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Welcome to Nursery school!

During the week of September 10-14 your child will have completed one of the most important steps in his/her life - the 1st day of nursery school! We know that you and your child have met this day with both excitement and hesitation. We hope that this newsletter will ease any concerns that you may have.

Themes for the month:

Welcome to school | I'm me, I'm special!

Dates to Remember

September 19

Back to School BBQ

September 26 & 27

Ryan Price Magic

October 8

Thanksgiving - no classes

October 17 & 18

MTYP field trip

October 19

PD Day No classes

October 24 & 25

Picture Day!



Meet our staff



My name is **Darcy Davies**. I am a mother of five, and a grandmother of 8. I have just completed my sixteenth year with the nursery school this year. I have been working with children in many different capacities from teaching Sunday school and Girl guides to running a home daycare to working in the nursery school, for the past 27 years. I am a graduate of the CBA/PLAR program at Red River college and obtained my ECE II in 2010. It is an honour and a pleasure to be working with your children.

My name is **Renee Savoie**, and I am the mother of two wonderful babes! I have been in the childcare field for 16 years. I am a Red River College Graduate and am an ECE II. This is my eleventh year working with the amazing teachers at RESNS. And It is an honour to work, teach and learn alongside your amazing children.



My name is **Monica Register**. I am a new mom to an amazing baby boy. I have my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg and my ECE II certification through the CBA/PLA program at Red River. I have worked with children since 2006 in a variety of settings, and happily joined the RESNS team in 2012. I am currently on maternity leave, but will return in the spring to finish off the year alongside the wonderful staff and children at RESNS.

My name is **Mary Link**, I am a resident of East St. Paul and am a mother to four children, three who have attended RESNS. I started child care at a very young age caring for my six siblings. I love being a part of the RESNS team, and the opportunity for exploring and learning together with your children.





My name is **Lee-Ann Booth**. My home is very full with my 3 children (all of whom attended RESNS), 2 dogs, a crested gecko and fish. Along with my ECE II, I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo and a Rehabilitation Practitioner Diploma from Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. I have been involved in the early education field for over 20 years. I am very excited to be a part of the RESNS team as an inclusion worker and have the opportunity to be involved with all the growing and learning that takes place here everyday.

My name is **Melanie Orvis**. I am married with two wonderful daughters. I am a CCA and have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Developmental Studies. I have worked with children in a variety of childcare settings throughout the past 20 years. I find working with children very gratifying and love being a part of the RESNS team.



Hello, my name is **Jenn**! I have been lucky enough to work with the wonderful RESNS team for just over a year in nursery and Kindercare. In addition, I've also been working at Little Learners for the past 6 and a half years. I've had an amazing time watching your children learn and grow and can't wait to continue spending time with them!



**“As soon as I saw you,
I knew an adventure
was going to
happen.”**

- Winnie the Pooh

Things to Bring to Class

CLOTHING

Everyday your child will have the opportunity to paint, play in the sand/water tables, glue, cut and draw. They will also go to the gym and other activities which may require them to roll up their sleeves and get messy. Please send your child in clothing that is clean and comfortable, but also clothing that can get dirty. The nursery school experience is about “experiencing” activities without worries.

FOOTWEAR

Since gym is a regular part of our day please be sure your child is wearing appropriate shoes. Dress shoes, laces and sandals are hazardous. Velcro runners are the best and preferred. Please change your child’s footwear before entering the classroom (preferably in the lobby area) leaving outdoor shoes or boots on the shelf under the nursery school sign. Due to limited space we ask parents to keep their indoor runners in their child’s backpack and bring it with them for every class. The fire regulation states that all children must have footwear on at all times. Boots are not allowed in the school classroom or gym; therefore, it is very important to remember to always bring their indoor shoes. From time to time, the children do remove their footwear. It is important that all footwear is clearly labelled with your child’s name, for easy identification.

