



NEWSLETTER

October 2007

Wow! Can it possibly be October already???? The children are settling in, music and dance have started, and the classrooms are up and running.

We have decided we just have so much to share with you all that we are expanding the newsletter and adding some interesting information for families.

You may wish to post your October calendar as there are many dates to remember this month. The school will be closed on Monday, October 8th for Thanksgiving. Then, on Friday October 19th we have a Professional Development day for the teachers. The week after that, on Tuesday, October 23rd it's the Pumpkin Patch. Whew!

Speaking of the Pumpkin Patch, for our new families, children come with their parent(s) or caregivers and we all meet at the farm. There will be a morning and afternoon session and a notice will go home soon so we can figure out numbers attending. Then of course, we have the children's favourite day on October 31st. That would be Halloween. Please **DO NOT** have your children wear costumes to school that day. We find that some children are upset if they don't have one and some children become the character they are portraying and often costumes are bulky and awkward when trying to do schoolwork. Thank you in advance.

A bag for Sharing...

Some of you in the Pre-school classroom may have noticed that we are now using a "Sharing Bag" for the children to bring in items for show and tell. The bag goes home with one child from the morning and one from the afternoon each day and that child is allowed to bring something in to show the other children. It is quite important that the bag is brought back the next day for the next child on the list. We do ask that the children do NOT bring in items on other days when

they do not have the sharing bag. We are trying to eliminate the 'toys' and such that were brought in daily last year.

the dreaded reminders....

Please, please, please, if you have not already done so, remember to bring in the earthquake kits, a change of clothing for your child and dance shoes (**all clearly labeled**, as well as any forms sent home to be filled out. Also, please label your snack containers. We try and return containers the same day, but that does not always happen and it's difficult to remember who owns what.

Also, a gentle little reminder to please be on time when arriving for school. We realize there are times when it cannot be helped, but please try and minimize this as much as possible. When the group time is in full swing, if the door opens, all heads turn.

Thank you so much!

Our thanks to everyone who has signed up for SNACK, BINGO, COOKING and GOODIES for our Meet and Greet Picnic. We hope everyone had a great time at the picnic and had a chance to meet some other parents.

Also, a very big thank you to Paddy for our new mat outside the door. Another big thank you to Lily for subbing in the classroom AND offering to take the recycling each week.

And guess what? There are other volunteer positions available such as laundry, garbage removal and taking back the empty water bottles from the school.

did you know...

that we have an account at the bottle recycling depot? If you wish to donate your empty bottles to the school, you can do this by just mentioning our name and they will credit our account. This is a small but significant fundraiser for the school and these funds are used for classroom materials, books and so on. The bottle depot is located at the back of the small strip mall housing Sears, Primetime Computers, Hair's the Place and the First Aid Training Centre. The strip mall is beside Westgate Mall housing Save On Foods at Lougheed and 203rd.

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Another new item we would like to offer is a health and nutrition section.