

# NOTTINGHILL NEWS



## Message from the Teachers

Happy February,

Hope everyone is keeping well!!



January was an exciting month at Nottingham. We learned about dinosaurs, zoo animals and pets! Our dino theme is always so much fun. We learned the names of lots of dinosaurs and all of their characteristics. The children seem to retain all of the facts! We love teaching it but will admit when it is over, we are pleased as it is definitely our loudest theme!! We also "went" to the zoo to meet lots of different zoo animals. We moved like elephants, roared like lions and waddled like penguins! Crafting our lion masks was a blast... all of the children perfected their lion roar that day!! It was fun to hear the children talk about their pets... and the ones who do not have them talking about what they would have, if they could. The doggie headbands were our favourite craft, so adorable!

As we move in to the month of love our themes will be family/friends and Valentine's day. We will also explore winter, snow and hibernation. This year we will have the children create Valentines in their classes so we ask that you do not send any cards or gifts from home. It is always such fun to ask the children about their families and have them draw a family portrait. Some of the stories we hear are very amusing! Hopefully we have lots of snow in February to explore while we talk about winter. We like to talk about the characteristics of snow and melt it so we can see what may be in it. For the older children it is interesting to see their reaction when they realize how much dirt lives in the snow they sometimes eat!

### ☆ UPCOMING EVENTS ☆

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**Feb. 2** • Board Meeting

**Feb. 6** • 2021/2022 Registration Opens to the Public

**Feb. 11** • Valentine's Day Celebration for 2.5 AM

**Feb. 12** • Valentine's Day Celebration for 3 AM, 3 PM & JK/SK

**Feb. 15** • Family Day (No Classes)

We will continue to go outside daily, weather permitting. If the temperature (with the wind chill) is colder than -10 (-12 for JK/SK) we will not go outside. When we do go outside please ensure you child has all the required gear to stay warm so they can enjoy their time on the playground.

Please be sure to label all of your child's belongings. As items get taken off at the cubbies and on occasion dropped on the ground, we need know who to send it home with. Unfortunately the children can not always recognize their own things.

Just a reminder that if your child has been off ill, please complete the return to school form and submit it to your child's teacher on their first day back. The form can be submitted electronically or a paper copy. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Your Nottingham Teachers



## Message from the President

Hi Families,

I hope you're all doing well and staying safe. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on January 20<sup>th</sup> and registered their children for next year.

I am happy to announce that the Board of Directors for the 2021/2022 school year will be as follows:

**Sarah Reid:** President

**Monika Robb:** Treasurer

**Sim Gill:** Registrar

**Paola Merinero:** VP Human Resources

**Allie Madge:** VP Special Events

**Kate Hill:** VP Marketing

**Amelia Arriaga:** Committee Coordinator

**Nathalie Winkels:** Secretary

Thank you to all of our new Board members for volunteering their time and expertise! We still have one open position on the Board: VP Operations. We will be looking to fill this role before the end of this year. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity, please send me a quick note at [nottinghillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghillpresident@gmail.com).

Our program offering for 2021/2022 will be as follows:

**2 AM** - Tues & Thurs (9:00-11:30 AM)

**3 AM** - PT Mon/Wed/Fri (9:00-11:30 AM)  
FT Mon-Fri (9:00-11:30 AM)

**3 PM** - PT Mon/Wed/Fri (12:30-3:30 PM)  
FT Mon-Fri (12:30-3:30 PM)

**JK/SK** - Online\* Mon-Fri (9:00-11:30 PM)  
In Class Mon-Fri (12:30 PM-3:30 PM)

\*Minimum registration is required for this program to run

Following the success of our five days a week 3 AM pilot program this year, we are happy to announce that we will be offering the program again next year. We are also offering our online JK/SK program, subject to a minimum number of registered children.

Our lunch program is still on hold. With COVID guidelines always changing, we felt it would be prudent to hold off on offering the lunch program until we were sure we could do so.

With the introduction of more full time programs, the Board of Directors undertook an initiative to balance our fee structure. As a result, the fees for some of our programs have changed. Our fee structure remains very competitive, thanks to the cooperative model that Nottinghill follows.

If you have registered your child for the 2021/2022 school year, please make sure all your forms are filled in and submitted by the end of February. If you have any questions about the forms, please reach out to our Registrar at [registrar@nottinghillpreschool.com](mailto:registrar@nottinghillpreschool.com).

Registration opens up to the public on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please let your friends and family know! The updated registration package can be found on our website. We will be holding an Open House once the Ontario Stay at Home Order is lifted. Additional details will be communicated as soon as they are available.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thanks,  
-Dima



## Committee Spotlight

This month's Committee Spotlight shines a light on **Newsletter!** We want to thank **Alison Inglis** for putting together our lovely and informative monthly newsletters that keeps our Nottinghill Community up-to-date on the school's current events.

## Annual Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who filled in the Annual Survey this year. We had a total of 37 families complete the survey, which represents approximately 67% of our families. Your feedback is so valuable and is used to inform some of the decision we make as a Board.

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

1. We received a lot of great feedback about our fundraising initiatives, including our Terra Fundraiser. Look for more non-poinsettia options in our fundraiser next year as well as more notice for all of our fundraising events.
2. Our 3 AM full-time pilot program received great feedback from the families registered in the program and so we have added it as part of our program offering for 2021/2022. A lot of questions did come up about offering full day program: At this time, Nottingham is only licensed to offer part-time programs.
3. Everyone who completed the survey highlighted that the number one thing they love about this school are our wonderful teachers! Thank you to all of our teachers for making this first half of the year so special.

Lastly, Word of Mouth continues to drive our registration, year after year. Thank you in advance for spreading the word about Nottingham!

### Silent Auction Donations



We are excited to announce that our Annual Nottingham Silent Auction will begin on April 13th! Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services. We appreciate donations of any value. Every donation helps! If you have any questions or would like to make a donation please email our Fundraising Committee at [NottinghamFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:NottinghamFundraising@gmail.com). Thank You in advance for considering our request and supporting Nottingham!

### Valentine's Day

This year, due to COVID-19, we are asking children to refrain from bringing in Valentine's Day cards for their classmates. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



### 2020 Tax Receipts

Income Tax receipts for 2020 will be sent out at the end of February via email. This covers the tuition for time attended during the 2020 calendar year.



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.