SNACKS

Please send a nutritious snack to school with your child in a lunch bag clearly labelled with your child’s name. Snack time is a time to talk about healthy food choices and why they are important. **NO NUT PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES.**

A list of snack suggestions was provided to you in your child’s welcome package. We ask that you stick to those items, and not send junk food such as pop, chocolate bars, or chips, as we would like to promote healthy snacks. If you do send anything that contains or may contain nuts, it will not be served to your child, it will be exchanged for an approved snack item. This policy is very strict and must be adhered to.

TOYS

Please leave all of your child’s toys at home. Bringing in a security blanket or teddy bear that is to be kept in cubby until the end of class is fine, otherwise, all other toys should be left at home as we do not want children to lose their toys at school. There will be a “show ‘n tell” where the children can bring in a toy, see the “Star of the Week” information in the Newsletter.

ONLY CHEQUES (No cash money)

On occasion, it will be necessary for your child to bring cheques to school. Always send cheques in a sealed envelope with the following information written on it: Your child’s first and last name, your family name, the amount enclosed, the purpose for the cheque (i.e. book order, fundraiser, special event, tuition, treasurer, etc., the teacher’s name, and Room #16 R.E.S.N.S. With many children attending and often several reasons for collecting cheques this helps the teachers as well as the Board a great deal and reduces the likelihood of errors. Also, if an envelope is left in a bag or cubby or dropped in the hallway, this information will help it to be returned to our classroom.

Thank you. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Parent / Teacher Relationship

We believe that a good parent/teacher relationship is a necessary component to achieve maximum program success. Throughout the year we will communicate with you through newsletters, conversation and student portfolios which will be handed out to parents in June.

If you have any other concerns you may speak to one of the teachers after class or contact us by Email at admin@resns.org, or you may contact our chairperson.

Thank you for your co-operation.

\$\$\$ Fundraising \$\$\$

My name is Brenda, and I organize fundraisers for the Nursery School. Money raised pays for field trips, in-house guests, special resources the teachers need, and more. Last year we also bought “Muddy Buddy” splash suits, yearbooks and new furniture for the classrooms.

This year we are hoping to raise \$10,000. Fundraising at RESNS is not mandatory and there is no “quota” to meet, but we hope to offer a variety so that some of them may appeal to each family!

We will start the year off with a **PEAK OF THE MARKET** “Farm to School” fundraiser. Families sell \$12 or \$22 packages of fresh Manitoba grown vegetables. Packages will be ready for pick up at the AGM on October 17. Look for more information at the Meet the Teacher Night!

We will have a raffle at our **BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ**. The prize package includes tickets to see Splash N Boots in concert and vouchers for family activities, including the Childrens Museum, the Museum for Human Rights and more! Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10 and you can

order them at meet the teacher night or at the BBQ.

We also have a continuing fundraiser with **MABELS LABELS**. Make sure all your carefully selected items make it home! Just go to [Mabels labels website](#) and place your order at any time! Select River East Scholars Nursery (Winnipeg) from the list of fundraisers and the school will get a portion of the sale!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, send me an email! I’m looking forward to a fun year!

♡ **Brenda**

Fundraising Coordinator



Special Events

Welcome (or welcome back) to preschool! We are so excited for this year and have a lot of fun events planned for you. I hope you will join us at our **WELCOME BBQ** on September 19. Mmmm.

Later in the month, on September 26 and 27 the super talented magician **RYAN PRICE** will be visiting us. Get ready to be amazed by all of his magic tricks! On October 17 and 18 we have a field trip to **MTYP** planned. Be ready to bring your creative minds because we will have so much fun dressing up and play acting in a real theater school!

Please watch for the field trip forms in your email in September. Throughout the year there will be many more fun activities planned.

♡ **Rayna & Katie**

Special Events Coordinators

Welcome BBQ

Join us for the Welcome to School BBQ September 19 at the Emerson Elementary School playground.

