



MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Hello Families,

September has flown by! We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children better in these first few weeks. The children have spent these early days meeting new people, exploring new spaces and materials, and becoming familiar with new routines.

We have noticed many interests as we observed the children in their play including:

- Painting (The art studio duty parents have been kept very busy assisting artists!)
- Our new train table (A big thank-you to Mastermind Toys Waterloo for their generous donation)
- Pedalling and riding
- Driving and riding on our bus
- Cooking – both in our home centre with play food and loose parts, and at our outdoor kitchen with found materials like grass, mulch and flowers

Our next step is to plan experiences which support these interests and help children to extend and deepen their play.

October will be a busy month with a field trip and some special days planned. First, on October 10th and 11th we will be hosting a “Muffin Morning”. Families are invited to stay and spend some time at the beginning of class to share a special snack with their child. Siblings are welcome. Families with children who attend four days of programming may choose the day they wish to stay and snack. Muffin Morning will offer families a chance to connect with each other and to enjoy a tasty treat! We hope you can come!

Next, on Wednesday, October 17th we will be visiting Herrle’s Country Farm Market so that the children can experience the harvest season and see the connection between the food we eat and where it comes from. Watch for more details coming soon.

Then, on October 23rd, 24th and 26th we will have “Orange Days” when children (and adults) are invited to wear something orange to school. Please don’t purchase something special to wear on these days. Wearing orange can be as simple as wearing orange socks, hair clips or a button.

As part of our contract as tenants of the Christian Fellowship Church we do not celebrate Halloween at our nursery school. Please take advantage of the many family friendly events in our community should you wish to celebrate Halloween.

Please remember to label clothing items and shoes with your child’s name. This makes it easy for parents and teachers to assist children with outdoor clothing.

Finally, should you have a great idea, question or concern we would be happy to hear from you. Chat with us, call or email.

Cooperatively yours,

Kelly and Marci

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



My name is Georgia Flatt, I was asked this summer to fill the vacancy of Vice President for our LCNS Board. We moved to Waterloo this past year and were thrilled to discover the Lakeshore Cooperative Nursery School so close to our new neighbourhood. We enrolled my daughter Anna last Spring into the 2 day preschool, she loved it so much we requested a 4 day spot as soon as a space was made available. We love hearing her stories from school and watching her grow so quickly in this first school experience. She couldn't wait for summer to be over so school could start again this fall!

My recent September volunteer days allowed me to witness many excited children in the classroom, it is so special to be able to witness their engagement in the different play areas and with one another. They are eager to share their own stories at circle time and are learning to listen not only to the teachers but one another. A special thank you to our teachers for helping many new to the preschool children adjust to a brand new drop off program away from family members and a new school experience. I've seen few tears, instead much laughter and curiosity.

As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, it is easy to know what our family is thankful for- we are truly grateful for the Lakeshore Community and the positive school experience our daughter is able to participate in again this year. I hope this year all the children are able to learn, grow and enjoy their time at LCNS and that we as both a board and community of members can nurture a safe, welcoming environment with participation - in all its many forms - from the members that truly make this Coop a special place for all of us.

Cooperatively Yours,

Georgia Flatt

LCNS Vice President 2018-19



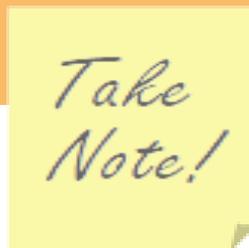
Clean Out Your Child's Cubby

Please clean out your child's cubby at the end of the class and bring home their craft bag as the cubbies are used by more than one child through the week. Indoor shoes can be stored in the bins provided.



Clothes for Bathroom Use

Please send your child in clothes that are easy to get on and off in the bathroom, especially for those that are using the toilet themselves.



Child Absences

Please make sure to call the school and/or email the teachers if your child will be away for any reason.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

For Participating Parents

Hopefully many of you have had a chance to meet Nancy Porter already as she has been assisting us get the year off to a great start by being an extra volunteer while the children all adjust to the new school year. Just a quick reminder to all, if you need last minute coverage or are unable to secure a successful switch of volunteer days, we have a paid supply option of \$25 for her to be your replacement in the classroom. Nancy has completed her orientation and policy sign off with us as well as police check and all necessary health and allergy certificates and policies. Please see a note from her below with more of a detailed snapshot of who she is.

Hi Everyone,

*My name is **Nancy Porter**. I have been a part of Lakeshore Co-op Nursery School for the past year and a half. In the spring of 2017 I was a Supply Teacher and Supply Duty parent. Last year my position was an Enhanced staff member at the Lakeshore Co-op Nursery School.*

I have been running my own daycare for the past 15 years. I have volunteered with Strong Start and been a Child Leader with the Get Set Learn Program.

I am currently working on my Early Childhood Education through distance education at Durham college.

I am available to cover Participating Parent days if you need coverage.

Looking forward to the upcoming school year and getting to know all the children.

*I can be reached at the following numbers: home number is **519-884-7834** and my cell is **519-575-5079**. I can also be reached by email nschumilas@sympatico.ca*

Sincerely,

Nancy Porter

GIVING TREE



Families can support the co-op by donating the following items:

- Kleenex
- Green Bin bags
- A medium sized saucepan (to be used for preparing playdough)
- A low pile vinyl backed mat (3'x 5' to be used under our kitchen table in our home centre)

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

ONGOING Fundraisers

Did you know there are a number of ongoing fundraising campaigns during the 2018-19 year?

Perhaps these are places you already shop at, but did you know a portion of your purchase could be going to our school? Mention LCNS or select our name from the list of schools and charities in their fundraising tab or when you go to checkout. Thanks for supporting our



Looking for a new home for your gently used items? Consider donating your items to our school by consignment at **The Children's Marketplace** under the Lakeshore Cooperative Nursery School account. Sorry, since there is no way to track your donations, we cannot credit your fundraising deposit, but

We thank you for helping our school in this way!



SCHOLASTIC

Did you know you can now order your Scholastic Books **online**?? Instructions on the parent's portion of the Scholastic website will guide you through setting up an account and placing an order. Lakeshore Co-Op is the 'school' to search for and Kelly Anne Velle is the teacher to 'connect' with. Happy reading! ☺

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Do you own your own business? Have friends or family who do? Do they love your kids as much as you do? Why not ask them to support LCNS and your kids?

Not sure how to ask, try this...

1. <Insert child's name>'s school is fundraising for new items for the classroom. Would you be interested in supporting the school by donating? We can provide a tax receipt for your donation!
2. We have a wish list of items for the classroom that range from \$5 to \$500. Every little bit helps to improve their school experience. (Wish list to be provided via email)

Please consider approaching people you know for these donations. The people who know us and our children are most likely to support their school! Side note, if they prefer to donate a product or service we can absolutely accept that for our silent auction at our fall event, so say yes to those too!

Fundraising Campaigns

Please watch your email for an update on fundraising campaigns. I will be providing a breakdown of options, a poll for preferred types of campaigns and the goals for the year.

If you have any questions on the items above please feel free to connect with **Jenn Bentley** at any time, Tues/Thurs drop off and pickup or email lakeshorenursery.fundraising@gmail.com.