

NOTTINGHILL NEWS



☆ UPCOMING EVENTS ☆

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Jan. 4 • First Day of Class for Online JK/SK

Jan. 5 • Board Meeting

Jan. 11 • First Day of In-Class Programs

Jan. 20 • Annual General Meeting

Message from the Teachers

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their families!!

I think a lot of people are glad to see the end of 2020 and start a new year!! The teachers are very happy with the first few months of school. We went into the school year with a lot of uncertainty, not too sure what this year would look like. We are very pleased with the way things have gone! Thank you to all the families that keep their children home when they are ill; it has made all the difference. We are hoping to continue with the rest of the school year just as safe and fun!

December looked a bit different at Nottinghamhill but we are happy to be able to put together a little something we could share with you for the holidays. The children were happy to sing our songs (over and over!) and were very pleased with themselves when we showed them the video! Hope you all enjoyed them. We busied ourselves with songs, stories, crafts and holiday activities. It was certainly a magical time for us!

January will bring our loudest and busiest theme yet! We will learn all about dinosaurs and become experts on the subject! We will do some dino stomping, fossil digging and they will be learning about many different kinds of dinos and become true palaeontologists! We will also be learning about zoo animals... another popular theme among the kiddos.

Hopefully when we are back in the new year we will be blessed with lots of snow!! The children absolutely love to

get out and play in the snow! Please ensure your children have all the gear needed to be comfortable in the snow for maximum enjoyment (snow pants, neck warmers, warm snow boots, hats and waterproof mittens). If possible, a second pair of mittens in their backpack would be great.

Please check the extra clothes in your child's backpack and ensure it is seasonally appropriate and still fits... they are growing so fast! Please include a spare pair of socks as they will usually find the small puddle of water from their boots when we are undressing. Please label all belongings.

If your child is going to be away, please send your child's teacher a quick message to let them know. We must track absences as part of our Covid policy for Ministry purposes. Thank you!

Starting in January all of the classes will be receiving all of their beautiful masterpieces on Fridays. A file folder for each class will be placed outside at drop off or pick up and we ask that you check the folder to gather your child's art/work from the week.

Please take a look at the Scholastic website and continue to place your orders! Reading with your child will spark their imagination and stimulate curiosity. Our group of children are definitely loving story time this year!!

We very much look forward to jumping in to the next few months of school! See you soon. Enjoy the rest of your break!

As always, we are always here for any questions, comments or concerns.

Your Nottinghamhill Teachers



Message from the President



Hello Nottinghill Families!

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break! We are so happy to welcome you back to school next week.

Each January, Nottinghill holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for all of its families. This year, our AGM will be held on **Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 PM**. As with Orientation Night, we are going virtual this year and the meeting will be held via Zoom. The Zoom meeting details will be sent next week and will also be posted on our Nottinghill 2020/2021 Facebook page.

Our AGM agenda includes a brief presentation from our current Board of Directors, as well as an open forum for all of our members (You!) to ask any questions they may have. Registration for the 2021/2022 school year will open up immediately following the AGM. Everyone who attends the AGM will not only get to register first, but they will also be able to save \$25 on their Registration Fee! Here are the Registration timelines for this year:

AGM Attendees: Thursday January 21st – Friday January 22nd

Returning Families/Alumni: As of Tuesday January 26th

Public: As of Saturday February 6th

We do anticipate full enrolment for next year, so we strongly encourage returning families to attend the AGM to avoid disappointment. Once a class is full, waitlists will be started.

We will open up registration for next year with the following class offerings. Keep in mind that the class offerings are based on demand and are subject to change.

2 AM: Tues/Thurs (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

3 AM Part Time: Mon/Wed/Fri (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

3 AM Full Time: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

3 PM Part Time: Mon/Wed/Fri (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

3 PM Full Time: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

JK/SK Online*: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri (9:00 – 12:00 PM)

JK/SK In-Class: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri (12:30 – 3:30 PM)

* The JK/SK Online program will need a minimum of 5 registered students in order to run.

At the AGM, we will also be introducing our Board of Directors for 2021/2022. We have several positions open and we need your help to fill these roles! Being part of the Board of Directors is a fantastic way to get involved with the school. If you are interested in learning more about the roles or time commitment, please reach out to a current Board Member, ask our Teachers or send me an email at nottinghillpresident@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to 2021!

-Dima





Committee Spotlight

This month's Committee Spotlight shines a light on our **Play Dough Making Group!** As we have adapted to all of the required changes this year, we added a new branch to our Program Enhancement Committee that includes homemade play dough, individually packed, for each child to explore with. We want to thank **Paola Merinero, Sarah Najib, Deidra Rowe, Sue-Ann Gallant** and **Sunah MacFarlane** for cooking up some fun and colourful play dough for our students.

Message from the Ministry of Education



The Premier and the Minister of Education recently announced the launch of the **Support for Learners** program. Through this program, the government is providing financial support to help parents and guardians with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year during the second wave of COVID-19.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child up to age 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 years with special needs

This is a new program, and all parents or guardians who are residents of Ontario with eligible children will need to submit a new application for each child.

Eligible parents or guardians can go to ontario.ca/SupportforLearners for more information and to apply for the one-time financial support. The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2021**.

Support for Learners funding is intended to directly support parents to provide children and youth with key educational resources like workbooks, school supplies, technology and developmental resources during these unprecedented times.

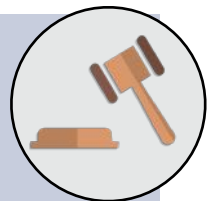
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



Thank you to all of the families who dropped off holiday cards for Delmanor in December.

We were able to collect over **160 cards** to share with the residents. Miss Pat dropped them off and the cards were placed on the residents' dinner trays as a beautiful holiday surprise! We were assured the residents were thrilled by our wonderful community gesture!

Silent Auction Donations



Our **Annual Nottinghill Silent Auction** is fast approaching! Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services.

We appreciate donations of **any** value. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please email nottinghillfundraising1@gmail.com for more information. Thank You in advance for considering our request and supporting Nottinghill Preschool!



Do you have any questions or comments for the Board? We are always here to chat! Send us a note at nottinghillpresident@gmail.com.



Please join us for our Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th
7:30 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

- PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
- 2021/2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ANNUAL SURVEY ANALYSIS
- FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
- QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Registration for 2021/2022 begins after the AGM. AGM attendees get enrolment priority AND a \$25 discount on the registration fee!

★ Just a reminder that all in-class programs are cancelled for the week of January 4th. We look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen on the 11th! ★

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.