Tickets are \$6 each and include a hot dog, drink, chips and treat!

To order tickets, fill out the order form you received in the mail and bring it to the Meet the Teacher night or your first week of class.

There will be fun and games and even a water balloon toss!

Hope to see you there!!



Calming Those First Day of School Nerves

As we all know the first day, week, even month around the classroom to maybe bringing it in the of school can be a little nerve racking for us classroom and leaving it in there cubby in case as parents but especially for our littles!

Here are some tips on how to possibly calm some of those first day jitters:

Allow your child to bring in a small family picture to keep in their pants pocket close on hand, a special stuffie, a blankie or an item that comforts them. Something they can



bring from home as a transition piece. As the days and weeks go by we will slowly transition them from carrying the item to as they need it, to eventually one day not needing the item at all!

We know that not every child will need a transition item but for some this is very helpful and we want to be sure that school is a positive and fun experience for your child.

And if all else fails please remember that we have an open door policy so if need be and you feel it's appropriate for your child you are welcome to stay with them.

Scholastic Book Orders

Your child will bring home a scholastic order form to order books about once a month.

If you wish to order, you can place your order online, as instructed on the order form, or simply fill out the form, and a cheque made out to Scholastic Canada (cash is not accepted), and put both into a sealed envelope and return to your teacher.



These orders are provided as a convenient way for parents to buy quality books for their child at a low price. As an added bonus, our nursery school earns bonus points which are then used to purchase books and toys for our classroom. This is a win-win situation because you get quality literature at

a low price and you are also helping to provide quality literature for our classroom.

Of course, you are never under any obligation to order. There will be an envelope marked "Scholastic orders" where the children's files are located where you can drop your order forms.

Join the Board!

If you are interested in becoming a board member we have some openings available. Please contact Darcy at 663-6365 / admin@resns.org or Alisha VanHelvert at akeating1988@hotmail.com for more information.



Happy Birthday to You



Birthdays are a special occasion for young children. If your child wishes to bring in a treat to share with their classmates on their special day we ask that it be NUT FREE as per our snack policy. Please send an email a day or two in advance so we can give you an exact number of children in the class and to set aside some extra time for the celebration. Once again, you are not obligated to send anything.

On your child's Birthday everyone sings Happy Birthday. We find out how old your child is and your child will receive a small gift and is sure to have an extra special day. All birthdays will be celebrated, including summer birthdays.

Brooklynn Loughhead

Smith McFee

Mark Fischer

Arthur Robertson

Quinn Poworoznyk

September 1

September 3

September 6

September 9

September 13

Ally Hughes

Rowan Bewick

Nate Diboll

Annabelle Demasi

September 16

September 18

September 26

September 30

Board of Directors

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at River East Scholars Nursery School. First off, we would like to invite you to our AGM on **October 17, 2018**. We have a few vacant positions on our board directors that will need to be filled. We understand that you are busy and we would appreciate it if you could take the time to attend the meeting and help us fill in our vacancies. If you would like to express interest or have questions on what would be required of you please email our Chair Alisha Van Helvert at akeating1988@hotmail.com. Secondly, we would like to remind everyone that our policies and guidelines are expected to be followed by all our RESNS parents and guardians. See pages 11 and 12 for a refresher. We, the Board of Directors, are looking forward to another great year.

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Star of the Week ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Every week beginning in October, one child will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Week. This student will help the teacher at Circle Time, be the line leader for the week and help with special tasks in the classroom. They will also get to tell the class all about themselves. Feel free to decorate a poster board with information about your child: favourite colour, favourite song, age, birthday etc. Ask them what they would like to put on their poster. Also, feel free to add family pictures etc. Your child should also bring a favourite book and one item from home for show 'n tell on the Thursday or Friday of their special week. Show 'n tell time encourages speaking, sharing, asking questions as well as being a good listener. We especially love it if it is something your child loves to talk about, like their favourite teddy bear. Please no guns or fighting toys. Please keep all other items or child's toys at home.

