



WATERLOO CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL | 2022

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



FALLING INTO ROUTINES!



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A NOTE FROM TEACHER TRACEY

Welcome families! After a month of settling in, I hope you are all beginning to feel a sense of community within Waterloo Co-op. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you!

Thank you for continuing to do the daily online screening each day before 8:50 a.m. and for only sending your child when they are completely well and up to participate actively in the program. Together we can do our best to stay healthy!

Please know you can contact the teachers directly anytime at waterloopreschool.teacher@gmail.com. Or Tracey at waterloopreschool.teacher@gmail.com. Or Patty at waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com.

Teacher Patty and I have been having fun with the children spending as much time outdoors as possible.

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on a sense of belonging, independence, and becoming confident and comfortable with our daily routine.

Our learning will involve Jolly Phonics and having fun with songs and sounds to develop early literacy skills.

We will also be working on name identification, fine motor and gross motor skill development, counting and number identification, and Calendar Time.

We will be singing songs (The Hello Song & Line Up Song), reading poems and stories and making crafts.

The themes we will be focusing on are farming, food, harvest, sorting, classification, big & little, same & different.

I'm looking forward to learning together!

Love Teacher Tracey

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that our preschool is located on the land traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabe, and Neutral People. We acknowledge their enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies with whom we share this land.

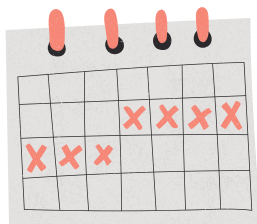


WHAT TO WEAR

As the weather cools, it's time to start thinking about dressing in layers. Please wear splash pants that are big enough to fit loosely around pants, a sweater, boots, coat, hat, and light mitts.

A raincoat or winter coat depending on the weather as well. As the day warms up we can take off the outer layer. No laces and no scarves or strings please.

Before your child arrives please ensure they have had a good meal, have used the washroom, washed their hands, and are dressed for the weather. This way they are ready to engage with the outdoors!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 10** - Thanksgiving (Preschool is Closed)
- **October 12 & 13** - Stekkle Farm visit cancelled
- **October 18** - CCW & ECE appreciation day
- **October 19** - Board Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- **October 27 & 28** - Wear Your Halloween Costume to School
- **October 28** - Scholastic Book Orders Due

A NOTE FROM TEACHER PATTY

I am sure you all have your individual goals and hopes as you send your child or children to WCP.

Please know that Teacher Tracey and I follow the principles outlined in the document 'How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years'. This document focuses on belonging, wellbeing, engagement and expression.

Recently, as part of our continuous learning and professional development, I also took a course called 'Supporting Atypical Development', which focused on these same key areas.

Belonging refers to a sense of connectedness to others, an individual's experience of being valued, of forming relationships with others and making contributions as part of a group, community and/or the natural world.

Wellbeing refers to addressing the importance of physical and mental health and wellness. It incorporates capacities such as self-care, sense of self and self-regulation.

Engagement suggests a state of being involved and focused. When children are able to explore the world around them with their natural curiosity, they are fully engaged.

Through this type of play and inquiry, they develop skills such as problem solving, creative thinking and innovating, which are all essential for learning and success in school and beyond.

Lastly, expression or communication (to be heard as well as to listen) may take many different forms. Through bodies, words, and use of materials, children develop capacities for increasingly complex communication. Opportunities to explore materials supports creativity, problem solving and mathematical behaviour. Language-rich environments support growing communication skills, which are foundational for literacy.

These four domains support all children's strengths, but also build a foundation that supports future potential and possibilities. 'How Does Learning Happen?' asserts that, "Children thrive in programs where they and their families are valued as active participants and contributors." Together, we will support your child in their learning by following this pedagogy. Please click [here to read the complete document.](#)

We look forward to a great year with you and your child!

Love Teacher Patty





PRESCHOOL COOK BOOK

We want to connect with our families and build a further sense of community by putting together a Preschool Cook Book.

Please email your child's favourite recipe so we can add at least one recipe per child to Teacher Patty:
waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com

Teacher Patty will put this keepsake together for you and is eager to add your family's favourite recipe in this diverse cookbook!

FAMILY PHOTO

Send a family picture to Patty, our assistant Teacher (waterloopreschool.asstteacher@gmail.com) so we can add your photo to our Preschool Community Board.

We strive to create a welcoming environment and a sense of community.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a time for costumes and creativity! On October 27th and 28th, come to the playground in your costume (please be sure to dress warm and wear something suitable for outdoors). No treats or candy please.

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 fundraise with the help of Lovable Labels. Twenty percent of your order supports the preschool!

ECE APPRECIATION DAY

October 18 is the 22nd annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. This day recognizes the commitment, hard work and dedication of ECEs and staff who work with young children. This year's CCW and ECE Appreciation Day theme is **Worth MORE!** Appreciation Day will be especially important as we work toward a Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system that includes decent work and pay for ECEs and CCWs. While new federal commitments are beginning to bring more affordable child care to some families, our work must continue to ensure that we solve the child care workforce crisis and truly value the work of ECE and CCWs. Expanding the child care system to serve more families and to improve the quality of child care for young children, decent work and pay for child care workers is essential. ECEs' working conditions are children's learning conditions

FALL YARD CLEANUP

We are lucky to have big, beautiful trees shading our playground outside but they do drop a lot of leaves! We will have two dates for a fall yard cleanup. One near the end of October and one in November. Please be on the lookout for the dates to be announced via email. We also will have a spring cleanup date as well. Members must attend one yard cleanup over the course of the school year. The school improvements officer can be reached at waterloopreschool.operations@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING

We have an upcoming board meeting on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to join us! A Zoom link will be sent around prior to the meeting.

