

Bettye Hyde Newsletter



Welcome to the 2009/2010 Bettye Hyde School Year
(Welcoming messages from the School Director and the Presidents of the Board inside)

Important Bettye Hyde Dates

New Parents' Orientation Night - September 16th

Bettye Hyde 3rd Annual Trivia Night – November 14th
(Details inside)




The teachers would also like to welcome back Bettye Hyde Alumnus Colin Legere, as our afternoon helper.

Colin is now a grade six student at Franco Jeunesse. He began volunteering at Bettye Hyde last spring, and we are pleased to have him return this year.

Organizing activities, such as soccer games and scavenger hunts for the children, and assisting the teachers with odd jobs are just two of the ways. Colin is a valuable help in the afternoons.

He shows a lot of enthusiasm for his former school, and we warmly welcome him back!

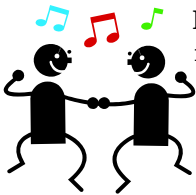
From the School Director...

It is September again and Janet, Lisa, Catherine and I couldn't be happier! We love our little school in the heart of Sandy Hill  and we hope you and your child feel the same way too.



Collectively the 4 of us have worked here for over 35 of the school's 67 years! We are lucky to have such a dedicated and energetic staff. Our days are always busy and fun with lots of serious play going on. Every child is the reason we look forward to coming to work every day – so please feel free to talk to us about your child.

We always want to make sure that we all work cooperatively, as a team, to make this the best school for your child and family.



I am happy to say another member of our team, Kathleen Rooney, is returning to give a weekly music class to our morning and afternoon children each Friday. Kathleen is a Music Therapist specializing in working with children with special needs. We are lucky to have Kathleen return to Bettye Hyde each year as she has a full roster of clients and only does this music program for us because her two daughters are alumni! We hope you will take the time to pop by on a

Friday to see how much the children enjoy this special hour.

On Wednesday we will be having an "information meeting" for all new families to Bettye Hyde. If you are a returning family you do not need to be there, but please keep in touch and let any of the teachers know if you ever need more time to talk with us about your child's progress. Thank-you for joining our Cooperative School!

I look forward to working with you and your child,
Cindy

From The Presidents...

Welcome – and Welcome Back – to Bettye Hyde Cooperative Nursery School! I hope that you had an enjoyable (although a little rainy) summer and are ready for another great year at Bettye Hyde.

We believe the key word in our school's name is 'cooperative' – so we would encourage you to become involved with Bettye Hyde throughout the year. Your time, skills and ideas are always welcome and appreciated.

To begin, **all new Bettye Hyde parents** are asked to attend an Orientation Night on Wednesday September 16th at 7pm. This informal gathering is held to give you a chance to meet the school's director and teachers, ask questions and learn how we can all make Bettye Hyde a successful nursery school in the Sandy Hill community.

If you have questions or comments about Bettye Hyde at any time, please feel free to let us know. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you and your children.

Enjoy the school year!

Sincerely,

Tamara Rader and Sean McNamara, Co-Presidents, Bettye Hyde Board of Directors
(Parents of Leo and Eddie McNamara)

Should you worry about H1N1?



There's no reason to panic. You should definitely take precautions, like washing your hands often and **teaching your child how to wash their hands properly**. Wash your hands and your child's hands often with soap and water (or use hand alcohol-based sanitizer if running water is not available) Avoid being around people who are sick and **teach your child to keep their hands away from their eyes and nose and mouth**. **Also it is important to teach them to cover their sneezes and coughs with the crook of their arm or a tissue**.

H1N1 influenza spreads in the same way that other flu viruses do - through air when a person who has the virus sneezes, coughs, or speaks. The virus can live on hard surfaces for some time. **We ask that all Bettye Hyde volunteer parents make a special effort to sanitize all the places in the school that they think need attention when they are in the school for their child's "Special Day"**. The BH staff will be doing the same at every available opportunity.

As with other flu viruses, people who have the virus can be contagious a day or so before their symptoms start, so they can pass it on before they know that they are sick. If you think your child may be getting the flu or has the flu please keep them home! Your child must be fever free for at least 24 hours before they can return to school. Fever free is fever free **without** medication. They are safe to return to school 24 hours after their fever breaks.

In the Community ...

Sandy Hill Park Grand Opening



Saturday, September 19 (rain date, Sunday Sept. 20) 2-7 p.m.
Sandy Hill Park - 250 Somerset East

Action Sandy Hill cordially invites you to attend the official re-opening of Sandy Hill Park and celebration of the completion of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project including a BBQ and children's games.



SING OUT GLADLY starts Thursday Sept. 17 at All Saints Church

Class times:

Kinder Singers (Ages 4-5) 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.

Kids Singers (Ages 6-12) 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

There is **no cost** but **pre-registration is required** by September 14.

Those enrolling can expect to: learn about rhythm and pitch, play games incorporating music and movement, meet new friends and work together, experience the teamwork of choral singing, sing (occasionally) in church.

Instructor Sara Brooks is a graduate in piano performance of Acadia University and the University of Ottawa and is Assistant Choir Master of Opera Lyra.

3rd Annual Trivia Night –Saturday November 14th

7 pm at Bettye Hyde Nursery School (All Saints Church, 317 Chapel Street)



Come and enjoy a night of trivia, eating and socializing.

Parents, friends, family, and neighbors are all welcome.

The night's activities will include a team trivia contest, silent auction, and other exciting games.

You are also invited to bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer dish to share with your table (no nuts or seeds please!).

As always, we are trying to make this event heavy on fun, but light on the environment... Please bring your own cups/plates/cutlery to minimize waste (and clean up)!

All proceeds from the event will help to support the Bettye Hyde Co-operative Nursery School program.

Come out for an evening of fun, put your pop culture skills to the test for a great cause!!

A sign-up sheet will be posted inside the nursery school. Admission is \$20 per person at the door. We hope to see you all there!

We also need your help to make this event a success:

Prize donations for the silent auction:

We 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?

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.