

NOTTINGHILL NEWS

Message from the Teachers

Dear Parents,

It's so hard to believe we are at that point in the school year where we say good bye! Not too sure what the appropriate word is to use to describe where we are in the world right now... unreal, bizarre, surreal? Whatever the word, this is certainly not the way we ever thought we would be ending our school year.

Although we have missed the last three months of school, we still feel very blessed that we got several months with our amazing, sweet, brilliant children! Thank you for entrusting us with your children this year. Looking back to the beginning of the school year (a few tears...) compared to when we said good bye at March break, we had come a very long way! The children have grown and matured so very much and it was so great to watch it!

We have been very pleased to see so many families taking part in our learning activities on our Facebook page. It brings us such joy to see photos of the children participating in our online activities. Our bond as a preschool has become even stronger as we stayed connected throughout the social distancing. The teachers felt that connection as strongly as the parents and children did.

We would like to wish all of our families who are graduating and moving on to a new school in September the very best! We will miss you! Wishing our returning families a wonderful summer and we very much look forward to seeing you in September.

Stay safe and have a wonderful stay-cation this summer!!!

Your Nottingham Teachers XO



To our amazing SK children and families

June is always a bittersweet time of year. As we welcome the summer months, we also have to say goodbye to our oldest recruits. Our SK children have been in the school for many years and we have had the pleasure and joy of watching them grow and develop over that time. We could not be more proud of their achievements and the endless enthusiasm they have always brought to our classroom. Missing out on these last few months together has been very difficult for us all. You are little superstars and will go on to do great things!!

Quinn, Vivienne, Charlotte, Eliana, Tessa and Kai - Well done guys, you did it!!!!



To our Board of 2019/2020

It is no secret that this has been a challenging few months!! Our Nottinghill Board members have been there every step of the way to make some very difficult decisions! **Sandra, Jo-Anna, Anita, Dima, Holly, Maria Jose, Jessica** and **Anna**, I thank you on behalf of all of the teachers and parents for keeping our school going this year and for the extra hours away from your families you spent to make it happen. So much work goes on behind the scenes and we appreciate you so much! A special shout out to you, **Sandra**. You have spent countless hours during this unprecedented time speaking to the Ministry, communicating with Halton Region, submitting paperwork weekly (sometimes daily) and so much more. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and we appreciate it more than you know.

To our incoming board... it's not going to be an easy year but I know we will handle whatever the school year holds!!



Message from the President

Dear Nottinghill Families!

While school has been out since mid-March, we hope you have felt connected to Nottinghill and the wonderful teachers that continue to work with you during these unpredictable times.

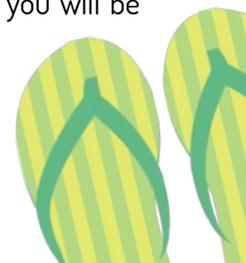
Some of you have asked about September, and like you, we are waiting to hear more from the Ontario government on school and child care reopening. We will continue to take direction from the government on when and how to reopen so that Nottinghill can continue to be a safe place for our children to go and for our teachers to work. As we have more information, the new Board of Directors will communicate with you on what actions will be taken to make September a fun and safe year for everyone.

On behalf of this year's Board of Directors I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families of Nottinghill for their support this year. All of you have played a role in the running of the school. Some of you have purchased snacks, some have helped with the in-class events, some have ventured into fundraising or social events, some have helped with landscaping or classroom cleaning and some have managed scholastics, scheduled the volunteers and even put together this newsletter. All of us working together is what makes Nottinghill Cooperative Preschool such a

special place for our children. Thank you for doing your part and for making the school run smoothly, even in the middle of a pandemic.

