

October 2018



Message from the President

Hello Nottingham Families -

Hard to believe we are already in our second month of school! We hope that you and your family enjoyed the first few weeks of school and are settling into the Nottingham community.

September was a busy month at the school as we welcomed several new families to the school and our committees began their work for the year. Special thanks to the Social Committee for all their efforts to get the classrooms ready for the children.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to say thank you to our wonderful teachers for their exceptional efforts and professionalism in helping our children adjust to the new school year. We had a visit from our Ontario Government program advisor during the second week of school and she was incredibly complimentary of our teachers and what a great job they do at engaging with the children and making them feel comfortable in the school environment. Congratulations to our teachers on this terrific and well-deserved feedback and thank you for making Nottingham such a great school!

In October, we look forward to Picture Day with photographer (and former Nottingham parent) Lisa Tullett. The children will also have their first field trip to Springridge Farms. Please be sure to check the Year at a Glance or the October calendar for the exact dates when your child's class will participate in these events. Lastly, we hope to see everyone at Nottingham's annual Family Fun Night on Friday, October 19! Feel free to dress up in your Halloween costume or in black & orange - and siblings are welcome!

As always, please feel free to reach out to a Board member if you have any questions or concerns about Nottingham as the year progresses!

-Elaine



Message from the Teachers

Happy Fall,

We are a month in to our school year and the children have transitioned very well! It has been wonderful watching the children become comfortable, making new friends and settling in so well! We made lots of messy crafts and talked all about our families and friends in September. The children are becoming

comfortable with the routine and beginning to enjoy their time at school!

October is a very busy month at Nottingham! We have picture day with Lisa Tullett on October 3rd and 4th. We will send out a Remind the day before so you can dress them all up!!

We celebrate Thanksgiving this month and will be making some beautiful crafts to take home to help celebrate.

Our trip to Springridge Farm is on October 17th and 18th. It is such a wonderful outing with the children and parents. We always look forward to the wagon ride, exploring the animal pens and visiting the BOO barn.

One of the highlights of our year is our Halloween party. We will have a parade through the church in our beautiful costumes, play lots of spook-tacular games and enjoy a goulish treat! The afternoon groups will go trick or treating over at Del Manor. The children

love showing off their costumes and the residents absolutely love seeing the children!!

With the weather beginning to change, we ask that you ensure the children have appropriate clothing to enjoy their time outside. Our playground can be quite windy and cool so we ask that you bring a light jacket each day. We recommend splash pants and rubber boots in the fall as some days the playground can be muddy. Please label all of your child's belongings the best you can. We will do our best to keep track of what belongs to whom!!

Please bring any questions, concerns or comments to the teachers at any time! We welcome your feedback.

Picture Day

We are pleased to announce that our school pictures will once again be taken by Lisa Tullett Photography.

- Picture Day for the 3AM, 3PM, JK/SK classes will be on Wednesday, October 3rd.
- Picture Day for 2AM, 2.5AM classes will be on Thursday, October 4th.

Details about picture day will be sent to all families via email.

Annual Fall Field Trip to Springridge Farm

Our annual fall field trip to Springridge Farm is coming up on Wednesday, October 17th for the 3AM, 3PM, and JK/SK classes. The 2AM, 2.5AM classes will be attending on Thursday, October 18th.

Parents/caregivers must drive their children to Springridge and must accompany during the field trip. Information about the field trip and the field trip permission forms will be sent out the first week of October.



Halloween Celebrations

We look forward to celebrating with our little ghosts and goblins at our Halloween celebrations at the end of this month. Please note the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 30th – 2AM/2.5AM classes
- Wednesday, October 31st – 3AM/3PM/JK/SK classes

Feel free to dress up your little ones in their costumes that day – we can't wait to see them!



Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars, Family Fun Night is coming up! Join us on October 19th from 6-8pm for some Halloween fun! Kids come in costume and adults can too! We can't wait for a great time with all of you! There will be games and dancing and pizza and more, kiddies will go home with goodies, galore! Hope to see you there!

-The Social Committee



New Staff

This year's program changes (adding a lunch program), an increase in student registrations and changes to parent volunteer requirements have led the school to have to make some changes to our Nottinghill teaching staff.

We have added a few new and returning faces to different roles at the school. We are so grateful and excited to have these team members joining our teaching staff this year. To give everyone in the Nottinghill community an opportunity to get to know each new staff member better they have written a brief bio about themselves.

