



WATERDOWN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

From the Principal's Desk

Another Valentines Party has come and gone - and what a great party it was! The potluck dinner was scrumptious. There were raffles and a Silent Auction for the adults, and games and activities for the children. The new Rona Building Station was a hit, as were the "Teddis" that could be purchased and stuffed. We had a wonderful volunteer (Lindsay's cousin **Alicia**) who spent the entire evening turning children into butterflies, jaguars, puppies and more with the magic of face paint. There were temporary tattoos thanks to **Geoff**, a "Lucky Dip", and Valentines cards to decorate and deliver. The evening wouldn't be complete without Calvin the magician, and our favourite DJ Owen.

We had a great planning committee this year. A new parent, **Lindsay** took on the task of co-chairing the committee along with **Brenda**. Everyone worked hard to ensure that no detail was missed. You asked for more children's activities; the committee provided them. **Katie** and **Tyler** were responsible for the Rona donation of building kits, which were a great hit. Costs were kept to an absolute minimum, and we asked less of parents than in previous years. **Maritza** made enough pasta, sauce and meatballs for fifty people! The set up crew and cleanup crews were amazing; we must have set a record for efficiency. **Lindsay** and **Emily** delivered the leftover food to a shelter in Hamilton where it was enthusiastically received.

We do not yet have a final tally, but it looks as though we made at least \$1,000 more than last year. Well done.

Pictures of the event are posted on our website: www.waterdownmontessori.com

Our goal is for the site to be a useful tool for current WMS families in addition to those people searching for a Montessori school. Remember that you can easily check the calendar on the main page for dates of special events and holidays for example. Hot lunch days are posted, as are reminders of upcoming events.

Please take some time to explore the website. Enjoy finding pictures of your children. Read the newsletters online and in colour. Let us know what you think, and give us some ideas of what you would like to see included in the future.

***Remember that early registration ends
this week! Do we have YOUR
registration package?***

Elementary Fees

If you currently have a child in the elementary class, or if you are considering registering your child in that class, please ask me for more information about the board's proposal, mentioned in last month's newsletter.

Sue Reid-Kulpaka
Principal

March Birthdays

Brooklyn will be 2 on March 2.
Anuj will be 5 on March 3.
Sophia will be 9 on March 10.
Michael will be 6 on March 14.
Damien will be 5 on March 27.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

New Students!

We welcomed two more students to WMS this month. **Ella** and **Parker** are the newest members of our toddler class. They have settled in with no fuss; it is hard to believe they have only been here a few weeks. We hope they and their families will feel very welcome in the school.

New Arrival

This announcement should have appeared in the February newsletter!

Many of you are now aware that Mrs. Ann has a granddaughter!

Rosemary Elizabeth was born to Mrs. Ann's daughter Teide and son-in-law Roland on January 10, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. Congratulations, and welcome, Rosemary!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

It's back! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 23 this year.



Bring your ideas to the next Coffee Club morning, on **Tuesday, March 22!**

Everyone is welcome.

The good news is that this event involves far less work than the Valentines Party! ***The most important requirement is lots of volunteers on the day itself.***

Summer Camp Registration

Registration forms accompany this newsletter. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be attending.



Extra information packages and registration forms will be available in the office... and ONLINE!

We're Getting Greener!

Options for recycling are limited at the school. Paper and cardboard are the only products that we can take to Notre Dame. This means that we are putting far too much into the garbage.

As a result we have decided the following:

1. We will be actively encouraging all the children to rinse out any plastic containers (such as yogurt cups) and other recyclables to put back in their lunch bags for recycling at home.
2. Starting after the March Break, we are asking you to send a small plate or bowl with your child **every** lunch day. This will eliminate the need to serve pizza and hot dogs on paper towels.
3. Also starting after the March Break, we are asking anyone who has ordered juice for hot lunch days to send their child with a cup every Thursday. We will not be restocking our supply of juice boxes once they run out. Instead we will purchase tins of apple juice. Each classroom will have a jug for pouring juice into the child's cup.

Thank you for your support!

COMING SOON!

