

## **OCTOBER 2024**

# **NURSERY NEWS**

## ★ WHAT'S UP AT NURSERY SCHOOL...

We have had an absolutely amazing start to the school year! The staggered entry has made it easier for the children to get into the class routine for the school year. The children have all been doing such a wonderful job of picking up the new routine! We have had a few tears at drop off but with each class, both their grownups and the children are becoming more relaxed and comfortable.

We have enjoyed painting, building, cutting, playing, running, jumping and climbing on the class climber and slide. We have also had our first fire drill practice and begun spending some of our class time outside. We will continue to go outside as long as weather permits.

We are gearing up for a super fun October that will include Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween lessons and activities!

## $\star$ Class Photos

We have been busy documenting the first couple of weeks of your child's nursery school adventures through photos. We are using an app called Bublup and a link has been sent out to access the class albums. We use them to share snapshots of your child's day with you! The photos are private for each class and will only be visible to parents and children of that class. We hope you are enjoying them so far! If you did not receive a link for the photo album please send us a message through Fastoche so we can re send it to you.

## NURSERY NEWS CONT'D

### **\*** Halloween Party!

Please feel free to have your child wear their Halloween costume to school on October 30th and 31st. A snack sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### **\*** Name Labels

We want to thank everyone for labelling all of your children's school items, clothing and shoes. As the weather gets chilly and we will be needing toques etc. we ask that you please continue to label any and all items that your child brings to class so we know who they belong to.

### $\star$ Welcome to Fastoche

What is Fastoche? It is our online data storage/communication system. We are so excited about Fastoche as it has made the administration portion of the nursery school so much easier and convenient! Some of the areas we would like to inform you about:

• **Texting 204-690-0899:** If you need to send us a message in regards to your child, please do so by texting us @204-690-0899, this service is available 24/7, including the middle of the night, and if you message us about your child's absence it will be recorded on our attendance immediately, and we will be alerted in the morning.

• Emailing Us: If for any reason you need to email us:

Miss Darcy at <u>Darcy@resns.fastoche.ca</u>

Miss Kristin at Kristin@resns.fastoche.ca

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- Miss Monica at Monica@resns.fastoche.ca
- Miss Mary at <u>Mary@resns.fastoche.ca</u>
- Children's Information: It is important that you have updated all of your child's information, on Fastoche, including pictures of anyone who is able to pick up your child. If we do not know the person who is picking up your child, and we do not have a picture of them, then we will be asking them to show ID, such as a driver's license, before we will release your child. The code to update your child's information expires after 2 weeks, so if you need another code, please message Miss Darcy.

### **\* Donations**

We are currently looking for the following items for donation to the classroom for arts, crafts and play:

- Thread spools
- Buttons
- Tin cans no sharp edges please
- wood bowls, trays, and platters
- wallpaper scraps
- scrapbooking paper

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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## **\* AGM Update**

Please know that the Board has decided to host our AGM over <u>Zoom</u> again this year. The Meeting will continue to be held on **Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 7pm**. A link will be sent out by email closer to the meeting date. We do ask that one person from each family attend the AGM, and are hoping that this change is more accommodating of that requirement.

### **\* Board Positions Available**

We continue to seek volunteers for the Board of Directors. Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet other parents and community members, and to ensure the continued success of RESNS. Available positions for the upcoming school year are:

- Board Chairperson
- Special Events Coordinator

Please contact Cindy Frazer (<u>board@resns.org</u>) for more information about joining our Board!

### $\star$ Communication with the Board

If you need to contact the Board of Directors, you can do so by emailing <u>board@resns.org</u>. Please also save this email address in your contact information, as we will be sending out any necessary updates from the Board of Directors from this email address.

# FUNDRAISING SPECIAL EVENTS

## **FUNDRAISING**

Thank you for all your support with the first fundraiser of the year!

Orders will be ready for pickup at RESNS in roughly 2-3 weeks. More details to come.





## ★ SPECIAL EVENTS

The preschool and Kindercare kids will be heading to "The Beach" at the end of the month to have fun in the sand. Parents do not have to attend this field trip but will have to provide transportation to and from. "The Beach" is only five minutes away for RESNS. Dates and times will be similar to your child's regular preschool class time on either October 24th and 25th. Watch for the field trip permission slips at the beginning of October!

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

## <u>CLEANING SCHEDULE (NON CO-OP)</u>

Term one cleaning night sign up is now open through our online scheduling system: <u>https://signup.com/go/nWYSRje</u>. Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) that work best for you. You will not need to register an account or keep a password.

## ★ IN-CLASS VOLUNTEERING (CO-OP)

Term one in-class shift sign up is now open through our online scheduling system: <u>https://signup.com/go/wRttLSz</u>.

As noted in the Parent Handbook, criminal record and child abuse registry checks are required for co-op participation. Volunteers are responsible for applying for each check and covering the cost at submission. To qualify for reimbursement, please submit the original copies and receipts by October 14, 2024.

Reimbursements will be processed in June 2025, provided you have met your volunteer commitment. Late submissions will not be accepted, as sufficient notice was given regarding these requirements to ensure timely processing of the checks.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR



# HOW TO CONTACT US

### Text 204-690-0899

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#### **Email**

- ▶ Miss Darcy at <u>Darcy@resns.fastoche.ca</u>
- ▶Miss Kristin at Kristin@resns.fastoche.ca
- Miss Monica at Monica@resns.fastoche.ca
- Miss Mary at Mary@resns.fastoche.ca

### **Attendance**

•Please text 204-690-0899 or email us if your child will be absent. Please include the word "absent" in your message and your child will automatically marked absent by the system and we will be alerted. This service is available 24/7.

### **Children's Information**

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## **River East Scholars Nursery School**

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