

BETTYE HYDE NEWS

November 2008



Catrinas, one of the most popular figures of the *Day of the Dead* celebrations in Mexico

(source: Wikipedia)

THE DAY OF THE DEAD

On Monday November 3rd, Hannah's mom, Sandra, visited the afternoon program to talk about 'the Day of the Dead'. The children learned that this Mexican holiday is a happy, not scary, event meant to remember loved ones who have passed away. They also got to enjoy some 'Dead Bread', a tasty baked good with a hint of orange that left the children requesting a second slice.



Co-operative Nursery School

Important Dates for November/December

November 14th	PD Day
November 22nd	Trivia Night
December 16th	Festival of Lights
December 19th	Last day of School

2nd Annual Trivia Night—November 22nd

Enjoy an evening of trivia, eating and socializing

Who: Parents, friends, family and neighbours are all welcome

What: The evening's activities will include a team trivia contest, silent auction and other games. Bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share with your table (no nuts please), as well as your own plates, cutlery, etc.

Where and When: Bettye Hyde, Saturday, November 22nd at 8pm

Why: All proceeds from the event will help support the Bettye Hyde Co-op Nursery School.

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PAINT POT: THE ESSENCE of CHILDREN'S ART

By Rosslyn Anne, ECE Instructor, Capilano College

As a way to enrich parents' understanding of early childhood education philosophy and principles, we are starting a feature article in the Bettye Hyde newsletter each month.

Children produce art in a natural, spontaneous manner and will do this with vigour when appropriate material is given to them. The child will use drawings to reflect personal experiences, feelings, concepts and ideas, and the inner self. This process of self-expression takes place with little interest in mastering techniques or form. The pleasure is in the process and there is little concern about how their pictures will be evaluated. Art is the individual language of the child.

The goal of art is self-expression. When thinking about art in an early childhood education setting, it is important to remember that self-expression is fostered when children are given the chance to explore, experiment, and simply get involved. Young children find art a fluid and immediate way to express themselves as opposed to verbalizing their thoughts and feelings.

Those who study children's art believe that art is significant in promoting healthy emotional development. Listed below are several aspects of emotional expression that occur through art:

1. Release of feelings
2. Exploration of the child's sense of self and self-image
3. Self-confidence in the ability to express oneself
4. Satisfaction in a meaningful self-communication

Nutrition...from A to Zinc

During our "food and nutrition week", the afternoon children welcomed Max's mom Lucie to circle for a talk about nutrition, specifically the vitamins and minerals our bodies need to be healthy and strong. Beginning with Vitamin A, the children learned what foods to find these important vitamins in and how they might benefit our bodies. We finished with the mineral zinc, and heard how Max and his brother help to pick out healthy cereals at the grocery store by looking at the nutrition guide on the boxes—a fun way to get everyone involved in making healthy choices. We would like to thank Lucie for taking the time to visit; it was a great presentation and an appropriate reminder to get healthy before all the Halloween candy.



Wanted Ads + Other

Wanted: To make Trivia Night a Raging Success!

The organizers of the Trivia night event are looking for prizes for the raffle:

- Do you know a local business that could donate a prize?
- Do you know a budding artist that could donate a piece of art?
- Do you have something you would be willing to donate?

Every family should do their best to donate or solicit at least one prize. Please let Shannon (shed38@sympatico.ca) know what items you have so we can compile a list of prizes that will help generate interest in this important community event.

Wanted: AV Equipment

We are also looking for a few items to make the event run smoothly:

- An LCD projector
- PA system
- If you or someone you know would be willing to lend us these items for the evening it would be greatly appreciated. Please send an e-mail to Shannon (shed38@sympatico.ca) or call (613)236-3108 if you can help out.

Wanted: Play Microwave Oven for Playdough Area

We are looking for a gently used play oven to add to our playdough area. If you have one that is not being used at home, please consider donating it to the school.

Criminal Reference Checks

All of the Criminal Reference checks for volunteers at Bettye Hyde have been sent to the Ottawa Police for processing. Due to the new privacy legislation, these forms will be processed by the police and then returned to your home address (not to Bettye Hyde as happened in the past). It is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE that you bring the Criminal Reference check into the School as soon as possible. Please show your form(s) to any of the Bettye Hyde teachers in order for them to make note of the results.



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Board news

If you're wondering who the Bettye Hyde board members are, take a peek at the photos adorning the wall immediately outside the door to the school.

Taken under duress by photographer Cindy, the photos are to assist you to know who is on the board.

Don't hesitate to contact any of us if you've any questions about the board or about the school.

Meetings are open to all and tend to be fun for those who attend.

Next board meeting November 20th at Drumlins Pub

www.bettyehyde.com

Holiday Hamper



As in previous years, Bettye Hyde will be collecting goods to make up a Holiday hamper for a family in the Ottawa-area through Shepherds of Good Hope. More information will be put into kids' cubbies in the next few weeks.

For now, if you'd like more information or to get involved, contact:

Gaye Taylor at gaye_taylor@yahoo.ca or

Elisa Urrutia at tita_urrutia@yahoo.ca.

Thank You to...

In addition to the parents already featured in this newsletter, the teachers and kids in the morning program would like to thank Joude's mom for presenting a special Eid circle during the morning program.

Also, thanks to Charlie's dad for brining in his newly constructed "Busker Box" for Charlie's special day:. The children loved the music created by this traditional hand cranked instrument and they sang and danced along with great glee We look forward to some Christmas tunes closer to the season.

Congratulations to...

Lavan and family from our afternoon program—Lulu has a new baby sister.