



# NURSERY NEWS

## ★ WELCOME TO NURSERY SCHOOL...

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer! We are pleased to be back and are excited to start a brand new school year! We cannot wait to get back in the classroom with our students!

During the week of September 9th-13th your child will have completed one of the most important steps in his/her life - the first day of nursery school! We know that you and your child have met this day with both excitement and hesitation and we hope that this newsletter will ease any concerns that you may have. Thank you for embarking on this journey with us! Now let's get this year started!

### ★ **Parent/Teacher Relationship**

We believe that a good parent/teacher relationship is a necessary component to achieve maximum program success. Throughout the year we will communicate with you through newsletters, conversation and through the Fastoche app.

It is important to ensure that all information we have on your child is up to date. If there are any changes in residence, emergency contacts, authorized pick ups etc., please ensure you contact Miss Darcy so she can send you a link to update your child's file.

### ★ **Calming Those First Day of School Nerves...**

As we all know the first day, week, even month of school can be a little nerve-wracking for us as parents but especially for our littles! Here is a helpful tip on how to calm some of those first day jitters:

- Have your child bring in a small family picture or a small item

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from home to keep in their pocket as a transition item.

▸ As the days and weeks go by we will slowly transition them from carrying the item to leaving it in their supply box to look at as they need it, to keeping it in their backpack in the hallway to eventually one day not needing the item at all!

We know that not every child will need a transition item but for some this is very helpful and we want to be sure that school is a positive and fun experience for your child.

And please remember during this first week and throughout the year ALL feelings are OK in our classroom. 🥰

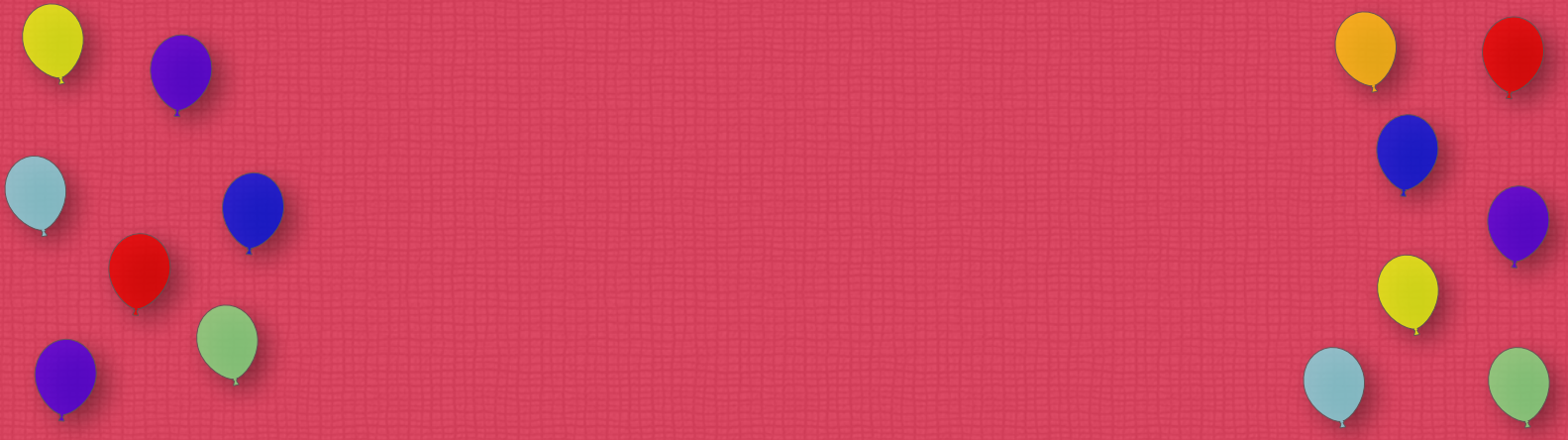
## ★ What to Bring to Class

### ▸ Clothing

Everyday your child will have the opportunity to paint, play in the sand, glue, cut and draw. They will also go to the gym and play outside which may require them to roll up their sleeves and get messy. Please send your child in clothing that is clean and comfortable, but also clothing that can get dirty. The nursery school experience is about "experiencing" activities such as paint, sand, and glue without worries.

### ▸ Footwear

Since outdoor time and the gym are a regular part of our day, please be sure your child is wearing appropriate shoes. Dress shoes, laces and sandals can be hazardous. Velcro runners are the best and easiest for children to take on and off themselves and are



preferred. The fire regulation states that all children must have footwear on at all times. From time to time, the children do remove their footwear. It is important that all footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name, for easy identification.

► **Toys**

Please leave all of your child's toys at home. A small transition item that can fit in their pocket or can be left in their supply box until the end of class is fine, otherwise, all other toys should be left at home so that children do not lose their special toys at school.

