

# NOTTINGHILL NEWS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** • 2024/2025 Registration Opens to public

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** • Board Meeting

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** • Valentine's Day Celebration 2AM

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** • Valentine's Day Celebration 3AM & JK/SK

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** • Family Day (No Classes)

## Message from the Teachers

Hello and Happy February! January was a wonderful, although cold, month! With lots of learning about dinosaurs, and an unplanned lesson about squirrels!

We were so glad to welcome everyone back from the Holidays to one of the children's favourite themes, Dinosaurs! So it only seemed right to extend it so they didn't miss any of the fun and facts! We had a few Dinosaur experts amongst the classes that helped us to name and tell us a bit about some of the less known dinosaurs, and the JK / SK class got to do their very own dinosaur dig which was an incredibly fun and messy afternoon!

We finished the month with Zoo animals and Pets! This is always a fun theme as we decide why a hippopotamus is not a great pet, and how to properly care for the pets we have at home!

We also welcome Coach Dana with Fit for Fun for each class, and have already tried our skills at soccer, volleyball and football! The children are having a wonderful time and it has been a welcome change from the cold temperatures! Coach Dana will be in until the end of Feb, so please continue to send proper footwear on your child's assigned day to ensure they can participate safely!

February brings on our themes of Friendship, Valentines Day and Winter!

We will be discussing ways to be a kind friend, creating some beautiful surprise Valentines to take home, and (weather permitting!) will be starting our Snow experiment while we learn about animals that love to play in the snow!

Our Valentine's Day parties will be as follows:

**2am - February 13**

**3am & JK / SK - February 14**

We will also be holding teacher conferences for the JK / SK classes at the beginning of February. If you are interested and have not yet signed up for a time slot, please do so!

The 2am and 3am classes are also welcome to reach out at any time to meet with your child's teacher regarding their progress and any concerns you may have!

We are hopeful for lots of snow on our playground this month, and will go out whenever possible. Just a reminder that our Ministry regulations state that we can go out to -10 with the windchill for 2am and 3am, and -12 with the windchill for JK / SK classes. So please send appropriate clothing to ensure your child is able to play comfortably!

Please review our illness policy and / or the Halton Screening if you are unsure whether to send your child to school. Your help in stopping the spread of illness at school helps to keep us healthy and open!

-Your Nottingham Teachers

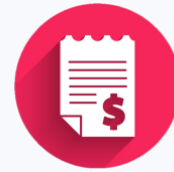
### Happy Valentine's Day!

Our Valentines Day parties will be held in class, for the children only, on Feb 13 (am) and Feb 14 (am & pm). We welcome families to send Valentines in for the class if they choose, but ask that you refrain from sending any food items as we have several allergies in the school. We ask that the 2am and 3am classes address their Valentines "To My Friend" so that they are able to distribute them independently, but welcome the JK / SK class to address theirs individually if they would like! The class lists that were sent out with your orientation email will have the most up to date list of children for you!

We will have a special treat, and welcome the children to dress in red, pink, or a colour they love!

### 2023 Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for 2023 will be sent out in February via email. This covers the tuition for time attended during the 2023 calendar year.



### Another year, Another Auction!

We are calling on you all to help us make this year's silent online auction a great one, so if you or any friends or family members have anything to donate (gift certificates, merchandise, services, special items) please let us know by emailing Deirdre at [ncpfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ncpfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com)

If you have any contacts or special connections with local businesses, please do consider asking them to help us out with a donation. Donation request letters are available from the Fundraising Committee. Remember, all proceeds from the auction go directly to our wonderful school, and it's the biggest fundraiser of the year! Details about how to browse the auction and bid will follow in our March newsletter.



## Presidents Message



Hello Nottingham Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on January 17<sup>th</sup> and registered their child for next year. Classes are starting to fill up quickly and we are anticipating having a waitlist for a few of the classes so if you are thinking about enrolling, please don't wait!

If you have registered your child for the 2024/2025 school year, please make sure all your forms are filled in and submitted by the end of February as it takes some time for us to process all the paperwork. If paying the registration fee by e-transfer you can send it to:

[ncptreasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:ncptreasurer1@gmail.com) or cheques can be made out to: Nottingham Cooperative Preschool. The updated registration package can be found on our website and if you have any questions about the forms, please reach out to our Registrar at [registrar@nottinghampreschool.com](mailto:registrar@nottinghampreschool.com).

I'm happy to announce that the Board of Directors for the 2024/2025 school year will be as follows:

**Sofia Castedo:** VP Marketing

**Lauren Madauri:** Secretary

**Paola Sullivan:** Registrar

Sadly, we have some board members graduating from the school at the end of this year and **we still need to fill the following roles: President, VP Special Events, VP Human Resources, Committee Coordinator And Treasurer.** Our school cannot run without the board of directors, and we will be looking to fill these roles before the end of this year. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity, please reach out to Miss Jessica or me at: [nottinghampresident@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghampresident@gmail.com).

Lastly, a reminder that registration opens to the public on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will be holding an Open House that morning. Any new families that would like to come see the school in person, talk to the teachers and board members, or register are welcome to drop by. This year we will be relying on word of mouth more than ever so please let your family, friends and neighbours know about our registration dates!

-Adriana

## 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!