



# Kindergarten Newsletter—October 2017

## Drop off and Pick Up (and inside shoes)

Thank you so much for your cooperation in meeting your children on time at the end of the kindergarten day. If for some reason you are going to be late, your child will be kept in the kindergarten classroom until 11:30 or 3:25. After these times, they will be waiting for you in the office. **Dismissal times are 11:25am and 3:20pm (doors open at 11:20 and 3:15pm)** *If you have not yet brought your child's inside shoes, please send them to school as soon as possible. They will be kept in the boot room in their labeled spot. As the weather gets wet and/or snowy, please have them change their shoes before coming into class. Thank you.*

## Skating

Thanks to those of you who have returned your skating volunteer forms. Kindergarten skating is October 12, 26, November 30, and December 7. On each of these days we will be taking a trip to Nicholas Sheran arena to skate together! Parent/adult helpers will meet students at the rink. It will be a huge help if parents could bring their child's skates and supplies to the rink rather than children bringing them to the school. We plan to be on the ice from: (approximately)

**MORNING CLASS 9:15am-10:15am      AFTERNOON CLASS 1pm-2pm**

Siblings are welcome as long as they are fully supervised and **have SKATING (hockey) helmets**. Each child needs to bring their own pair of skates. NO CHILD (including siblings) WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ICE WITHOUT A PROPER SKATING (HOCKEY) HELMET. If your child does not have a helmet, the school does own some that can be borrowed. If you are unable to get skates for your child, please let me know ASAP.

If you'd like more opportunity to practice skating skills, MMH offers after school skating starting October 25. Students are welcome to meet at the twin rinks at the ATB centre from 3:30-4:30 for after school skating. Same rules apply for helmets and skates at this event.

### Important Dates to

#### Remember

#### October 2

Seaman speech screens

#### October 3

Speelman speech screens

#### October 5

Pumpkins due if you signed up

#### October 9

Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

#### October 10

PL day—No school

#### October 12-17

Book Fair in the library

#### October 12

Skating

AM 9:15-10:15

PM 1-2

#### October 19

PL Days—NO Kindergarten

#### October 23

-Picture Retakes

-Clothing exchange at Wilson MS 4-7

#### October 26

Skating

AM 9:15-10:15

PM 1-2

#### October 31

Halloween Parade and Party

## Scholastic Book Orders



If you ordered Scholastic books, they should be arriving this week. *Please do not feel obligated to place an order, but if you are interested in buying books for your child, please consider buying them through the book club.* Each order gives our classroom points, which earns us free books and classroom goodies. Thanks! Our second Scholastic book order will soon be sent home and will be due back by October 12th.

## Snacks and Special Helper Days

Thanks for making healthy choices when packing snacks for school. Remember that it is just a snack and the children have a limited time (no more than 10 minutes) to eat. Water bottles are appreciated since juice boxes are rarely finished in the time given to eat. Thanks for your continued support.

A reminder to parents; if no one is able to attend your child's special day, please use the ECS directory to try and switch days with someone. If there is no switch available, try to let me know a day or two ahead of time so I can re-arrange plans for the day.

## Homework Projects and Home Reading

Thank you so much for your All About Me pages and Tom Turkeys! The Me books are almost complete and will certainly be a big hit! Tom Turkey is wonderful (sorry the two are so close together, there won't be another one until Christmas) and he's one of our favourite activities for the entire year!



Our Kindergarten Home Reading Program will begin after Christmas. There will be more information regarding this at a later date.

## Pumpkins

If you're willing to donate a pumpkin for our pumpkin science day please sign up on the sheet outside the classroom! We need 4 pumpkins to share between the morning & afternoon class and would like to have them at the school by October 5th. Thanks so much!

## Things to Work on at Home This Month

1. Practice printing your child's name at home. At this point in the year, uppercase OR lowercase is fine. At school, we will be using an uppercase for the first letter and the remainder will be lowercase. We are also noticing children struggling with proper pencil grip. Please ask if you need some tips on how to work on a pencil grip that will help your child become a skilled printer!
2. Kindergarten children should know their **phone number** and **address**. Not only is this part of the curriculum, but also is an important part of their personal safety.

Please work on these two things at home this month. Thanks!

## Sound Packs

By now I'm sure you have noticed your child's 'Sound Pack' in his/her backpack. We will continue to add sounds (about 3 per week) to this pack. **For this reason, it is important to store the Sound Pack in your child's backpack.** Feel free to take it out to practice the sounds and make words as often as you like. Your child has been told that this pack 'lives' in their backpack. Please help them develop responsibility in this area.

## Show and Share

Your child's show & share day is their special day at school. This is the time they are welcome to bring something special to show the class. The first show and share will be their all about me page. If your child is onto their 2nd special day, the theme for October is something that represents fall!

## Cold Weather

The season has changed and we can definitely feel it. We go outside for recess every day, even if it is cold out. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. It might even be a good idea to start thinking about putting a toque and pair of mittens in their backpack.

## Hallowe'en Party

Children can come dressed in their Halloween costumes on Tuesday, October 31. We will take time during 'Circle' to admire all the wonderful outfits. This will be followed by a kindergarten parade through some of the other classrooms in the school. The "party" will not start until after snack, at which time we will break up into groups and participate in 'Halloween Stations'! (this tends to keep things low key).

**NOTE:** If your child is wearing a very fluffy, or very warm costume you may want to send extra clothes in case we get 'overheated'.



Our apple pie cooking project was a huge hit!

Our recipe was as follows:

### Apple Pie

sliced apples, pinch of sugar, pinch of cinnamon,  
place ap-  
ples into a tart or pie shell.

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Cook until apples are soft.

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