★ **Meet the Teacher Evening**

Please come and meet our wonderful teachers and tour the classroom the evening of September 5th:

- MWF AM Class: 5:30 - 5:50 pm
- MWF PM Class: 5:55 - 6:15 pm
- TTH AM Class: 6:20 - 6:40 pm
- TTH PM Class: 6:45 - 7:05 pm

★ **Save The Date for Picture Day!**

Class photos will be taken:

Tuesday/Thursday Classes: October 3rd

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Classes: October 4th

More details on this will be sent out later in the month.

# MEET THE TEACHERS

## ★ MEET OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS!

### ★ **Miss Darcy**

My name is Darcy Davies. I am a mother of 5 amazing children and 10 fabulous grandchildren. I am the Director of River East Scholar's Nursery School. I have been with RESNS for over 20 years. I have been in the field of Early Childhood Education for over 30 years. First as a CCA, and then in 2012, I went back to school and acquired my ECE II. I truly believe that you never stop learning and a couple years ago I went back to school and obtained my ECE III. It is my absolute honour and privilege, to help guide your child through their first preschool experience.



### ★ **Miss Kristin**

My name is Kristin Heiland-Bilodeau. I am a mom to three amazing kids! I am an ECE II and have been in the childcare field for 23 years. My family and I have been living in the USA and Ontario for the last few years and we are excited to be back in Winnipeg! I look forward to meeting all the wonderful children attending the River East Scholars Nursery School.



# MEET THE TEACHERS CONT'D

## ★ Miss Renee

Hello! My name is Renee Savoie. I have been in the childcare field for 21 years. I am a college graduate and a ECE II. This is my 15th year working with the amazing teachers at RESNS and it is an honour to work, teach and learn alongside your amazing children.



## ★ Kim Churchill

Kim Churchill is a speech and language pathologist. Kim will be joining each class approximately 1 to 2 times per month to help us with strategies to increase the speech and language abilities of our students. River East Scholar's Nursery School is able to provide the services of a speech pathologist thanks to the generous support of Variety Club of Manitoba.



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

## ★ MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors would like to welcome all new and returning families to RESNS! Your teachers have been preparing to ensure that everyone has a successful start this September, and we are very excited to get back into the swing of things! With teachers, students, and parents anticipating the start of the school year, the Board of Directors is also excited to have new faces help to guide RESNS decisions. We are currently seeking nominations for the following positions:

- Board Chairperson
- Special Events Coordinator

If you are interested in a great volunteer opportunity, and the chance to be involved with your child's Nursery School or Kindercare program, please reach out to Darcy Davies, or Cindy Frazer ([board@resns.org](mailto:board@resns.org)) to put your name forward for one of the above positions! New Board Members will be officially voted in at our Annual General Meeting in October.

# FUNDRAISING SPECIAL EVENTS

## ★ FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is such an important part of most nursery school finances. Without fundraising we would not be able to offer so many amazing programs to our children. We hope to have your support this coming school year!

### ★ **Check out Mabel's Labels**

Another great way to support our nursery school is to check out Mabel's Labels for your back to school shopping needs. Head to [www.mabelslabels.ca](http://www.mabelslabels.ca) and select "River East Scholar's Nursery School" from the available fundraisers. With every purchase, RESNS receives a percentage of the profits!

## ★ SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are a regular occurrence here at RESNS and we're excited for the upcoming year. As a general rule we have a guest visit our classroom every other month and try to go to a fun and enjoyable location on the off month. Note that a parent/guardian is required to attend the off-site events. RESNS will always cover the expense for the child to attend. Our first outing takes place in October. Stay tuned for all the details as October approaches!



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

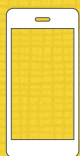
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Open House/ Meet the Teacher		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 First Day MWF Classes 1/2 Class	 First Day TT Classes 1/2 Class	 First Day MWF Classes 1/2 Class	 First Day TT Classes 1/2 Class	 First Day MWF Classes Full Class		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		 First Day TT Classes Full Class				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
Truth & Reconciliation Day No School						

## LOOKING AHEAD

 October 3/4  
Picture Day



# HOW TO CONTACT US



## **Text 204-690-0899**

▸ If you need to send us a message in regards to your child.

## **Email**

▸ Miss Darcy at [Darcy@resns.fastoche.ca](mailto:Darcy@resns.fastoche.ca)

▸ Miss Kristin at [Kristin@resns.fastoche.ca](mailto:Kristin@resns.fastoche.ca)

▸ Miss Mary at [Mary@resns.fastoche.ca](mailto:Mary@resns.fastoche.ca)

▸ Board Chair at [Board@resns.org](mailto:Board@resns.org)



## **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**

▸ Please contact Miss Darcy for a code to update your child's information on Fastoche. (Codes for Fastoche will expire after 2 weeks.)



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