

BETTYE HYDE NEWSLETTER–November 2009



Annual Festival of Lights

Monday December 14th

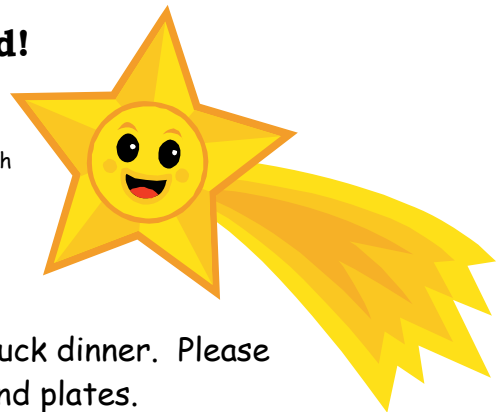
Bettye Hyde School

5:30 -7:30

It's a concert ...starring your child!

Mark your calendars for Monday December 14th from 5:30-7:30p.m. for the annual Festival of Lights at Bettye Hyde Nursery School. The children will amaze us singing seasonal songs.

Following the performance we will enjoy a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish and your own cutlery and plates.



IMPORTANT – SCHOOL CLOSED

Bettye Hyde will be closed from Friday December 18th and will re-open on Monday January 4th

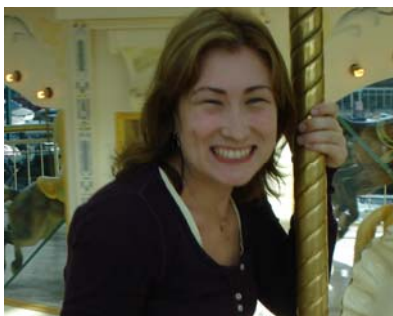
Trivia Nite Raises \$4,000!

The third annual trivia nite was a roaring success – many thanks to all of you for participating in the evening and special thanks to coordinators Brad and Mark and their team of volunteers!



The teachers would like to welcome and introduce Leah Cooke, a student from Algonquin... Here is her bio

My name is Leah Cooke and I am an Early Childhood Education student at Algonquin College in the Intensive program. I recently graduated from Carleton University in the Bachelor of Social Work program and I am interested in furthering my knowledge and experience working with young children. When I am not at school or work, I enjoy reading, biking and photography. I look forward to gaining experience from all of the staff and parents who play such an important part in the education of young children. I am also very excited to learn from all of the children who attend this Centre!



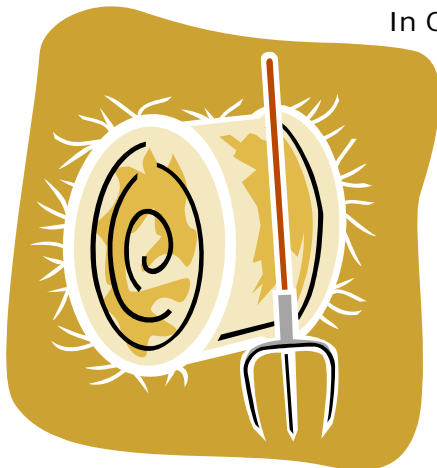
An Update on School Trips and Outings

Valleyview Animal Farm Field Trip (morning program)

On October 22, Bettye Hyde had its annual Halloween Trip to Valleyview Animal Farm. It was a very cold day but we dressed warmly and had a great time. We started off with the traditional train trip around the fields. The dried out sunflower field has an especially spooky feel to it. Soon we were off to feed the animals. The goats were hungry as always. The staff warned us to take off our mittens so that the goats wouldn't eat them! Next we had a great snack to warm us up and headed to the playground. The pirate ship and big shovels were particular favourites. Finally it was time to head home. We all found our perfect pumpkins in the pumpkin corral and headed onto the school bus for our trip home. Thanks to the Bettye Hyde teachers for planning this much anticipated tradition. (By Jo W)



Saunders Farm Field Trip (afternoon program)



In October, we made a special field trip to spooctacular Saunders Farm. We first learned all about pumpkins, including the important role that bees have in their growth and that pumpkins come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and even textures! We especially loved the bumpy 'warty' pumpkins. We saw a puppet show and played on a pirate ship! Over at the mini farm Janet looked right at home with her pitch fork, tossing the hay into a big stack so we could take turns jumping into the pile. The best part was going on a spooky wagon ride through the forest - splashing in puddles and seeing scary sights along the way. Finally we boarded the bus, each with a bright orange pumpkin to take home! (By Rosa M)



Rideau Street Library Trip

On November 17th, the afternoon program went on our first group visit to the recently renovated Rideau St. Library. The children's librarian, Linda Marchand entertained us with songs and stories about Autumn. It was a beautiful fall day and we all enjoyed our walk through the neighbourhood to and from the library. We have another visit planned for December 9th. Any parents who wish to

join us on are next field trip is welcome to come along!



Bettye Hyde is Looking For Volunteers

If you would be interested in being the Bettye Hyde **Webmaster** or the **Registrar**, please let one of the teachers know.

Scholastics Book Order

Just a reminder, that the deadline for ordering is **December 3rd**. New order forms should have been in your mailbox on November 25th. If you require an order form, please let one of the teachers know.



Special Thanks to ...

Kaja Dad's for fixing the wooden rocking boat and keeping all our little sailors happy