



WATERLOO CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL | 2024

APRIL NEWSLETTER

LET'S GET GROWING!



IN THIS ISSUE

A Note From the Teachers

In the Classroom

Resources

Board Recruitment

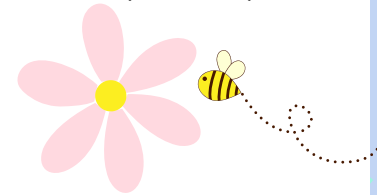
Register for Fall 2024

Scholastic Book Club

Clothing Labels

Sponsorship corner

Sponsorship



A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATORS

We have been having lots of fun with the children as they are mastering new skills.

April's weather can still be chilly outside so please send your child in oversized splash pants so they will be warm and dry when playing outdoors. If you wish for your child to wear one of our MEC rain suites please reach out to the teachers and we can be sure to dress them in a suit over their outdoor wear to keep mud and sand under control. The children often engage in sand play and in the mud kitchen which can result in muddy play!

If you feel it is time for a meeting with the teachers, please reach out to Supervisor Tracey or Assistant Supervisor Patty and they will set a time to meet with you via Zoom.

We are happy to assist each child in meeting their individual goals.

We also wanted to remind you that regular developmental screening is very important as the children are growing and changing so quickly. [Here is a useful link to Ages & Stages.](#) We sometimes send home ASQs to help assess strengths and areas needing focus. If you wish for the next age ASQ for your child please reach out.

In this newsletter we will also include links to private practice therapists if you're looking to go that route.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that our preschool is situated on the land that is the traditional home of the Chonnonton, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We extend our respect to all First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples for their past and present contributions to this land. We also recognize their enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies with whom we share this land today.

A gentle reminder that it's also a good time of year to book your child's hearing and vision tests before they head to junior kindergarten. Our website has a few places that families have used in the past listed [under resources.](#)

A LITTLE SEED

**A little seed for me to sow,
A little soil to make it grow.**

**A little hole, a little pat,
A little wish, and that is that.**

A little sun, a little shower,

**A little while - and then,
A flower!**

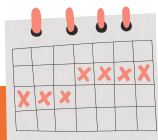
We don't want to see you go! Just in case you need it, here is our [Withdrawal Form](#)

IN THE CLASSROOM

Our program is based on the interest of the children, therefore it is difficult to plan in advance what each class will be exploring. Some ideas may include: If the children are interested in planting and gardening we might read Jack and the Beanstalk and begin planting. If bunnies and spring thoughts are in the air, activities may include songs like Elephants have wrinkles, I am a little teapot, skinamarinky dinky dink and the Jellyfish song. We have a variety of great books to explore and often the children enjoy the book about *Little Rabbit Foo Foo*, which may cause us to go on a scavenger hunt. Children will continue to be introduced to fine motor development as teachers offer opportunities to use pencils, various mediums and scissors. We noticed on our Special Me posters that many families have pets at home, which might prompt talk about our pets at home. Our KP class have been having fun with telling jokes and show & share!

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

Each family must attend at least one board meeting over the course of the school year! Our next date is April 16. They are all virtual meetings held at 6:30pm. Links are sent out to membership prior to each meeting. We hope to see you



IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1 - Easter Monday (Closed)
- April 8 - 2024/25 Registration Opens
- April 8 - Eclipse, WCP Closed for the Afternoon
- April 10 - Easter Monday (Closed)
- April 14 - Tamil New Year
- April 16 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

RESOURCES

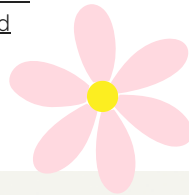
We wanted to pass along some local resources for private practice therapists. You can always find links on our website under Parent Resources.

- bitKIDS Behaviour Consulting
- Monarch House
- Sound Expression
- Speech Pathways (will come to your home)
- Speech Associates
- Beyond Words Waterloo
- Uptown Speech
- Willow Tree Speech and Language
- Pathways Therapy
- McLennan Speech and Language services
- Speak your mind

We also would like to provide a direct link to CASLPO's register of SLP's that are legally able to work <http://publicregister.caslpo.com/> through this link, parents are able to do a search where parents can input where they live, what age their child is, etc.