1. Lil' Monkeys Get Together



Mark your calendar for
APRIL 9th.

We are planning a fun family get-together at **Lil' Monkeys Indoor Playground** in Burlington that Saturday morning.

We are inviting all our

WMS families: past, present, and future (those registered for September 2011).

This is not a fundraiser! (Though if we sell enough tickets to be eligible for the group rate we will make a very small profit.) Tickets will be sold through the office.

Prices are as follows:

<u>Children Age</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>
under 2	5.99
2-3-4	9.99
5-12	11.99
13-17	6.99
Adults (2 per child)	Free

Pizza, drinks etc. are available for those who wish to purchase them. Stay tuned for more information.

2. Mabel's Labels

Some of our parents are already well acquainted with Mabel's Labels. The staff love them! With our minds turning towards spring (dare I say summer?), think of all the things you will need to label, for camps, holidays, sleepovers, snacks, meals...the list is endless. We will be launching a "Mabels Labels" campaign in the near future, so don't order quite yet! All orders will be placed online, so it couldn't be easier! If you would like a sneak preview, visit www.mabel.ca.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our after school programs were popular this term. After the March Break we will have three options:

1. *Mondays*: Mad Science
2. *Wednesdays*: Ceramics with Mrs. Katia
3. *Thursdays*: Art with Mrs. Donna
4. Ceramics will be offered on *Saturday mornings* too!

Registration forms for Ceramics and Art classes are attached. Mad Science forms will be available after the March Break.

It's Not Too Late: WMS March Break Camp

There has been a wonderful response to Mrs. Julie and Ms Wyn's Science Camp! Lots of young scientists are eager to get their hands on some real, messy experiments! To support our hands-on science activities, we've booked a few guest appearances (via DVD) from Bill Nye the Science Guy and David Macauley, author of *The Way Things Work*. Of course, David Attenborough will continue to astound us with *Planet Earth*.

There are still 2 spots left, so you don't have to miss out on all the fun! Come, join us as we bend light and find out if water has skin! Mrs. Julie and Ms Wyn are available to answer your questions and get you registered. Camp runs from Monday, March 7 to Friday, March 11. See you there!

News from the Music Room

Mr. Matt has been struggling with health issues recently, and sadly, he will be unable to continue teaching for the remainder of the year. We have a supply teacher lined up, and will keep you informed of decisions regarding the music program. The office would be more than happy to forward any cards or notes from you or the children to Mr. Matt should you wish to do so.

Sue Reid-Kulpaka

Toddler News

There has been much activity in the toddler room as of late. Eddie's brother Andy joined us in January, and Maya is now here full time. This month we have welcomed two new students, Ella and Parker, who have both been a wonderful addition to our group. They have settled in so nicely you'd think they had been here since September! We are thrilled with the progress all the little ones are making, particularly those who are beginning to use the washroom all on their own! We have older toddlers assisting the newest members of the classroom with regular classroom routines, including hand washing, snack preparation and self-care activities.

Although we have enjoyed many days in the gym in lieu of our outdoor time, the children (as well as the teachers) are looking forward to some warmer weather and our regular excursions outside. Please remember to always bring some outdoor footwear and outer clothing, as we will most certainly be going outside regularly once the nicer weather kicks in. Also remember a change of clothes. The children love the water table and without fail there are usually one or two children that require a change to dry clothes!

Once again I would like to thank the parents for all of your support throughout this year in helping to make this a smooth transition for your children from home to the classroom.

Mrs. Kristy

News from Mrs. Phyllis and Mrs. Judy

This winter season certainly brought with it a variety of colds, pink eye, stomach flu and other infections. Our class had its full share of it all. We have been using this time for discussions. The children came up with some helpful tips on how to stay healthy. I am quite sure we can all benefit from them and prevent the spread of infection.

- Use a kleenex to blow and pick your nose.
- Cough and sneeze in your elbow.
- Stay home in bed and watch a movie.
- Eat lots of pizza and soup.
- Wash your hands often with soap.

Then someone suggested this song we have been learning:

John Brown's baby
Had a cold upon his chest
So he rubbed him well
With camphorated oil.