Miss Ann (Assistant Teacher 3pm and JK/SK Class and Music Program Instructor for all classes)

Miss Ann has lived in Oakville for over 3 decades with her husband of 39 years, Dave. They raised their now fully-grown and wonderful children here and they are the adoring grandparents of a toddler.



She took on the challenging and joyful role of stay-at-home Mom for 10 years when she decided that teaching children was her calling. She attended Sheridan College in the evenings and received her ECE diploma with high honours in 1997.

Ann has worked at several preschools as a Lead Teacher, Team Leader and then Supervisor. In her “other life” she sings with competitive choirs, winning many first-place medals and trophies. She combined her love of music and teaching children by becoming a licensed Kindermusik teacher in 2003.

Ann first joined the Nottinghill staff in 2008 when she became a part-time assistant teacher. She was then offered a full-time position as Lead Teacher which she happily accepted. She reluctantly left Nottinghill in 2012 to open her own Kindermusik studio, which included teaching the children of Nottinghill. In 2018, after a successful and challenging run with her studio she decided to retire early and pursue her many interests. She then heard about a new position opening at Nottinghill and could not resist returning. She absolutely loves working at this wonderful preschool, saying “the program is the best I have encountered, and I have the greatest respect for the knowledge and experience of the teachers whom I have known for many years.”

Miss Samantha (Lunch Assistant and Morning Class Floater/Supply Teacher)

Miss Samantha has been a part of the Nottinghill community since 2014. With both of her children attending the school from 2014-2018, she has been very involved in the school and has gained a great sense of community. Her past committee placements included member of the Snack committee, Chair of the Classroom Maintenance (Cleaning) Committee and member of the Board of Directors as Committee Coordinator.

Last year, Samantha became a supply teacher at Nottinghill, she really enjoys working with the different classes and getting to know each student. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, spinning, and hiking (especially in the fall).

Miss Anum (Lunch Assistant and Morning Class Floater/Supply Teacher)

Miss Anum grew up on the West Coast in Richmond, B.C. and obtained a degree in Business Management from Kwantlen University. After moving to Oakville, Anum developed a strong connection to Nottinghill as both her children are recent graduates of the preschool program. She enjoyed her time as a volunteer parent in her children’s classes and she was excited to have the opportunity to continue her affiliation with Nottinghill as a supply teacher last year. She is looking forward to the year ahead working with our wonderful children in her new roles as lunch program assistant and morning floater/supply teacher.

Miss Natalie (Afternoon Supply Teacher, covering Assistant Teacher role Thursdays 3pm class)

Miss Natalie has had 24+ years experience working with children of all ages. She is the proud mother of 3 “almost grown” children (15, 20 & 23) and has been a loving Nanny to one of our Nottinghill families for over 4 years. She previously held a counsellor position for 8 years supporting people with intellectual disabilities.

Natalie was thrilled to have the opportunity to volunteer on a regular basis at our school last year in the JK/SK class and was inspired by the incredible learning environment which fosters the children’s education and social development. Natalie loves caring for young children and is delighted to be joining the Nottinghill teaching team this year.

We are so pleased to have such a wonderful staff of teachers at our school who we will know will help make this another fantastic year at Nottinghill!

If you have any questions about the new teaching roles at the school, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

-Stephanie Laivenieks Dakins, VP HR

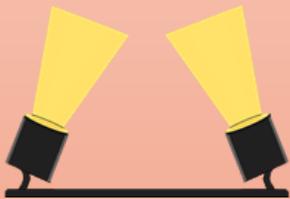


Committee Spotlight

Did you know that even before classes began this committee rolled up their sleeves and scrubbed and wiped everything down to make sure the classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, and cubbies were spic and span for our little learners? The Classroom Cleaning Committee comes in every month for 2 hours to clean and sanitize everything – from toys, tables, and cubbies, to wiping down bathrooms, walls, and floors. They are also responsible for buying cleaning supplies throughout the year. They do a great job of keeping germs and dirt out of the classrooms! The committee chairperson is Kerry Luciano, thank you so much for taking the lead in organizing this important committee.

Thank you to the members of the committee for your commitment to keeping the school spotless:

Suzanne McNab, Stephanie Smith, Laurie Ryan, Jennifer Bryer, Haritha Chennoju, Heather Edwards, Hayley Paterson, Emily Richards, Sue-Ann Gallant, Enoka Makulloluna, Alison Inglis.



Our Awards and Recognition



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