A reminder that parents are expected to attend at least one board meeting over the course of the school year.



Don't Forget!

We are closed Thanksgiving and Christmas but fees are still charged. For more information on fees, giving notice to withdraw and more, please review our Parent Handbook.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Scholastic book orders are back again this year! Flyers will be sent home from school or you can order any time online through Scholastic Canada. Be sure to use our classroom code (**RC167028**) so that we can earn 20 percent in rewards to purchase new books and items for the classroom.



TEACH

MEET OUR STAFF

Tracey Marques RECE RSSW supervisor

Tracey is our supervising teacher. She joined Waterloo Co-operative Preschool in September 2013. Tracey believes that developing close relationships with the families she partners with will enhance child development in a fun and enthusiastic way.

Tracey embraces the opportunity for you to allow your child to grow within our preschool. Tracey thrives on watching the children she guides grow into confident young people full of adventure and curiosity... with a love for learning.



Kim George, RECE. Kim works in the KP class as support some days and may supply other days

Miah Yarde is a psychology BA student at Laurier. She is working in the Preschool class as support



Nataile Mallet is working towards her BA in psychology and works as an assistant on Monday, Wednesday & Friday Preschool classes, and also Fridays in the KP class

Other Laurier students you may see:

Mon am - Brook Pocock
Mon pm - Dilpreet Bassi
Tuesday pm - Melodie Phillips
Wed am - Grace VanHooydonk
Wed pm - Sara Hansford
Thursday pm - Fatmahilal Biyikli
Fri am - Jenica Whitla
Fri pm - Shoshana Cutler



Patty Fallis Robbins RECE head teacher

Patty is our assistant teacher. She joined Waterloo Cooperative Preschool in January 2018. Patty is very excited to be a part of The Waterloo Co-operative Preschool and looks forward to learning with your children, having fun, and new adventures.

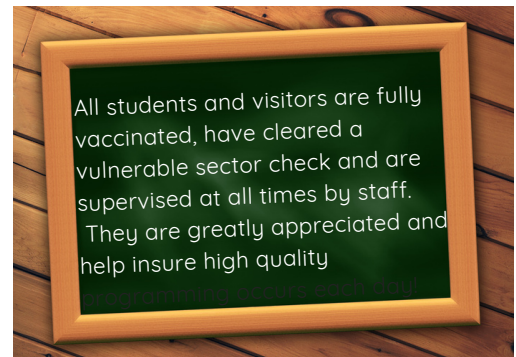
Erin Legary is set to graduate in December with her ECE. She works in the Toddler class and is also support in the Tuesday & Thursday KP classes

Sara Hansford is also studying towards her psychology BA. She is in the Toddler class as support



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Monday and tues all day
Thursdays and fri all day



WATERLOO WAYSIDE CENTER

The Waterloo Wayside Centre, Bridgeport Cafe is in need of donations. They are experiencing a shortage of toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini shampoos, deodorant and general personal supplies.

'SPECIAL ME' PROJECT

At WCP, we embrace the diversity of our preschool community and we value a sense of belonging and expression of self.

This year, we would like to explore our diversity by creating a book highlighting the uniqueness of our members and the ways in which we come together as a caring, responsive group that fosters positive relationships and a sense of community.

Each child will have the opportunity to participate in a Special Me day where they will be given a few minutes of carpet time dedicated to talking about their Special Me creation page.

Some things you may want to include on your child's page could be your favourite foods or recipes, the languages you speak at home, your favourite place to play, how you address your grandparents, your favourite song or book, something you are afraid of or are excited about, your favourite thing about preschool, or your favourite holiday or tradition. Watch for your child's Special Me page to be sent home with them. Fill it out and decorate it and return to the teachers within one week.

Please talk to Teacher Tracey or Teacher Patty if you have any questions!

SPOT & SNAP PROGRAMS

We appreciate the support of the KidsAbility and KW Habilitation Resource consultant, Bhavneet Brar.

SPOT stands for speech, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, areas this program supports.

We will also have Susan, a speech pathologist, visiting our classroom from KidsAbility this fall to spend a block of time with the entire class.

We're here to help and if you have any concerns about your child's development at any time, please don't hesitate to speak with the teachers.

We are thrilled to have a team of dedicated professionals working with our children and we take pride in how we accommodate individual needs. We encourage you to maintain open communication with your nurturing educators who are focused on building positive relationships with the families.

SEESAW APP

We hope we have been able to capture some of your child's discoveries and learning over their first few weeks at WCP. You can comment directly on Seesaw, should you wish to interact or ask questions!



NEW COMMITTEE ROLE!



WCP is adding a new committee role and we need your help! The Social Media Role will be all about setting up, monitoring and promoting on our social media pages. Working together with our communications officer and admin officer, you'll be posting pictures of our indoor and outdoor spaces, promoting events and posting flyers! If this sounds like you, please send an email to waterloopreschool.secretary@gmail.com



PARENT RESOURCES

Whether it's dealing with separation anxiety or easing the transition from home to preschool, the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) has a wealth of resources available for parents.



We Are HIRING



A PRESCHOOL TEACHER!

JOIN OUR TEAM NOW!!!



**WE WANT YOUR
ENERGY,
EXPERIENCE AND
ENTHUSIASM**

OPEN POSITION:

- RECE OR ECE
- EXPERIENCE IN CHILD CARE SETTING
- ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT HANDS ON CURRICULUM
- COMMITMENT TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION
- FRIENDLY, FLEXIBLE, TEAM PLAYER
- EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION SKILLS



SEND YOUR RESUME TO

waterloopreschool.president@gmail.com