Mrs. Phyllis

Elementary French

Last fall I ordered some new French "farm" materials at the CCMA conference. Ever since they arrived I have been looking forward to using them. The weeks leading up to the March break were a perfect opportunity. These materials build on the students' knowledge of grammar as well as French vocabulary and sentence structure, and complement grammar material they use in their classroom. And like all good Montessori materials, they can be used in a multitude of different ways.

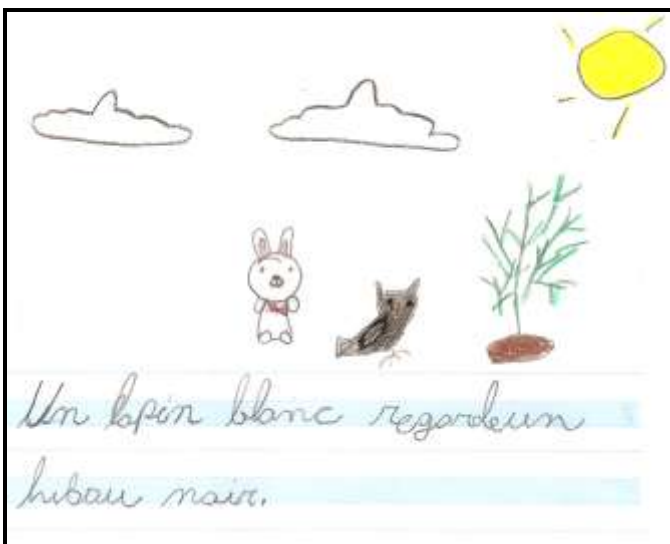
In the first picture, first year students have matched words to objects, and have been introduced to the feminine and masculine forms of the indefinite article. The nouns are colour coded (blue for masculine nouns, and red for feminine nouns).



In the second example, (on the next page) a second year student chose words to create her own sentence, and illustrated what she had written by arranging objects on the "farm board". (A handsome horse is carrying a little mouse in the bucket.)



After completing two such sentences, she asked if she could write them down and illustrate them (see below).



The last two examples were created by the third year students. They wanted to make their sentences longer, and asked me to make additional word cards. Their sentences are copied below each picture, as the words are harder to read.



*Une petite souris brune dort dans
 le petit seau à côté du grand arbre.*
 (A little brown mouse is sleeping in the little bucket
 beside a big tree.)



*Un petit lapin et un cheval
 portent une pomme dans
 le petit seau.*
 (A little rabbit and a horse are carrying an apple in
 the little bucket.)

As you can see, the little mouse and the small blue bucket are popular items!

I look forward to more work “on the farm” in the days to come.

Madame Sue



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January 25th 2011

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Dear Staff & Students,

Thank you just doesn't seem to say enough!

This past November & December we were overwhelmed with the support shown by the Halton community for those amongst us who may be considered less fortunate in many different ways. The outpouring of care, concern and generosity shown over the festive season, and the creativity of people pulling together to do great things for others, has just been phenomenal.

As you know we have many families and children involved with CAS, not because they are poor but because they have experienced some kind of significant trauma in their home. CAS staff work year round to help families overcome challenges and get their lives back on track. When winter, Christmas and the holiday season comes around those challenges are compounded by the fact that families are often living separately, or that other expenses take priority over gifts and treats. Parents want to provide, but can't afford gifts for their children, our young adult Crown Wards (with no parental support) feel isolated and lonely at the best of times and this time of year is especially hard on them, there are young children in care because parents are ill, families who have been evicted, medical needs that require special care, siblings whose parents are in jail, and the list goes on; ALL these children and so many more, needed your support this Christmas and will require continued support throughout the year. Your contribution brightened their lives, helped ease their burdens and offered them hope for better times.

Thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness we were able to touch the lives of all the children in our care and support those families in the community who continue to struggle to keep their loved ones together – thank you just doesn't seem to say enough!

The Board of Directors, staff, foster parents and volunteers of the Halton Children's Aid Society & Foundation, and especially the families and children that received your help, thank you for your great efforts of kindness.