★ MWF AM (Class 1) ★

Alayna	Oct 1-5
Alec	Oct 8-12
Annie	Oct 22-26
Bria	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Casey	Nov 5-9
Derek	Nov 12-16
Emmett	Nov 19-23
Franklin	Nov 26-30

★ TT AM (Class 1) ★

Bella	Oct 1-5
Bria	Oct 8-12
Brody	Oct 22-26
Brooklyn	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Carey	Nov 5-9
Ekam	Nov 12-16
Emelie	Nov 19-23
Emily M	Nov 26-30

★ MWF AM (Class 2) ★

Arthur	Oct 1-5
Aurora	Oct 8-12
Ava	Oct 22-26
Avery	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Benjamin	Nov 5-9
Bennett	Nov 12-16
Kaylee	Nov 19-23
Oliver	Nov 26-30

★ TT AM (Class 2) ★

Bowen	Oct 1-5
Brooklyn	Oct 8-12
Gabriel	Oct 22-26
Gavin	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Harlow	Nov 5-9
Jack	Nov 12-16
Kya	Nov 19-23
Londyn	Nov 26-30

★ MWF PM ★

Abel	Oct 1-5
Ally	Oct 8-12
Aubrey	Oct 22-26
Brennan	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Carter	Nov 5-9
Danika	Nov 12-16
Elliot	Nov 19-23
Everett	Nov 26-30

★ TT PM ★

Annabelle	Oct 1-5
Callum	Oct 8-12
Charlotte	Oct 22-26
Cole	Oct 29 - Nov 2
Copeland	Nov 5-9
Ehkko	Nov 12-16
Eisley	Nov 19-23
Emma	Nov 26-30

Policies & Parent Reminders

DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

Before class begins the teachers are busy preparing for class and daily upcoming events, therefore, we kindly ask parents to arrive only a few minutes prior to the start of class times (9:30 am & 9:45 am for the morning classes, and 1:15 pm for the pm classes). The outside door is unlocked at 9:25 am (we ask that our children in our 9:45 am classes do not arrive prior to 9:40 so as to not have too much congestion in the hallway). In the afternoon, the doors will open at 1:10 pm. When dropping children off, parents and children must wait in the foyer (near the coat racks) for a teacher to welcome them to class as per Emerson School policy. Please help your child get ready for class by having them hang up their jacket and backpack, put on their indoor shoes, place their snack bag on the cart and wait quietly along the brick wall. The teachers will come to greet them and walk them to the classroom. This will make the transition into the classroom flow very smoothly.

A friendly reminder to please arrive five minutes PRIOR to dismissal time (11:40am, 11:55 am & 3:25 pm) to minimize the anxiety your child may feel if they are kept waiting.

I.D. IDENTIFICATION

If you are unable to pick up your child, the teachers must be notified verbally of this in advance. You must provide a short note or email with the name of the individual who will then be arriving in your place and their relationship to your child. The individual must be a person listed on the child's registration form. If unknown to the teachers, the individual MUST be able to provide identification. We must adhere to this for the safety of your child and as a nursery school regulation.

PARKING

Parents are kindly asked to abide by the Emerson School policy of NO PARKING ZONES. The south side of Glenway, by the school is a loading zone. If you are parking in front of the school to drop off/pick up your child, parking is allowed on the south side of Glenway for a maximum period of 15 minutes.

**Parents should not be parking on both sides of Glenway, as it blocks traffic. Also parents who are

volunteering in the classroom, should not park in the school parking lot, or by the Glenway drop off area. There is parking allowed further down the street on the north side of Glenway, or there is parking on Emerson Avenue. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

FIRE DRILL EVACUATION

RESNS practices monthly fire drills with Emerson School and on our own. Although this can be a little scary for some children, it is very important to practice in case of an emergency.

