



CLARKSON TODDLER & CASA NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at White Oaks Montessori School. We look forward to a stimulating and exciting 28th year.

September is Cancer Childhood Awareness month. Teagan Walsh, one of our Elementary students has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in one of her legs. We have set up a “gofundme” account under the name of Teagan Walsh. We are holding raffles to raise money for Teagan and her family. We are looking for parent volunteers to help organize other events. Please reach out to your connections for items that we can either raffle or use for a Silent Auction.

We are raffling 2 Toronto Football Club Tickets (at the Vanier Campus) for the game on Saturday, September 30th vs the New York Red Bulls. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Due to increasing concerns about the ultraviolet rays from the sun, please apply **sunscreen prior to coming to school** and **send a hat** with your child each day. Please do not send sunscreen spray as it makes floors very slippery and dangerous.

Parents must notify the school if your child has a fever or exhibits any signs of the flu. Students with a fever will be sent home immediately. All students will be reminded in class on care of self and good hygiene habits. Students are always encouraged to wash their hands before and after lunch, after using the washroom and after sneezing, coughing, etc.

When preparing your child’s lunch please remember that we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. **Due to severe allergies, parents must also refrain from sending any food items that say “may contain nuts,” etc.**

Thursday, September 14th was Our “Meet and Greet Family BBQ”. The lunch was a great success, a good time was had by all who attended.

Friday, September 22nd, Toddler, Casa & Elementary Curriculum Night - we invite you to attend our 1st Curriculum night from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at our Vanier Campus. We encourage new Toddler and 1st year Casa parents to attend as we will present the Toddler, and Casa Practical Life and Language Curriculum. Parents of students 4 years and older are encouraged to attend the Elementary Language Curriculum and see the diverse range of materials your child will be working with from Grade 1 to 6. Support us in the education of your child(ren) by attending this informative night.

Information for the Jumpstart extra-curricular midday (11:30-12:00) programme has been distributed to all Casa students. Please don’t delay to register online for the programme to commence.

Our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be at our Vanier Campus from September 22nd to the 28th. Further details to follow.

October 2nd to 6th is our **Annual Food Drive**. Please help those in need by donating non-perishable items i.e. pasta & sauce, cereal, rice, tuna, baby food, diapers etc. This year we will also be collecting toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste etc) for The Compass, our local Food Bank in Port Credit. These items are in great demand. When families are struggling to make ends meet these items are often unaffordable. We will have two of the Compass bins in the main lobby one for groceries the other for toiletries.

Thursday, October 5th is Pizza Snack/Lunch in lieu of Friday.

Our **Thanksgiving Feast** is **Friday, October 6th**. **Sign up sheets will be posted at each class door by the end of September.**

Monday, October 9th is **Thanksgiving Day**. **School will be closed.**

REMINDERS:

Extra Curricular Programme – Jumpstart will be on Wednesdays at 11:30 am to 12:00 pm.

MY BIRTHDAY BOOK: On your child's birthday, you are welcome to donate a favourite book of your child's choosing to his/her class. A label will be attached to the inside front cover of the book as a special reminder of your child's donation.

CLOTH BAGS: **Children are encouraged to bring a cloth bag** for their cubbies to hold their belongings. Backpacks are bulky and too restrictive.

Punctuality is an important life long habit to instill in your children. Please endeavour to have your children arrive on time. Attendance is recorded daily. French classes for Casa begin at 9:10 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please refrain from engaging teachers in lengthy conversations or discussions at the class door. Their focus must remain on their students at all times. If you wish to speak to the teacher, you can make an appointment for a mutually convenient time. Teachers are on lunch or recess duty during lunch break.

Please remember to visit our web site at www.woms.ca, for updated information; the password is bunniesarefluffy.

Sincerely,

Irene Stathoukos
Principal