Sincerely,

Tina Blatchford
Executive Director
Children's Aid Foundation of Halton

Clara Costa
Coordinator of Volunteers
Halton Children's Aid Society

Lisa Janssen
Seasonal Coordinator
Halton Children's Aid Society

Waterdown Montessori After-School Pottery Classes

Student's Name: _____

Age: (5 and up) _____

Address: _____

City/Postal Code _____

Home Phone: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____

Student's Doctor Name: _____

Doctor's Phone: _____

Health Card #: _____

Emergency Contact/Relationship to Student: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Any allergies, asthma, or other medical conditions we should be aware of:

If someone besides yourself or spouse will be picking up your child, please list below or inform staff members. Without your consent, your child will *not* be released.

Wednesdays at 4pm April 6 – May 25 (8 weeks)

Saturdays at 10am April 2 – May 21 (8 weeks)

Classes are at Waterdown Montessori School - Cost is \$150 per student

Payment enclosed:

Cheque: Cash:

Please make cheques to Waterdown Montessori School

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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REGISTRATION FORM

DONNA REDL IS EXCITED TO BRING **CREATIVWORKS** ART PROGRAMMING TO WATERDOWN MONTESSORI SCHOOL, 1921 SNAKE ROAD.

Dates: April 7 – June 2

Cost: \$120

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL.

PAYMENT METHOD / I will be paying by CHEQUE _____ or cash _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO WATERDOWN MONTESSORI SCHOOL
(POST DATED CHEQUES NOT ACCEPTED)

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

CHILDREN ONLY

Age: _____ Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

Health card Number: _____ email address _____

Allergies: _____

If in the event of an emergency, we are unable to reach you or your emergency contacts, do you authorize hospital staff to provide emergency medical treatment on your child? Yes: _____ No: _____

For after school classes, please provide a list of people who have permission to pick up your child. Children will only be released to parents and individuals listed here. Individuals may be asked for identification.

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Name _____ Relationship to Child _____

I hereby release CREATIVWORKS from all claims for damages arising from any accident or injury which is caused by or arises from participation of the applicant during any program.

- SEND ME CLASS INFO BY EMAIL-EMAIL ADDRESS

Waterdown Montessori School Summer Camp

Campers 3.5 – 8 years old are welcome!

Sample Day of Camp:

Monday	
9-9:30	Good morning (welcome, circle games)
9:30-10	Songs
10-10:20	Snack Time
10:20-11	Craft Time
11:00-12	Indoor Games OR Water play
12-12:15	Clean up and stories (Half day campers leave at 12:15)
12:15-1	Lunch
1:00-2	Outdoor Games OR Water play
2-2:20	Snack Time
2:20-3	Team Building
3-3:30	Clean Up and Quiet Games

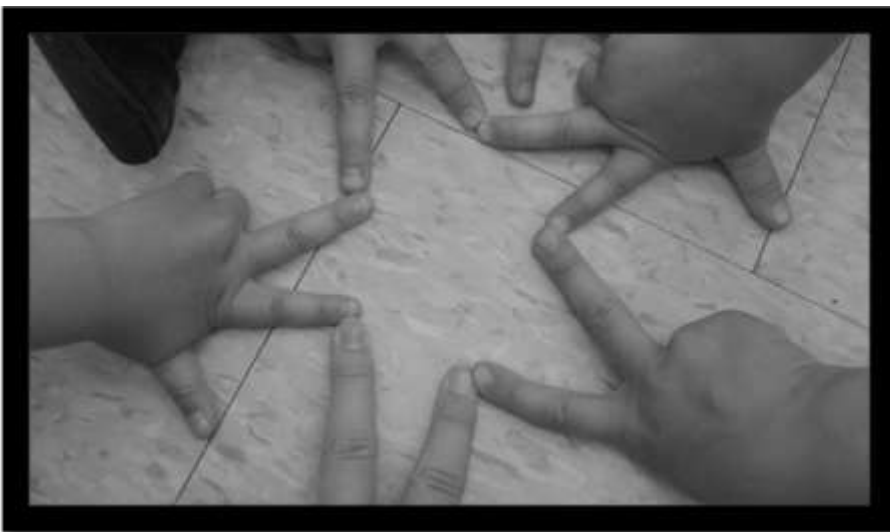
Wednesday Mornings are based around a team adventure

Thursday Morning includes a hike on the adjacent Bruce Trail, weather permitting

We can't wait to see your child at camp! We work hard to provide a safe, caring, and engaging environment that provides campers with memories to last a lifetime.

