



Bettye Hyde Newsletter - March 2007



March Break

Bettye Hyde school will be closed from March 12–16 for March break. Hope you all have fun during the break and maybe even some rest too!!

Crazy themes for each day next week March 5 – 9!!!!

Mardi Gras Monday – come dressed in your brightest coloured clothes and accessories

Superhero Tuesday – dress as your favourite Superhero

Crazy Hair Wednesday – surprise us

Face Painting Thursday – come with face painted or let a teacher get creative

PJ Friday – no need to get dressed today

Pre-Registration

Even though it seems early, it's time to start thinking about your plans for the next school year. You will soon be receiving a pre-registration form to fill out for your returning child, or sibling of a child currently enrolled at Bettye Hyde Nursery School. If you are interested in returning to Bettye Hyde, please make sure to fill out your form, your parent survey and provide your registration cheque of 60\$ per child to one of the teachers by Friday March 23, 2007.

We cannot guarantee your preferred spot, but will do our best to accommodate your choice. To ensure that the pre-registration process is fair, a priority list will be established based on the date of return of your completed pre-registration information.

In April, you will receive notification of the spot that can be offered to you. You will then be asked to fill out or update any registration material and provide post-dated cheques by June 1, 2007. Failure to do so will result in you losing your spot at Bettye Hyde. If you have any questions, please contact Monika Michalska at 613.230.5492 or leave a note in Stefan's mail box.

New School fees

Cost of Programs - Please note there has been a 3% increase in monthly fees and an increase in optional/late fees.

Monthly Cost	T/Th	MWF	MF Flex Fees:
AM - Morning Program	\$134	\$169	\$243
Card of 10 for \$40			
PM - Afternoon Program	\$150	\$190	\$276
Optional Early/Late Pick Up and Drop Off, add amount per 1/2 hr	\$23,	\$35,	\$59.

Example of total monthly costs for increased hours

AM program - monthly fees	T/Th	MWF	MF
9:00 start; 12:00 departure	\$158	\$204	\$302
PM program - monthly fees	T/Th	MWF	M-F
10:30 start , 3:30 pick-up	\$270	\$365	\$571
11:30 start , 3:30 pick-up	\$222	\$295	\$453

Our Survey

As mentioned above a survey will be included in the Bettye Hyde pre-registration package and for those families who will not be returning to BH please be sure to pick up a survey from the teachers.. Tell us what you really think. We would love to have your feedback about your experience at Bettye Hyde. What you like, what we could do differently and what we could improve. Feedback from surveys like this is very important to allow programs to develop and grow so we would be very grateful for your participation.

Board positions

Have you enjoyed your year at Bettye Hyde? Are you coming back next year? Would you like to find out more about how the school runs and have more involvement? Great... How 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 roles and who to contact to fulfill 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 Bettye 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 month's edition of the BH newsletter. The editor is also responsible for printing and distributing the letter to each BH family.

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Some Noteworthy Items

Photo Yearbook

Grace Villandeva (Robbie's mom) has offered to put together a photo yearbook for all the Bettye Hyde Families. If you have any pictures to contribute, please see one of the teachers for more information.

Spring is fast approaching and so is BH's big event

Items will soon be coming in for our sale and we're looking for space to store them. If you have a dry garage, a basement corner or any extra space at all please let us know. As a reminder we will be selling childrens' items If you have any gently used children's items (clothing, books, toys, snowsuits, etc.) at the Bettye Hyde Spring Fair.

A Recap of February Events

On Wednesday, February, 21st the afternoon children went to Strathcona park for a tobogganing party. The sun was shining and the children were a glow. What a glorious adventure rocketing down the hill with friends in tow. After a relaxing winter picnic we were treated to a snowboarding demonstration by some neighbourhood teens. Michael Lemon (Brendan's dad) transported all our gear and joined us on the ride as well. Thanks guys! We couldn't have asked for a more perfect afternoon.

Reminders

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!

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.liceaguide.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 March 23 to Jane Powers at jane.p@symaptico.ca

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

Next Board Meeting

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

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