

Bettye Hyde Newsletter

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ORIENTATION MEETING FOR ALL NEW BETTYE HYDE PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER THE 18th at 8 p.m.

All new families should be represented by at least one parent – Childcare will be provided.

Letter from the President

Welcome back to another great year at Bettye Hyde Nursery School. The school is up and running in its temporary home upstairs in Bate Hall. We have been assured by the church we will be moving into our remodelled home, downstairs in October. Cindy, Janet, Lisa and Catherine are doing an amazing job dealing with the situation. The new space is sure to be worth the wait. I remember starting BH with my oldest son, Timothy. That was 5 years ago and he is in grade 2 now. His younger brother, Seamus is in his second year at BH and is learning while having fun. I have met and become friends with many parents as well as the super teachers over the years. As President of the board, I plan to meet the new families, and reconnect with the returning families. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about any part of the Bettye Hyde School, please let me know. You can speak to me at school, by phone or email. See you at school!

Debra Nolan
President

A few words from the Director

It has been an event filled September at Bettye Hyde as we have made the best of setting up in a new space, while our regular space is under construction. We hope that you have met the change with a smile on your face, and that your child is enjoying the large sun-filled room.

We are glad to welcome Catherine to our special school this year. Catherine will be with us everyday from 10:30 to 4:30. Catherine hails from Victoria, B.C. so we are glad to have her as she adapts to life in Eastern Canada.

Danielle Gendron will be with us again this year on Monday, Wed. and Friday mornings. Danielle has returned to University this year, enrolled in the "Child and Family Studies Program" at Carleton.

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With Lisa, Janet and I having spent 27 years, collectively, at Bettye Hyde we feel very lucky to have such a dedicated and energetic staff.

Our days are always busy and full but remember every child and parent is the reason we are here – so please feel free to talk to us about your child's day. We always want to make sure that we all work cooperatively to make sure this is the best school for your child and family.

We look forward to spending the School's 65th year with you,

Sincerely,

Cindy Mitchell
Director

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.

Fundraiser

The position for a fundraiser is ***still open***. If raising money is your forte please let us know as soon as possible as this position needs to be filled. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's special school. Thank you!

United Way Campaign

Bettye Hyde is a registered charity. You can delegate your United Way donations to the school. Additional information regarding charity number, which needs to be listed on your donation, will be left on a hand out at the school.

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!

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.

BH Website:

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Be sure to check out www.bettyehyde.com. Make sure to put your cursor on the pictures, because they change! The more hits the web site receives, the more chances that **Google** will pick it up for broader accessibility.

We have a movie on the website now of Cindy touring through the construction zone.....please have a look and let us know what you think.

Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter content and suggestions are always welcome.

If there is information you would like to include for the October issue of the Bettye Hyde Newsletter, please send by no later than Wednesday, September 27, 2007 to: **Jane Powers** via email: jane.powers@international.gc.ca

Snack Ideas for Special Days

For many parents your child=s Aspecial day@ at Bettye Hyde is your first experience to provide snack for a large group of children. When planning snack we encourage you to be as creative as you wish, but ask that you always keep the following guidelines in mind.

1. Absolutely **NO NUTS**. We often have children with life threatening allergies in the program. This policy helps to ensure their safety.
2. Please make it **HEALTHY**.
3. We ask that you provide a **CHOICE OF THREE ITEMS** plus juice.

We have put together the following list of snack ideas to answer the frequently asked question AWhat should I bring in for snack?@ These are only suggestions we always welcome new ideas!

- All types of fresh fruit
- Dried fruit (apricots, raisins, cranberries, plums etc.)
- Cheese
- Muffins (mini size is the best)
- Dried cereal (cheerios, shreddie)s
- Animal crackers
- Veggies (carrots, cucumbers, grape/cherry tomatoes, celery etc.)
- Pita bread (can be served with dips such as hummus and tzaziki)
- Pretzels (alphabet shaped are a favourite)
- Homemade cheese biscuits
- Celery with cream cheese and raisins (a.k.a. ants on a log)
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- Tortilla wraps (cream cheese with diced tomatoes, cucumber and/or avocado) cut into bite size pieces
- Roasted chick peas
- Kidney beans (rinsed and drained)
- Oatmeal raisin cookies

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- Mini sized yogurt (we reuse the coloured containers made by Danone in the art area)
- Fruit bars (i.e. fig, raspberry)
- Skinny sticks
- Any home baking
- Crackers

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Next Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2006
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. inclusive
Drumlin's Pub (corner of Somerset and Blackburn)

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