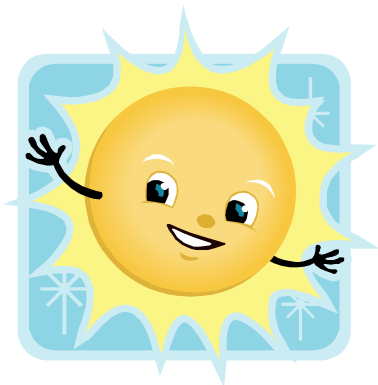
Sincerely,

Emily and Meredith Kulpaka



There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.

-Walt Streightiff-



A “What Should I Know For The Summer?” List

A few important reminders:

- Camp starts at **9am**. Please have your camper/s arrive promptly
- Camp ends at **3:30**. Your camper/s are excited to tell you about their day, so please make sure that if you are running late you call the school to inform a staff member so that they don't worry (905 689 2171)
- For our half day campers, pick up is at **12:15**. Half day campers do not bring a lunch to camp.

What to bring to camp (labelled with your camper's name!):

- A water bottle
- Lunch (for our full day campers)
- Snack (one snack for the morning, full day campers will make a snack for the afternoon)
- A bathing suit and towel (We ask that this comes to camp **every** day or is left at camp for the week.)
- Sunscreen and Hat
- Shoes that allow for running, jumping, and general fun!

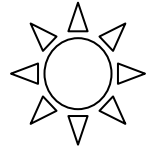
**Please dress your camper with fun in mind (eg. white clothes and outdoor play aren't always friends)*

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, we can be reached at e_kulpaka@hotmail.com or on weekdays 905-689-2171 (Waterdown Montessori School)

We can't wait to spend the summer with you!

Waterdown Montessori School Summer Camp 2011

Camp runs 9am -3:30 pm at \$175.00/week



Half Day campers attend 9am-12:15 (no lunch at camp) at \$90.00/week

Extended care is offered from 8:00-9 and 3:30-4:30 at a charge of \$5.00/hour. Please advise staff ahead of time if you will be using this service. You will be billed at the end of your camp week.

Camper Name: _____

Camper Age: _____

Camper Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell (please indicate who will be reached) _____

Week	Full Day Camper	Half Day Camper	Total
EXAMPLE: Sept 1-5	X		175.00
June 13-17 th			
June 20 th - 24 th			
July 4 th - 8 th			
July 11 th -15 th			
July 18 th - 22 nd			
July 25 th - 29 th			
August 8 th -12 th			
August 15 th -19 th			

Total	Total Full Day Weeks = _____	Total Half Day Weeks = _____	Total Cost = _____
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PLEASE NOTE: Camp needs a **5 camper** minimum to run. You will be notified in advance if camp will not run. Regrettably, campers **will not** be able to replace missed days due to illness or vacation.

Form of Payment:

Cheque Enclosed (post-dated to June 1st, Please make cheques payable to **Waterdown Montessori School**)

Cash Enclosed

In Case of Emergency:

Child's Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

Health Card Number: _____

1) Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

2) Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

If your child has any allergies, asthma, or other medical condition that we should be advised of please provide details

below: _____

If someone besides you or your spouse will be picking up your child, please list below or inform staff members. Without your consent, your child *will not* be released.

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In registering my child to attend Waterdown Montessori School Summer Camp, I the undersigned parent/guardian hereby agree as follows:

- I agree to let my child go on supervised excursions off school property (adjacent hiking trails)
- I understand that photographs/and or video taken during the program may be used in Waterdown Montessori material and within the school

Date: _____ Signature _____