

NOTTINGHILL NEWS



Message from the Teachers



Happy February,

Hope everyone enjoyed their family time over the holidays! It is wonderful to have all of our kiddies back and loved hearing all off the interesting stories of adventures they took over the break!

It did not take us long to get back in to the swing of things in the classroom! We became dinosaur experts and loved learning all about our favourite dinos! We enjoyed dino songs, stories, sorting, counting and playing!! The classrooms got quite loud but we did say most dinosaurs had very loud roars!! We couldn't really complain. ☺ We also talked about zoo animals and made some awesome crafts to bring home! The children enjoyed telling their friends about their pets at home or about the pet they dream of having one day! Lots of discussion on how to care for and love our pets the best!!

We started Sportball with coach Dana in January and it will continue for 7 weeks. Coach Dana is very patient and tons of fun!! We look forward to continuing to play different sports in the coming weeks! Please ensure your child has proper running shoes on their Sportball day so they can safely participate.

February is upon us and this month, the month of LOVE, we will discuss how to be the very best friend that we can. We touch on bullying and talk about feelings and how to keep those friends feeling good!! We will celebrate Valentine's day with the children with in class parties. We will play lots games and sing songs! Feel free to dress up in red, pink and white on party days. We are hoping that February brings us lots of snow as we continue our themes of winter and snow!! We will

☆ UPCOMING EVENTS ☆

February 1 • Open House

February 11 • Board Meeting

February 13• Valentine Celebration 2 AM

February 14 • Valentine Celebration 3 AM, 3 PM, JK/SK

February 17 • Family Day - No Classes

examine the snow and experiment with it! We love melting the snow and showing the children all of the dirt in it, then they understand why we ask them not to eat it!! ☺

Please continue to check washroom supplies regularly and top up as needed. Be sure to label all items so they can be returned to the right home. Please always come prepared to go outside. It is always best to have all the gear and not need it then not bring it and need it. We must keep our kiddies warm while play outdoors.

Just a friendly reminder that the church is a shared space. PLEASE do not allow your children to run in the halls off the church or in the open Narthex area. We ask parents to make sure your child is always within your sight line. We have seen children at the outside doors without a grown up and we do not want to see the children in an unsafe situation. We really appreciate your support on this!

Please feel free to chat with the teachers any time, our doors are always open!!

Your Nottingham Teachers



Message from the President

Dear Nottinghill Families!

Hopefully everyone was able to keep warm and healthy for January because we certainly had a rollercoaster of temperatures.

I wanted to report back to you all about the Annual General Meeting that was held on Monday, January 27, 2019. We had a great turn out - thank you to all that attended. If you were unable to attend, the following announcements for next year were made:

I am happy to announce the Board for 2020/21 will be as follows:

Dima Saghir - President

Holly Dalal - VP, Special Events

Maria Jose Gonzalez - Volunteer Coordinator

Allie Madge - VP, Marketing

Sarah Reid - VP, Operations (new position)

Laura Carter - Registrar

We are still looking for people to fill the positions of **Treasurer, Secretary** and **VP, Human Resources**. If you are interested, please speak to someone on the current Board or email me at nottinghillpresident@gmail.com. Thank you to all the families that have made the commitment to be on the 2020/21 Board!

The following announcements were also made at the AGM:

- The VP, Operations role was added to the Board for 2020/21 to help even out the distribution of work on the Board.
- The Board has decided that with proper management of expenses and the expected registrations for next year, the Fees for 2020/21 will remain the same as this year.

• The year end clean up will become an opt "out" choice at the time of registrations so proper planning can happen. As was announced this year, the fee for opting out of year end clean up is \$50 per family.

• The lunch program has been slightly tweaked to match the sign up patterns of our families. Meaning, we will be offering bundled days: Tues/Thurs or Monday/Wed/Fri or all 5 days moving forward.

