

BETTYE HYDE NEWS

October 2007

Meet and Greet Food Bonanza

Wow! What a feast!

Many thanks to all the families and staff for making the Meet and Greet a fun event.

Hopefully, the evening was both informative for new families and refreshing for returning families. A lot of information was covered by staff, especially for new families, so if there is anything at all that you're still unclear about, don't hesitate to ask any of the staff or board members.

Many thanks to all of those people who contributed such a variety of delicious food. The children seemed to have a wonderful time, many of whom were devouring the iced cupcakes.

For any parents who missed the event, please check in with the Bettye Hyde staff to make sure you've got all the info that was presented.



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Important Dates in October

Monday October 8th – Thanksgiving

Saturday October 13th—Eid al Fitr (end of Ramadan)

Tuesday October 16th—World Food Day

Wednesday October 24th—United Nations Day

Sunday October 28th—Turn the clocks back to Standard time

Wednesday October 31st—Halloween



The Great Grape Raffle and the Festival of Lights—December 5th



This year, Bettye Hyde will hold their "Festival of Lights" celebration on the 5th of December from 6-8pm. This is always fun for the children to perform for the parents and for families to socialize at the school. One of the associated fundraising activities is the "great grape raffle", where parents are encouraged to sell tickets towards a raffle with cases of "Vino" as the grand prizes.

More info to come.. Don't miss this event!

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AFRICAN PROVERB:

It takes a village to raise a child

The Teacher with the Purple Hair

The Teacher with the Purple Hair, Lollypop Lady, *Star Wars* action-figure collector, otherwise known as Janet, has been a fixture at Bettye Hyde for many years.

Janet has a long association with, and love of, children. Raised in Ottawa in a family with 4 older brothers and 8 nieces and nephews, she is a pro when it comes to understanding how kids work.

When she worked as a family's professional nanny for 10 years, Janet would accompany their children to Bettye Hyde and attend "special days". She completed her ECE and went on to do a placement at Bettye Hyde. The rest is history...

9 years later, Janet is currently acting co-director at Bettye Hyde (along with Lisa) until director Cindy returns from Australia in January.

Attracted by the community spirit of Bettye Hyde and the interesting neighbourhood of Sandy Hill, Janet has really enjoyed working at Bettye Hyde. Janet smiles and explains that, when she is ready to have a family, she hopes her children will attend Bettye Hyde too.

Committed to diversity and with a strong interest in working with children with special needs, Janet is thrilled that Bettye Hyde has developed such a solid reputation as an excellent program.

With an interest in eclectic, diverse, Indy and 80s music, Janet has fostered a love of music and dance in the school. Dance parties and rock star drama are highlights for the kids and Janet loves to see their free spirit shine.

Recognizing the challenge of keeping healthy in a demanding preschool environment, Janet is not phased at all. Balancing a love for karaoke with her desire to continue her professional development in child studies, she makes room for fun in her life. In her words, "the staff at Bettye Hyde are like a family, we work well together and have fun".



GROUCHO MARX:

A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five.

FRANKLIN P. JONES:

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

Chirp reminder and Taggz "Thank You"

Please remember to return the chirp subscription notification offer. Whether you choose to subscribe or not to subscribe does not matter but if Bettye Hyde returns the filled out (yes or no) forms, we may receive a free subscription for the school. These forms are due back on **Fri, Oct 12th** at the latest!

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Taggz fundraising event. As a result of funds raised we are able to offer some extra free spaces for parent volunteers for our Fall field trips. We're also looking forward to seeing all those great new name tags in the school!

Psst! Hey Parents! Read This!

Litter-less lunches

Just a reminder to parents that Bettye Hyde is trying hard to reduce our impact on the environment and the garbage that is produced at the school. All snacks and lunches that you pack for your kids should **not** come with wrappers, tetrapaks, plastic mini-yogurts tubs, etc. Reusable Tupperware / Sealable containers are ideal. This also applies to parents bringing the snack for your child's special day.

Lunch spaces

While we're on the subject of lunches.... Just a reminder that there are still some spaces available in the lunch program. Contact the teachers for details.

Playground security

When dropping off your child or picking them up, please remember to latch the playground gate. The latch lock is a little sticky but it works by physically pushing the tab of the lock down to lock it. Since sometimes kids are in the playground or kids may be exiting the building into the playground, it is important that the gate be closed and latched at all times.

After-school extended hours

For those who haven't yet heard the news, this year Bettye Hyde is open extended hours until 5pm. If you would like to find out more about this later pick-up time, and the cost associated with this service, please ask any of the BH staff.



Here an Oink, there an Oink, everywhere an Oink Oink

So the BH gang hit the hay!

This month, two exciting farm field trips are planned.

On **Oct 5th**, the afternoon kids will be going to Saunder's Farm and on **Oct 17th**, the morning kids will visit Valleyview Farms.

There are sign up sheets for interested parents to volunteer to accompany the group and help out.





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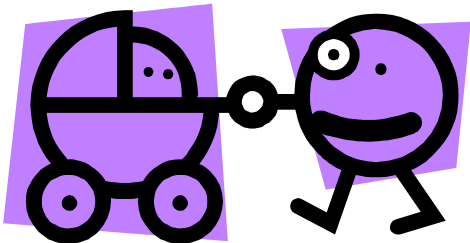
Next board meeting: Wed, Oct. 24th, 7-9pm at Drumlin's

www.bettyehyde.com

Parent Resources

Experienced home childcare caregiver in Sandy Hill is looking for more children.

Please contact Chris Osler or Christine Earnshaw for details.



Bettye Hyde Wish List

This is the “wanted”, freecycle, and classifieds section.

This issue we've a special request from Bettye Hyde staff for items that they could really use in the school:

- scrap paper for the free art area
- bread ties, concentrated juice lids and other interesting bits for gluing in the free art area
- notebooks, cards, postcards for the writing center
- a small, lockable filing cabinet

If you have something you think we might be able to use at the school let us know. We're always looking for fun and interesting things to add to the program. Thanks!