

# NOTTINGHILL NEWS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** • Board meeting

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** • 2AM Holiday celebration

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** • 3AM, JK/SK Holiday Celebration

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** • Last day of classes before Christmas Break

## Message from the Teachers

Hello Families!

Happy December! We have made it through a rather dark, and rainy November thanks to some very fun themes, including Under the Sea, Healthy Me, and the start of our Shapes and Colours unit!

Under the Sea gave the children a great opportunity to learn all about our favourite sea creatures, as well as watch a few videos from NatGeo kids so they could see some glow in the dark jellyfish, as well as the adorable baby seahorses (that we learned are called a Fry!). It was also filled with glitter and water colours, as the children created some beautiful crafts that have been decorating our school!

Healthy Me offered us the opportunity to use that same glitter for one of our favourite experiments to show the children how germs can transfer from our sneezes, to our hands, our toys, and our friends! We discussed the importance of handwashing, covering our coughs with our elbows, and keeping our teeth and bodies healthy with balanced food choices!

We also spent some time discussing our feelings and emotions, using colours to describe them, giving them

faces and feelings, and talking about things that make us feel happy, sad, angry and silly!

Next month will be all about the holidays, as we start on some very special surprises to take home! Please watch for more information / times for your child's holiday performance / party in the next few weeks!

**2am** - December 21 - This will be a sing-along with the children and caregivers, with snacks and a special gift for parents!

**3am** - December 22 - The children will have a short performance, followed by some special snacks and a gift for parents!

**JK/SK** - December 22 - There will be a holiday performance, followed by treats and a gift for parents!

Please note our last day of classes before the break will be Friday December 22, and we will return on January 8!

We want to extend a warm Nottingham welcome to Miss Karen, who has joined us as our morning float teacher, and assistant in the JK/SK class! Miss Karen is a previous Nottingham parent and Board member, and has joined the team seamlessly, with a lot of welcome hugs from the children! Please feel free to say hello if you see her at drop - off / pick up!

As we move into the colder (and colder) weather, we please ask that you make sure to send appropriate

clothing each day for outdoor play, and have your child practice dressing / undressing themselves at home! Please also label everything, as new clothing can be hard for children to keep track of, and often looks the same as other classmates!

We appreciate everyone that has made note of our illness policy and the Halton Screening tool, and kept their children home when sick! This is a great help in

keeping our school healthy and open!

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher!

From,

Your Nottingham Teachers



### Save the Date!

Nottingham's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30pm**. This will be your first opportunity to register for the 2024/2025 school year! Stay tuned for additional details!



### 2024-2025 Nottingham Board of Directors

Are you returning to Nottingham next year and interested in being on the Board of Directors? The Board for the 2024/2025 school year will be announced at the AGM in January. If you're interested in a position on the Board for next year or want to learn more about the positions available, please reach out to Allie at: [nottinghillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghillpresident@gmail.com)

### Mabel's Labels



As a reminder all of your child's belongings (bags, shoes/boots, hats, gloves, etc) should be labelled. If you need to purchase labels, please consider ordering from Mabel's Labels. They can be purchased online by going to: [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

Type "Nottingham" into the search bar and select "Nottingham Co-op Preschool (Oakville)" from the drop down menu. In doing so, you will purchase some great quality labels to help keep track of your child's belongings and at the same time, help to support our wonderful school!

## Presidents Message



December is going to be a busy month at Nottingham as we prepare for our second social of the year and our in-person classroom holiday celebrations. The children will be hard at work practicing their songs and working on some fun themed crafts to bring home this month. For those who purchased from the Terra fundraiser, we hope you enjoy your festive arrangements and would like to thank you for continuing to support our school!

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday January 17th at 7:30pm and we encourage all families to attend this meeting.

Families who attend will be given the first opportunity to register for the 2024/2025 school year and will receive \$25 off their registration fee. Classes do fill up quickly, and once a class is full, waiting lists will be started. Our registration will then open to Alumni at the end of January and to the general public in early February. We want to make sure our returning families are able to register their children, so please be sure to attend the meeting if you're interested in a spot for next year. At the AGM, we will also be announcing the 2024/2025 Board of Directors. If you're interested in running for a position, or want to chat about any of the roles, please reach out to me at [nottinghampresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghampresident@gmail.com).

This month you will also be receiving a link to the Nottingham Annual Survey; we would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to fill it out. The insight generated from the survey assists us with planning for the upcoming school year and an analysis of the survey results will be presented at the AGM in January.

As the cold weather approaches this month, I want to take the opportunity to remind you of our incremental weather policy. We follow the Halton District School Board in terms of any school cancellations. Should classes be cancelled due to winter weather, you will be notified via email and through our Facebook page. I encourage you to review your Parent Handbook if you have any questions about the policies or procedures for cold weather.

I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and very happy New Year!

- Adriana



## 2024 Online Auction

We are starting to gather donations for our popular online auction. If you have any items, gift cards, or services you would like to donate, please reach out to [ncpspecialerevents@gmail.com](mailto:ncpspecialerevents@gmail.com).



## Holiday Social!

Hello Nottingham Families! We are thrilled to announce that our Holiday Social will take place on Monday 11th December, from 3:45-5:15 in the narthex area of the church. We have lots of festive fun planned, including:

- 🎄 Cookie decorating
- 🎄 Face-painting
- 🎄 Festive games
- 🎄 Colouring & sensory activity table
- 🎄 Photo booth (take your own photos)
- 🎄 Festive music & freeze dance
- 🎄 Gift basket & candy jar raffles
- 🎄 Story-time
- 🎄 Snacks & beverages

The raffle tickets will be sold on a cash only basis, so make sure to bring your loonies and toonies. And don't forget to don your festive hats, sweaters and pajamas! If anyone would like to donate items to the raffle, please pass along to your child's teacher or get in touch with Deirdre at [ncpspecialevents@gmail.com](mailto:ncpspecialevents@gmail.com)  
Please watch for an email to RSVP to this event!