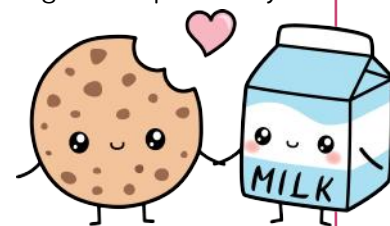
If you have already registered your child for the 2020/21 school year, please submit your completed registration package into the Registrar folder above the cubbies before the **end of February**. Extra packages are available above the cubbies for those people who still want to register. You will need to indicate on your forms if you want to be in the lunch program. Lunch program is on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that you need to fill out all of the forms in the package even if you have filled out some in the past. You can direct any questions to the Nottinghill Registrar at registrar@nottinghillpreschool.com

Effective February 1, registration was open to the general public, so if you do have friends or neighbours that are thinking of Nottinghill, feel free to send them a link to our website for a copy of the registration package. As a reminder, we take registrations on a first come, first serve basis and have limited spaces available. Reserve your spot now! The JK/SK class for 2020/21 is now full. If you want to be added to the waiting list, please make sure to send a note to the Registrar as soon as possible.

Thank you all for choosing Nottinghill as a place for your child(ren) to grow and learn!

See you in the hallways!

Sandra



THANK YOU !!!



To all the Nottinghill families, Nottinghill alumni and teachers that contributed to the Monastery Gift Card for the Hawkins family... Thank you! Your generosity and simple act of kindness was greatly appreciated. We wish the Hawkins family all the best during this difficult time. It is very moving to see our small but thoughtful community come together to support each other. Thank you again!

- Nottinghill Board



Committee Spotlight

Thanks to our wonderful **Snack Committee** our kids stay fuelled up for their learning fun! The committee shops for the food we require for all our students on a weekly basis. Keeping food allergies and intolerances in mind, they do the best job picking yummy snacks our kids love to enjoy!

A big Thanks to the committee for providing our students with nutritious, delicious and allergy-free snacks every day! The Snack Committee is chaired by **Monika Robb** and members include **Juliana Curran, Roberta Stewart, Nathalie Winkels, Kate Montague, Kavita Nathoo, Amanda Mason, and Laurie Ryan.**

Annual survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the school survey last month - it's a great way for us to gather your feedback. We had a great response rate, with 46 families participating, so thank you!

There are three key insights we would like to share with all of you.

1. Our families continue to emphasize how much they love and appreciate our wonderful teachers! Thank you to all of our teachers for making this first half of the year so special.

2. We received some great feedback around communication. Last year we overhauled our website and we will continue to work on making it more informative and relevant.

3. Our annual Springridge farm field trip is such a great opportunity to learn outside of the classroom. Many of you would like to see more field trips during the school year, so we will take that into consideration as we plan the 2020/2021 school year.

Finally, 100% of the families who responded indicated that they would recommend Nottinghill to others. Registration is now open for the 2020/2021 school year, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please let them know! There are limited spots available in some of our classes.

As always, if you have any other feedback, questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to/email anyone on the Board. We would love to hear from you!



Did you know...

Halton Region has an amazing service that is offered to children up to the age of 4 years old! If you have any questions about your child's development you can attend a free ASK clinic in Halton.

You can meet with professionals to get any questions answered in the areas of hearing, development or behaviour.

They also offer information on nutrition, safety, immunization and parenting.

You can drop in for this free service all over Halton region. The next drop in is on **February 8th** from **9:30-11:30am** at 461 North Service Road W, Unit 17, Oakville.

Please see additional dates by visiting their website at <https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Children-and-Parenting/Parenting-Supports/ASK>

2019 Tax Receipts

Income Tax receipts for 2019 will be sent out the last week of February via email. This covers the tuition for time attended during the 2019 calendar year. If you would like a hard copy of your receipt please send an email to ncptreasurer1@gmail.com.





Silent Auction 2020

Our online auction preparations are underway, and we are gladly accepting donations from any families or alumni that would like to donate! This is also a great opportunity to advertise your business within the school and community! Please have donations in to Miss Jessica or our Fundraising Chair (Nina) by February 21st. If you have any questions please send them to ncpspecialevents@gmail.com

Our amazing online auction will run from March 2nd - March 9th at 9:30pm. Due to popular demand, we have extended the end time to give you a chance to get those last minute bids in on some of the amazing items and deals we will have to offer!

