

Newsletter—November 2017

Hello Families,

We hope you had a fantastic Halloween! The kids looked adorable in their costumes, and we will have Halloween pictures uploaded to the Parent Access section of our website (password “Parent”) by the end of the week.

Just a reminder that **Picture Day orders** are due no later than this **Friday November 3rd**. Please return envelopes with order forms and payment to any of the room teachers no later than Friday afternoon. Pictures should than arrive within a few weeks.

Please make sure your child has sufficiently warm clothing to be outside for at least 1 hour at a time. Our outdoor policy is that the kids are outside for a minimum of 2 hours per day (as per Ministry guidelines). Our weather cutoff is -10 with wind chill for the Toddlers and Juniors, and -15 with wind chill for the Seniors. Please remember that a written note is required to keep a child indoors, and is to be used only for special circumstances.

Please remember to **not park** in the Etobicoke Humane Society parking lot or block the driveway of Hepburn Engineering. The large lot 2 doors west of us (Weller Publishing) is usually empty in the afternoons. Thank you for your cooperation.

On **Tuesday November 14**, we’ve booked Alex Barlow of **Sportball** to do a fun **sport enrichment workshop** with the children outside. Sportball holds many athletic classes with young children around the GTA, and their programs are a terrific complement to developing children’s physical and gross motor skills. They promote physical literacy in a fun, non-competitive environment that builds skill sets and fosters self-confidence and self-esteem. The schedule for the workshops will be as follows:

SR: 9:30-10am

TD: 10-10:20am

JR: 10:20-10:50am

The Holidays are right around the corner! Please save **Wednesday December 13th** in your calenders for our annual Holiday Recital and Party. Each room will prepare special Holiday songs and poems to perform to parents. After, we will have our Holiday party with music, light snacks, and beverages. We will also have a special visit from Santa with picture opportunities for everyone ☺. The recital will begin at 4pm sharp in the Gym and we ask parents to go around the building and use the playground exit to enter. Please note that parking is VERY tight and we’ve had issues in the past, so we strongly recommend getting public transit, walking, carpooling, taxi/uber/drop off, or arriving early enough to find a parking spot on the street. If having a good view and a seat is important to you, we do recommend arriving early as it gets very busy. Please respect our neighbors and do not block any of their driveways or park in their lots as they will tow your car.

Please don’t hesitate to approach us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Best Regards,
Lily and Anthony

OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Milenia N – November 5

Abigail K – November 11

Emily N – November 11

Solange B – November 13

Soleil B – November 13

Ayda T – November 20

Skye W – November 25

Zaya S.G. – November 28



Please remember that celebration treats must be labelled peanut / tree nut free to be served at the Centre. We recommend School Safe mini cupcakes and Chapman’s Original Ice Cream found at most grocery stores, or items from Swirls Cupcakes (peanut/tree nut free bakery) at 4158 Dundas St. West (Dundas and Royal York – they deliver!). Please check with us first if you are uncertain about your treats. Thank you for your cooperation ☺

November 6-10: Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day or Veteran's Day and is a very important day as we remember all of the Canadians that helped keep us safe and made Canada what it is today. The children will learn about our armed forces and talk about Remembrance Day in a way that celebrates compassion, honesty, and pride. For creative arts, we will be making a veteran soldier with paper, a red paper plate poppy and a hand print peace wreath. Our dramatic centre will be decorated as a "Remembrance Day Celebration".

Song: See the Poppies (Tune: Frere Jacques)

See the poppies, see the poppies
Oh so red, oh so red
Growing on the hill side,
Growing on the hill side,
Soldiers lay dead, soldiers lay dead.
We remember, we remember
On this day, on this day
Soldiers on the hillside, soldiers on the hillside
Far away, far away

November 13-17: Homes

This week we will focus on something very important to us: our homes! Since everyone's home is unique, we will be discussing how homes and families differ. We will also be discussing activities we can do in our home and the different rooms we have in our homes. For creative arts, we will be making a paper bag house, decorate a paper house, and create a name sign for each child to bring to their homes. Our dramatic centre will be decorated as a "House".

Song: This is the Way We Build Our House (Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)

This is the way we build our house, build our house, build our house
This is the way we build our house so early in the morning!
(next verses)
This is the way we paint our house
This is the way we wash our car
This is the way we rake the leaves

November 20-24: Occupations

During this week, we will be exploring the theme of occupations. The children will become aware of a great number of occupations and the way their workers help us today. We will be having a special visit on **Tuesday November 21st** from 9:30-10:45 from Fire Fighter Mike who will show us his Fire fighter uniform, hat, and talk to us a bit about what Fire Fighters do. For creative arts, we will be making a popsicle stick mail truck, a paper fire fighter, and a different occupation collage. Our dramatic centre will turn into a "Doctor's Office".

Song: The Community Worker Song (Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

The firemen are brave, the firemen are brave
High ho what do you know
The fireman are brave!
(next verses)
Barbers cut our hair
Doctors keep us well
Policeman stop the traffic

November 27- December 1: Multiculturalism

This week we are talking about multiculturalism. Living in a diverse city like Toronto means we see multiculturalism all over the city. The multicultural classroom is one in which both the teachers and children are accepting of all races, cultures and religions. Through this week, the children will learn about the importance of multiculturalism and how we can incorporate this into our classroom. For creative arts, we will be making multicultural paper dolls, a "friends around the world" craft, and a multicultural collage. **Friday December 1st** is a PA day, and we invite all of our children to dress up in any multicultural outfits as we celebrate diversity and show our friends our special clothing (we will post a reminder)! Our dramatic centre will turn into a "Bakery".

Song: We are Alike (Tune: Frere Jacques)

We are alike, we are alike
We are different, we are different
We are friends, we are friends
Neighbours too, neighbours too