Just a note: All persons using the title 'Audiologist', Or 'Speech-Language Pathologist' must be registered with CASLPO. Using this public register, you can find whether they allowed to practice, and whether there are any restrictions on their practice.

This is now the time of the year that we suggest all families book an eye and hearing test before your child attends school. Our website has a few places that families have used in the past listed under Parent Resources.



3 key benefits of unstructured playtime for kids

- Explore creativity and imagination**
Since there are no rules to follow, children are free to explore their imagination and create their own rules and guidelines.
- Develop problem solving skills**
When your child engages in self-directed play, they tap into creative thinking. Building creative thinking will foster your child's ability to brainstorm ideas and ideate innovative solutions.
- Improve social skills**
Children interact with their friends and work together as a team. Children take turns to listen, share and lead.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

We are now recruiting board members for the 2024-2025 school year. The preschool needs your participation!

Please consider helping to form the next board of directors. Be the voice of the membership. Help to make important decisions behind the scenes in roles like president, vice president, treasurer, membership officer, communication officer & school improvement. Come join the team! Your skills are valuable to us!

REGISTER FOR THE FALL

Early enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is NOW OPEN for current WCP members. Get the spot and committee you want by registering early! Pre-registration forms and your \$23.63 membership fee will be required to reserve your child's spot. A full registration package will be sent in March to all families who complete the pre-registration process.

Registration for new families will begin on April 8. Be sure to let your family and friends know so that they can join WCP, too!

OUR COOKBOOK

We're making a preschool cookbook to connect with our families and build a further sense of community! To participate, please email your child's favourite recipe(s) to Assistant Supervisor Patty: waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Last month, Teacher Jen shared her book recommendation: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr and John Archambault. It's a fun and colourful way to introduce the alphabet to children. You can read or sing it, and our Preschoolers loved it.

Order a copy for your family at [Scholastic Canada!](https://www.scholastic.ca) Just be sure to use **our classroom code, RC167028**, so WCP will earn 20% in rewards to purchase new books and items for the classroom. Tune into our social media and See-saw to see what book our teachers recommend next!

SPRING YARD CLEAN UP

We can't wait for our TWO Spring yard clean up dates!

The first yard clean up weekend will be April 20 & 21. Stay Tuned for the second set of dates in early to mid May.

A sign up sheet will be sent around via email prior to the dates once they are set. Please sign up to complete some of the tasks. It is mandatory for each family to attend at least one yard clean up over the course of the school year.

If you cannot make these specific dates, please email us to let us know and we can arrange a make-up time.

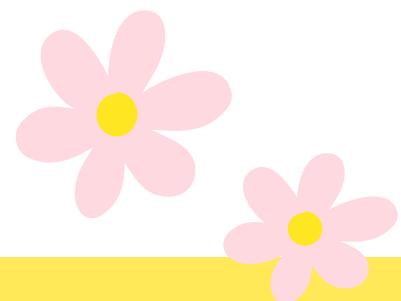
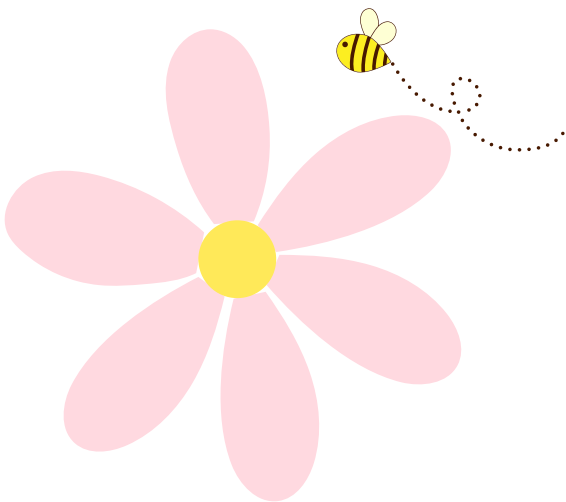
CLOTHING LABELS

Please label everything your child brings to school. This will help teachers keep track of personal items and return anything that may be misplaced.