This year we will also be auctioning off some top secret, absolutely amazing class art pieces from each of our classes! There will only be one per class, so make sure to keep your eyes open for upcoming sneak peaks, and have your bidding fingers ready! A link with the auction site address will be sent out once the items are ready!

Movie Night Success!

Thank you to our Social Committee for organizing and hosting a great movie night! The kids had a wonderful time, and all the hard work was much appreciated by all the families!



LET'S GET SOCIAL!



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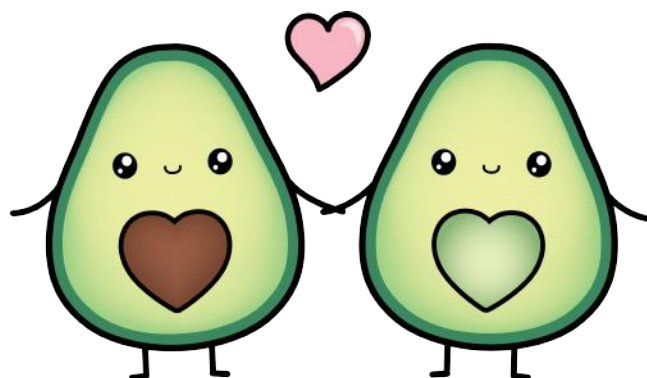
www.nottinghillpreschool.com

Our **Mabel's Labels** fundraiser is a great way to help your school earn money and make sure your child's belongings come back home! We ask that Lunch Club gear (water bottles, lunch bags and containers) be clearly labeled, as per ministry requirements.

Having boots/coats/backpacks clearly labeled will help us and your child avoid mix ups!



Click here and search **Nottingham Co-op Preschool** to purchase labels.





MESSAGE TO PARENTS – 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you have probably heard in the media, earlier this month a novel (new) coronavirus was identified as the cause of an outbreak of pneumonia, originating in Wuhan, China. This virus is now known as the *2019 Novel Coronavirus* or *2019-nCoV*.

The outbreak of this virus has been evolving rapidly; however most cases are in China with some cases reported in other countries including Thailand, Japan, South Korea, UK, USA and Canada. The two confirmed cases in Canada are in Toronto, Ontario. Both individuals had recently travelled to Wuhan, China where this virus originated and are currently in isolation.

It is important to note that **there are no reported cases in Halton Region**. At this time, **the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with this new Coronavirus as low for Canada**.

I am writing to you today to share information on the symptoms and prevention of respiratory viruses including the new Coronavirus.

What is coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that commonly cause mild to moderate respiratory symptoms in humans. Most people with common human coronavirus illness (i.e. the common cold) will recover on their own.

However, some coronaviruses have been known to cause severe illness. Some human coronaviruses spread easily between people, while others do not. It is not yet fully understood how easily the 2019-nCoV spreads between people, but person-to-person spread has been limited to date.

What Are the Symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Symptoms of 2019-nCoV infection include: **fever, cough, and breathing difficulties**, very similar to influenza (flu) symptoms.

The risk of severe disease may be higher in the elderly and in people with weakened immune systems.

If you or a household member has traveled to Wuhan, China recently and have developed these symptoms, you should avoid contact with others and call Halton Region Public Health at 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. Anyone with severe illness should seek immediate medical attention.

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How to Prevent the Spread of Respiratory Viruses Such as 2019-nCoV

To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including the 2019-nCoV, we recommend the following:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing;
- If you do not have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly; and
- If you or your family members are ill, stay home

More Information

Additional information about the 2019-nCoV is available on the following websites:

- Public Health Agency of Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
- Ontario Ministry of Health - www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

Halton Region Public Health is continuing to work closely with the Ministry of Health, Public Health Ontario and local health care providers to monitor this situation and take actions, as appropriate. For further public health inquiries, please contact 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

The health and well-being of our community remains our highest priority. We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Dr. Hamidah Meghani
Medical Officer of Health, Halton Region

January 27, 2020