

Fom the Director's Desk: aka- her little cupboard in the closet- Paulette Young, RECE

Warm welcome to all our new and returning families!

Enrolment is going well for the start of our school year. There are spaces in Junior Preschool so kindly spread the word!

Just a few friendly reminders from the Director:

***RPNS Orientation Night & AGM** is set for Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 pm. As a cooperative spirited nursery school, all families are required to have at least one adult attend this event. Non-profit organizations are mandated to have an Annual General Meeting and you will be voting in the slate of officers for our 2018-2019 Board of Directors. Interested in being a member of our board or wish to nominate someone?....contact Paulette. This evening event will also include information on our nursery school program and how we can all help to make it the best environment for the children! Kindly note that this evening is not conducive for children; however, young' babes in arms' are welcome.

* Not getting any **emails** from us? Check your Spam box as emails from some RPNS are sent through our child care management system (noreply@varitechsystems.com). Please do not reply to this email. Replies to this email will NOT be responded to or read. If you have any questions or comments, contact us at **rpns@rogers.com**

*Kindly notify the Director by phone 613-738-0305 or via email rpns@rogers.com should your child be absent from school. If you child has a communicable disease, contact RPNS immediately as some diseases need to be reported to Ottawa Public Health.

*Should your child be staying in After Care after 12:00 pm, kindly provide a nut-free snack for them.

*Check your child's folder in the Communication Box located in the hallway on a daily basis. Take home all art work and papers.

*Kindly have your child **dressed for the weather** everyday so they can enjoy their outdoor classroom time!

***Label all** your child's belongings. Visit our website where you can place an order with Mabels Labels.

Seesaw Documentation Tool~ You will receive an invitation from your child's teacher to link onto Seesaw. Should you be encountering difficulties, kindly see your child's teacher. **Note:** You can add comments to Seesaw that your teacher will see. However, any questions you have for Paulette need to be emailed through your regular email (and **not** Seesaw) to rpns@rogers.com. Thank you.

Scholastic Canada Book Orders: September catalogue order forms and payments (cheques written out to Scholastic Canada) are due Sept. 18. See the "More" tab on our homepage for guidelines on how to pay for your Scholastic books online.

Kindermusik Program: See Dulce regarding Kindermusik classes registration.

New this year....Forest School incorporated into our program for all the children!

RPNS piloted this program two years ago and held *Forest School Fridays* last year. Due to its popularity and benefits for the children, the Forest School pedagogy has now become part of the RPNS program! Your child's class will participate in four consecutive Thursday (for 2Day attenders) *or* Friday (for 3Day attenders) Forest School Days at some point in the school year. More details to follow at our Sept. 5 Orientation Night! Check out https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/09/29/forest-schools-canada_a_23227782/

Classroom Buddies

We invite all families to participate in the classrooms as “Classroom Buddies” to enhance the program. A criminal reference check is required...see Paulette for information on obtaining a CRC. Here is a list of the special days that you may wish to join us....if you have other ideas, just let the teachers know!

*Reading Buddy Day *Messy Art Day *I Got Skills Day *Board Games Day *Science Day *Music Day *Forest School Day *Pumpkin Carving Day *Gingerbread Houses Day

In Our Community

Community Festival ~ Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre on Saturday, September 8 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Riverside Park Nursery School will be doing the Face Painting table, so we are looking for **parent volunteers** to help out. Contact Paulette. *From Riley Brockington’s website:*

This event will be held on Saturday, September 8th (rain or shine) indoors and/or outdoors at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive at the corner of McCarthy Rd) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. * BBQ *Corn Roast *Games * Bouncy Castle * Musical Entertainment

Fall Tree Festival Sept. 22 & 23 at Brewer Park ~ a great event for families! Check out the activities on this link:

<http://treefestottawa.org/events/>

Book of the Month for Parents

Great read recommended by our Junior Preschool teacher, Lisa Rocheleau!

Balanced and Barefoot by Angela Hanscom ISBN 978-1-62625-373-5 “unrestricted outdoor play makes strong, confident and capable children!”