A special thank you to the families that stepped up to be part of the Board of Directors this year. Little did they know that this would be an unprecedented year to be on the Board. As the President, I want to say that I feel very lucky to have had such quality people sitting (sometimes virtually) around the table this year to make decisions that were best for the school both in the short and long term. Your voices and points of view were helpful in getting us through the year with gold stars. Thank you for the long hours, the thoughtful discussions and for the work that you have done that no one will ever know that you did but that we all needed you to make happen. 😊 It was a pleasure to volunteer next to each of you and I am proud of what we were able to accomplish as a team.

To the incoming Board of Directors, thank you for volunteering to be part of this great school. Your time and participation will be so important for the 2020/21 school year. I am sure that you will be wonderful and bring back the heartfelt giggles to the hallways of Nottinghill. If there is anyone still interested in joining the BOD for the upcoming school year, please send an email to the incoming President, **Dima Saghir** at nottinghillpresident@gmail.com. Dima - you will be great!!

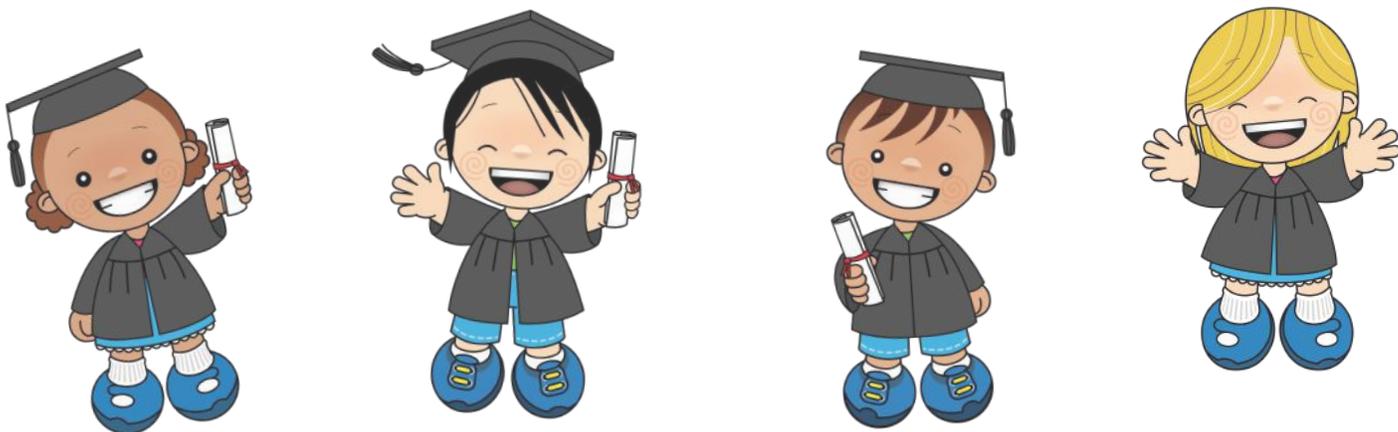


The team of teachers at Nottingham were faced with numerous challenges this year (to say the least) and as always this group came up with incredible solutions, creative ideas - all the while making all the children feel cared for and supported. There are many places that offer child care/preschool services in Oakville... but the quality staff at Nottingham is by far top notch! **Kim, Amy, Jessica, Stacey, Zubaida** and **Ann** - Words cannot express how thankful we all are for your contribution and continued support to Nottingham families even after March 13. Thank you for your dedication and ongoing support to parents, thank you for reaching out and making a difference in the face of being quarantined and thank you for finding ways to bring the joy from the classrooms of Nottingham into a Facebook page. 😊

As a last note, I hope all of you had a special experience at Nottingham Cooperative Preschool for 2019/20. For those of you coming back, I hope to see you in the hallways in September and for those of you that are not, have a wonderful summer. Remember that Nottingham is the best kept secret in Oakville and will rely on your word of mouth to keep the school going for years to come. Stay in touch by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

To all of you, have a fun and safe summer. Let's keep following the direction of our public health officials so that September can be a safe experience for all! Be safe.

Take care,
Sandra Cadamuro



Thank you

for a wonderful school year!