



WATERLOO CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL | 2023

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## LET'S GET GROWING!



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### A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

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!

We have been enjoying our early morning meetings with parents via Zoom. If you feel it is time for a meeting with the teachers, please reach out to book your 8:00 a.m. meeting. 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 RESOURCES

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 19. They are all virtual meetings held at 7pm. Links are sent out to membership prior to each meeting. We hope to see you



## IMPORTANT DATES

- April 4- 2023/24 Registration Opens
- April 7 - Good Friday (Closed)
- April 10 - Easter Monday (Closed)
- April 14 - Tamil New Year
- April 19 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

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

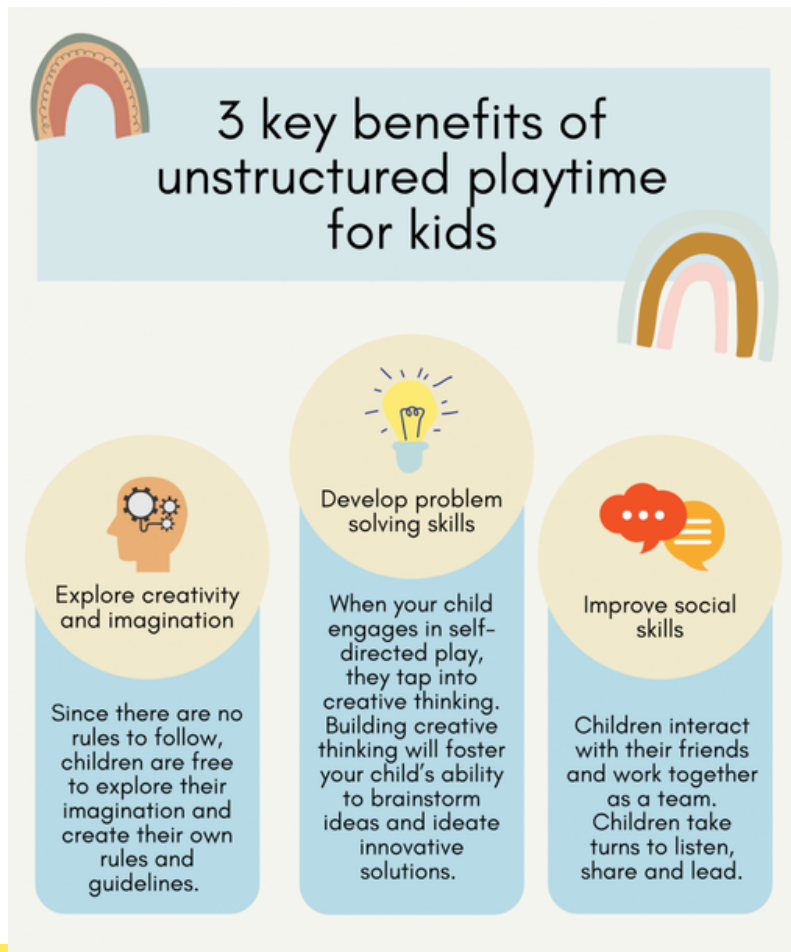
We also would like to provide a direct link to CASLPO's register of SLP's that are legally able to work

in Ontario:


<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 2023-2024 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

Thank you for your patience as we finalize the details for registration in the 2023/2024 school year. We are pleased to share that we will now be opening fall registration to current families on April 4, with early registration running until April 12.

We will email you a link to our new pre-registration form, as well as details on the class structure and registration process. Your \$23.63 membership fee will be required to reserve your child's spot.

Registration for new families will begin on April 13. 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 Teacher Patty: [waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com](mailto:waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Wow! We just wanted to take a moment to thank all those families who have purchased Scholastic Books thus far. It is so important to extend reading beyond the classroom and into student homes. Students are more engaged when they are represented in the books they read.

Books help to aid in reading fluency and increase imagination! Through every purchase, our preschool has been able to earn bonus points to build and add to the titles in our classroom library. Collectively we have earned \$145 to date. Well done everyone.

**Be sure to use our classroom code (RC167028) each time you order!**

You can receive \$10 off a \$50 order using code: UBXPNV.

## SPRING YARD CLEAN UP

The two spring yard clean up dates are Easter weekend (April 16 & 17) and the first weekend in May (April 30 & May 1).

A sign up sheet will be sent around via email prior to the dates. 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 time for you to come to weed and rake.

## 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](#).

## 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.

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WCP a  
Place to Grow

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