stilt Union, Parent Resource Centre, Patrick Glémaud, Rideau Bakery, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, Sandy Hill People Food Co-Op, Spring Action Trampoline Club,



T.A.N. Coffee, University of Ottawa – Gee-Gees, Viscount Alexander Public School, Waldorf Nursery School, Winchester Farm, and all vendors.

Thank-you to everyone who came out!





in the **SPOTLIGHT**

Pily Escobar

Hopefully you have had a chance to take a look at the colourful photo collages hung around the school that capture the children's participation in the various field trips and holidays throughout the year. These story boards are the creative work of Pily Escobar, mom to Carlo in the Morning Program.

Pily, whose husband Carlo is Panama's Ambassador to Canada, says she looks at each collage as a work of art with its own theme and colour scheme.

"I've always liked to be creative," said Pily. "I also make jewellery and I like to paint and I have loved making these works with pictures."

Bettye Hyde director Cindy Mitchell says Pily deserves special recognition for going above and beyond the original volunteer job description of "photo organizer."

"Philly's artistic abilities shone as she created story boards out of the pictures of everyday life at Bettye Hyde," says Cindy.

"Your child's image may be incorporated into a Halloween scene complete with bats and Jacko'lanterns, or it may show them reacting to a volcano complete with 3-D images. The

original farm trip scene is a classic! We were so lucky to have Philly share her creative talents with us this year and I want to thank her for special displays that will remain at Bettye Hyde School for years to come.”

Young Carlo, who will be 4 in July, will be graduating from Bettye Hyde next week and starting J-K in the fall.

Dad Carlo says the family expects its Ottawa posting to last a few more years and they are enjoying all aspects of their Canadian experience.

“We like it here very much - especially having four seasons, even though winter is really, really, really cold. But we learned to downhill ski so it doesn't stop us.”

Experimental Farm Trip May 24th, 2011





“What is magic?” answered by the Afternoon Group May 24th, 2011

DOLPHIN GROUP

Russ: “I think gods are magic. I think God is magic because he made humans.”

Laeteizia: “I think it’s stars that make some thing appear.”

Dejan: “I think it’s someone says “Aresto!” and then someone disappears.”

Matthew: “It’s kinda link if you see something go into a hat and then you say ‘Abracadabra. abracadabra make this shell disappear’ and then if you use a wand it can turn into a rabbit.”

Xavier: “Magic is the dinosaurs that disappeared a long, long time ago.”

Sacha: "Actually, on the railway track there was fire and that made the train fly into the air and then it disappeared just like magic."

Rowan: "Magic is spells."

Connor: "What it is to me is just like stuff that some people can do that others can't like spells. My favourite magic is levitating."

STARFISH GROUP

Amin: "I think I seen Dan make magic with his paint brush. He made an octopus boy with a big smile."

Ikkun: "Dan make it."

Samko: "It's really cool magic."

Rose: "Really good."

Brady: "I think magic is sand."

Stevie: "Magic is I was in some water and I was being a fish and I was swimming."

Eddie: "Water."



Criminal Record Check - ASAP!

All new Bettye Hyde families must have a criminal record check completed before parents will be permitted to volunteer at the school for their child's special days this fall. Failure to do so will result in parents being required to find another parent to take their place or being billed for the cost of a substitute teacher.

Bettye Hyde's Year End Party

Please join us at the Chapel Street splash park on **Tuesday June 28th at 5:30 p.m.** for some family fun to celebrate the end of the year and 2011's graduating children. Don't forget to bring a picnic, blankets, towels and swimsuits!

Please note: The graduation speeches by the teachers will start at 6:00 p.m.

New-parent Orientation Night.

Summer is here but the 2011-12 Bettye-Hyde school year is just three months way. All new parents are asked to plan to attend a one-hour orientation session on **Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 7 p.m.** at the school. Don't worry we'll also remind you in September!

The stork comes again to Bettye Hyde!

Congratulations to Nicholas Sieloff, who became a big brother on June 17th! Sofia Margit Sieloff tipped the scales at 7 lbs, 11.5 oz (3.502 kg for the metric crowd). Mommy Anna and Daddy Rob also deserve a pat on the back for a job well done!

Bettye Hyde's 2011/12 Board of Directors



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In the Community

Jules Hilliker (<http://www.fitnesswithjules.com/>) will be running two fitness programs in Sandy Hill:

1. **Strollercise** is free and is offered out of the Parent Resource Centre on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm. It is the same program run at Boomerang Kids and allows new moms the opportunity to get some exercise and meet other moms in the area. This program will run until July 16th.
2. Jules will be also be offering **Strathcona Park Bootcamp** (co-ed). She will run two sessions on Sunday mornings 9-10am: July 3 to July 24 , and July 31-August 21. Participants can either pay for 4 weeks or 8 weeks. The 4-week session is \$ 45.00 and the 8-week session is \$ 80.00. The drop in fee is \$15.00. Please email Jules at fitnesswithjules@gmail.com to register for Bootcamp or for more details.