We receive a small fundraising profit from our sales with the help of [Lovable Labels](https://www.lovablelabels.com).

HANDLE WITH CARE

We want to inform our families about a best practice we have in place called Handle with Care. If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, we would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that you are not always able to share details, and that's ok. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please email the Supervisors before your child's class with the subject "Handle with Care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child will need extra time, patience, or help during class.



SPONSORSHIP CORNER

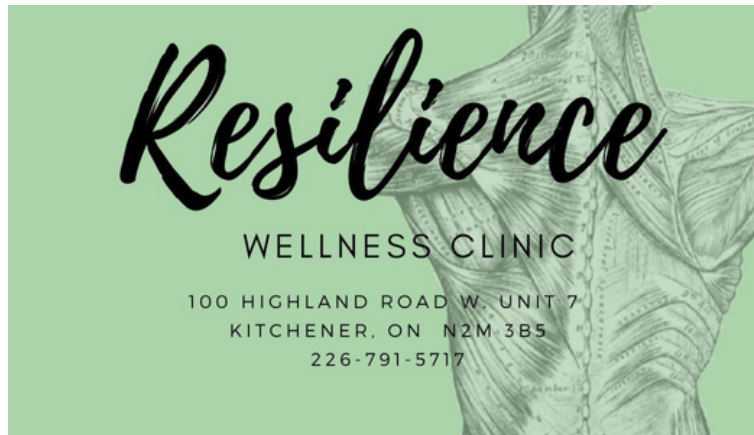
A warm thank you to our sponsors for sponsoring Waterloo Co-operative Preschool! Your generous funding will allow us to provide great programming, fun field trips, and hands-on learning for our children.

Resilience Wellness Clinic

Our goal is to provide you with a personal and positive Massage Therapy experience and educate you with proper home care so that you have the tools to achieve and maintain your most optimal health. Massage Therapy is beneficial for relieving muscle tension and associated pain, reducing feelings of stress, increasing circulation for improved healing, and improving range of motion.

We look forward to helping you with your healthcare needs.

<https://www.facebook.com/resiliencewellnessclinic>



KELLY REALTY GROUP

KELLY REALTY GROUP

Family oriented , client focused, results driven - Over 30 years of trusted service in Waterloo Region & surrounding areas. As a father & daughter team with traditional values, we strive for the highest quality in our service. We believe in providing knowledge & excellence to our clients to allow them to make educated decisions when it comes to their real estate ventures. We look forward to helping you make your real estate dreams a reality!



Samantha Kelly, Realtor®

519.616.2930

asalebysamantha@yahoo.com

Paul Kelly, Broker

519.212.1200

pkelly139@yahoo.com

www.peakrealtyltd.com

SPONSORSHIP CORNER

A warm thank you to our sponsors for sponsoring Waterloo Co-operative Preschool! Your generous funding will allow us to provide great programming, fun field trips, and hands-on learning for our children.

PHONICS DAD

At WCP, we support early reading skills in many ways. New this year, we're partnering with Phonics Dad to help parents reinforce these skills at home. With fun and engaging tips and tricks, Phonics Dad shows parents how to introduce Phonics to children as young as 3. Use promo code WCP2023 for 20% off. WCP also gets back 20% of every sale using that promo code, so share with friends & family. For more information, follow @PhonicsDad on Instagram or talk to our staff.



Phonics Dad



Want to sponsor a great organization in your community?

Waterloo Co-operative Preschool is looking for sponsors to help us continue to nurture the inquisitive minds of tomorrow! Choose one of our sponsorship levels or donate the amount of your choice for a tax receipt.

Bronze \$200
Company name & description in our newsletter & on our website

Silver \$350
Company name & description in our newsletter, on our website, promotion via social media stories

Gold \$450
Company name & description in our newsletters, on website, promotion on social media via stories & grid post

Platinum \$600+
Company name & description in our newsletter, on website, promotion via social media, company logo included on our banners

Contact our President for more information:
waterloopreschool.president@gmail.com

