

NOTTINGHILL NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 1st** • Board Meeting
- February 5th** • 2022/2023 Registration Open to Public
- February 10th** • Valentine's Day Celebration for 2AM
- February 14th** • Celebration for 3AM, 3PM & JK/SK
- February 21st** • Family Day (No Classes)

Message from the Teachers

Hello Parents,

Happy February...we hope everyone is keeping well and safe!

It was so wonderful to see many children back after the holidays, we heard lots of stories and it sounds like everyone had some great family time. For the families who are taking some extra time off for caution sake, we miss you and can't wait to have you back!

January is always a very exciting month at Nottingham! We started out exploring all things dinosaurs which the children absolutely love! We do our very best pronouncing all of the different dino names and we have some dinosaur experts among the children so they can help us out!! The children became paleontologists as they dug in the sand for bones and explored fossils up close at the science table.

During Zoo Week we took a 'trip to the zoo' to see who we may find. The consensus is that the lion is the best animals, with the elephant as a close second!

We loved finding out all about the pets the children have at home. For those who do not have pets, they enjoyed picking which one they want, naming it and telling their friends all about it. Our personal favourite is seeing the preschoolers and toddlers in their puppy dog hats...oh my goodness!!

We will be taking a virtual trip to the zoo and discovering all of the amazing animals. During our pet theme, children can talk about their pets at home or tell us what their ideal pet would be.

It somehow is already February and we turn our attention to our families, friends and things that we care about. We will introduce the concept of How to Fill your Bucket. We will encourage the children to be sure to always fill their friends and families buckets. To do that we need to be kind and helpful. This is always such a well-received message and we love doing it with the children.

For Valentine's day we will be celebrating with games, crafts and definitely some dancing! Please do not send in Valentine cards this year. We will be making something special in class to celebrate our friends!

We will also be investigating all things snow...snowflakes, snow animals and hibernation.

We would love Mother Nature to cooperate and actually give us snow that we can touch and feel!

Please take time to look through the scholastic flyer that was recently sent home. You may also wish to visit the Scholastic online flyer for more options. Please note that our school code is: **RC151002**. Thank you for all of your support and happy reading!!

Just a reminder that we will be taking the children outdoors whenever possible. So good for them (and us!) to get a bit of that crisp cold air! The Ministry regulations say we cannot take the younger children (2am, 3am and 3pm) outdoors if the temperatures are -10 degrees or colder, including the wind chill. For the JK/SK class the regulations are -12 degrees or colder, including the wind chill. If you are unsure, we ask that you bring all their gear along. Please label all of their belongings so they can be returned to the proper home.

As you were made aware last week the Ministry has provided child care centres with rapid tests. We are waiting for more to arrive so we can provide each family with 2 tests to be kept at home

should their child develop symptoms. In the meantime, please reach out to your child's teacher or Miss Kim if you need one as we have a small supply on hand. If your child or anyone in your household had any symptoms listed on the screening form, we ask that you follow the proper Covid-19 protocol and isolate for 5/10 days. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy. Should you have any questions about any of the testing requirements or screening protocols, please do not hesitate to reach out.

A friendly reminder that we cannot have families stay after class to play on the church property. As tempting as the big snow banks are we are being reminded from the church staff it is not permitted. We have noticed some families taking advantage of the park across the road, looks like lots of fun!! Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Our door is always open!!!

Your Nottingham Teachers



COVID-19 Prescreening Tool

As a reminder, please complete our online prescreen every day before dropping off your child.

If your family is travelling internationally, we want to remind you of the federal directives for international travel. While unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travelled internationally with a fully vaccinated companion are exempt from federal quarantine, they are not permitted to attend child care programs for 14 days following their return.

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Presidents Message



Hello Nottingham Families!

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on January 19th and registered their child for next year. As of January 25th, registration is open to all families who missed the meeting as well as to alumni.

I'm happy to announce that the Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 school year will be as follows:

Alessandra Madge: President

Sim Gill: Registrar

Monika Robb: Treasurer

Deirdre Cahill: VP Special Events

Adriana Marin: VP Marketing

Amelia Arriaga: Committee Coordinator

Thank you to all of our new Board members for volunteering their time and expertise! We still have three positions open on the board: VP HR, VP Operations, and Secretary. We will be looking to fill these rolls before the end of this year. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity, please reach out to me at nottinghampresident@gmail.com.

Our program offerings for the 2022/2023 school year will be as follows:

2 AM: Tu/Th (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

3 AM: M/W/F (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

3 PM: PT: M/W/F (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

FT: M/Tu/W/Th/F (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

JK/SK: M/Tu/W/Th/F (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

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

We have reintroduced Committee Assurance Cheques for the 2022/2023 school year. The point of the assurance cheques is to ensure that everyone complies with the cooperative structure of the school. Details on the assurance cheques are included in the registration package.

If you have registered your child for the 2022/2023 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.

Registration opens up to the public on February 5th. Please let your friends and family know! The updated registration package can be found on our website. We will be holding an Open House by appointment as soon as it is safe to do so. Additional details will be communicated once they are available.

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

~ Sarah

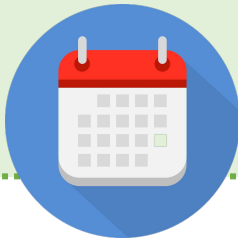


2021 Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for 2021 will be sent out in February via email. This covers the tuition for time attended during the 2021 calendar year.

Committee Spotlight!

This month's Committee Spotlight shines a light on our Monthly Calendar volunteer parent! We want to thank Stephanie Ashdown for compiling the children's class activities and helping parents be informed of the schools monthly planning schedule.



Mabel's Labels

Our Mabel's Labels fundraiser is a great way to help our school earn money and make sure your child's belongings come back home! Having items clearly labeled will help us avoid mix-ups! Visit the following website and search Nottingham Co-op Preschool (Oakville) to purchase labels:

http://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

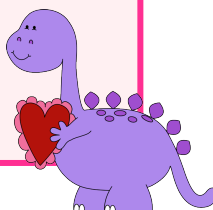


Silent Auction Donations Needed!

Attention all families: the fundraising committee is still looking for donations for our annual online auction. If you or any friends / family have any gift certificates, merchandise, or services to donate, please reach out to ncpspecialevents@gmail.com. Due to extenuating circumstances, the committee has made the decision to move the auction to March 18th so there is still time to donate! Details about how to browse the auction and bid will follow in our March newsletter.

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!



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