

Spring Fair News

The annual Spring Fair is quickly approaching. **Saturday, June 2** will be here before we know it! Each family is required to help out on the day of the event. If you have not touched base with your committee head please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

We ask that each family donate children's goods i.e. clothes, toys, books etc. We do not have any storage space so ideally if you can hang on to your donations until the week of the fair that would be great. Otherwise notify a teacher and we can arrange for storage elsewhere. Also please give the slips that you found in your child's cubby to friends and family to encourage them to make donations. Last year we had a wide range of great items so it would be wonderful if we could achieve that this year as well! Many thanks for all your help!

Letter from the bake Sale Committee

Dear Bettye Hyde Families:

As you all know the Bettye Hyde Spring Fair is just around the corner on Saturday June 2nd, 2007. An important fundraising aspect of the Fair is the bake sale and like in years past each family will be asked to contribute one or more homemade bake sale items. A sign up sheet will be posted in the school as of May 1st in order to ensure we have a good variety of baked goods, so please sign up early.

Ideally we would like to raise \$800 or more through the bake sale part of the Fair. Since there are approximately 55 Bettye Hyde families, a \$15+ contribution of baked goods per family would be ideal. To give you an idea of what this would entail, our pricing policy will resemble something close to the following:

- Pies \$7
- Cakes \$12
- Cookies (12 items/ pkg.) \$3-\$5
- Brownies, Squares, Bars (6 items/ pkg.) \$5

We will need all baked goods to be dropped off at the school by **5pm on Friday June 1st** so that they can be priced and labeled for the sale. Due to the concerns of food allergies, a key list of ingredients should accompany all your goods. Please, no items made with bananas or containing nuts.

This year should be a large turnout for the Spring Fair, and a great fundraising opportunity for the School. The bake sale committee would like to thank all the families in advance for their participation, and remember... have fun, fun, fun. It's all about the kids!!

Thanks again,

The Bake Sale Committee

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Bettye Hyde 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. See you then!

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.

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!

Late Fees

Please remember that you will be charged a \$4.00 fee if your child is picked up late from school.

Scientists in School

On April 13th the afternoon program welcomed "Scientist Tracey" to Bettye Hyde. She came to teach us all about animal habitats through her program "There's No Place Like Home". The children were divided into four small groups, then each set off to explore one of the four centres Scientist Tracey had set up.

At "My home is underground" the children discussed which animals tunnel underground. Together as a group they built a tunnel using clear plastic tubing. Following a few more activities, each child took a turn moving through a large tunnel pretending to be one of the animals they had just learned about.

While visiting "My home is the Sea" the groups discussed the differences between salt water and fresh water. Using magnifying glasses, they sorted through a large bowl of shells, matching the shells with photos of various type of shells.

Everyone had an opportunity pretend to be a bird looking for their next meal while visiting "My home is a tree". Using an assortment of different sized tongs and tweezers to mimic a birds beak, the children tried to pick up plastic bugs and food. Each child made their own bird nest before moving on to the next centre.

At "My home is to be found" the groups had an opportunity to be "scientist detectives". Using magnifying glasses they tried to answer the question "who chewed on this?" while looking at several different objects. They also had a hands on opportunity to build a beaver damn, and to learn how a beaver builds his lodge.

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We would like to thank Alison McGrahan (Max's mom) who volunteered for the afternoon running a centre. Thanks Alison!

Science in the School offers wonderful hands on learning opportunities. We look forward to having them back at Bettye Hyde next spring.

Exciting News

On April 3rd Gabriel's family welcomed a new baby boy. Gabriel is very excited to teach his new little brother Emmett everything he knows about cars. On April 16th Samuel Mennier's family also had a new addition to their family, his name is Elliott Benjamin (Bunny) Mennier. The Bunny part won't be on the birth certificate - Samuel chose Benjamin after Peter Rabbit's little cousin. Congratulations to both families. We wish you much health and happiness!

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

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!

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.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.

Newsletter Submissions

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

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Next Board Meeting

The BH board will meet again at 7pm on Thursday, April 19 at Drumlins Pub.

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