Please be aware that in the event of a fire drill during class drop off or pick up times when you are in the building, you must follow fire drill protocol and evacuate the building and join us at our fire drill meeting place beside the play structure on the Glenway side.

CHILDREN'S FILES AND ATTENDANCE

Please remember to check your child's file regularly at drop off and/or pick up. Since the file folders are close together, please make sure you are taking items from the correct file folder.

BACKPACKS

Please send a backpack to school every class with your child. Please clearly label the outside of the backpack with your child's name. A complete set of clothes (pants, shirt, socks, underwear) should always be kept inside your child's backpack in case your child needs to be changed at nursery school. Please ensure all of your child's outerwear (boots, shoes, jackets, hats) and any other personal items are clearly labelled with their name to avoid any confusion and mix-up of items.

OUTDOOR FUN

We love the fresh Winter air! Weather permitting, we will be spending time playing outside. Please ensure your child brings appropriate outerwear every class to enjoy the outdoors in case we decide to go outside.

**The teachers will post a note on the snack cart if we plan to go outside that day so you will know when you arrive at nursery school.

CO-OP PARENTS

We love having parent volunteers in the classroom! Parents may be required to help with crafts, photocopy

or laminate items, wash and clean art supplies, prepare snack tables and assist with other duties.

Due to licensing regulations and insurance coverage, siblings are not able to participate in the program during a parent's scheduled volunteer day or when there are school inservices. We ask that you make other arrangements for siblings on your scheduled co-op day. Please check the co-op schedule in advance so you do not miss your scheduled day.

****If you are unable to attend your co-op day, it is your responsibility to find another parent to replace you.****

ILLNESS

Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well, have a bad cough, fever or very runny nose. Viruses & germs spread quickly, so it's best for them to stay home until they are feeling better so others don't get sick too. Please call or email if your child will be away.

OUR RESNS PUZZLE!!

If you have not provided your family picture or individual pictures of your child, please bring them soon! We would like to complete our RESNS "Puzzle".

TOYS

Please do NOT send toys to school with your child. Many times these toys can get lost in the classroom or

accidentally broken and this can be upsetting to your child. Your child may become possessive of this toy with friends as well.

There are special days throughout the year when your child can bring their favourite stuffed animal to nursery school. Also, they can bring a special "show and tell" toy when it's their turn as "Star of the Week".

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an exciting part of RESNS. They are fun, interactive and educational. It is a great time for children and their parents to meet as a group for a special excursion. A permission form is sent out prior to each field trip explaining the location, cost and other important information. It must be signed and returned with a cheque payment by the due date indicated on the letter.

As per RESNS policy, parents or guardians must transport their child to and from the field trip location as well as stay for the duration of the field trip. We realize some families may not be able to attend all field trips. If your child is unable to attend, there will be no school for them that particular day.

SPECIAL REQUEST

To all parents and board members, if you need to discuss information pertaining to school matters please try and speak with us after class unless your concern is of an urgent nature. If you have any questions pertaining to student fees, policies and procedures, class time and/or cleaning deposits, contact the Chairperson, Alisha VanHelvert at akeating1988@hotmail.com.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Our nursery school is a non-profit co-op school which is operated by volunteer parents. An executive committee of eight members as elected from the general membership, and the director as the staff member representative, constitute a board, and therefore, we require your support and volunteer work throughout the school year in order to function successfully. Thanks to our staff and 2016-17 board members, our registration

of children to our program is outstanding. We are pleased to say that both morning and afternoon classes are comprised of lively groups of 18 to 20 children.

CO-OP PARENT SCHEDULE

A Parent co-op schedule will be sent out to each co-op family. If your name appears on a day you are unable to attend it will be your responsibility to find another co-op parent to switch days with. We ask parents to please be flexible and to always inform us of any changes to their schedule they have made by email.

NON CO-OP MEMBERS

Are required to take two turns throughout the school year to do some housekeeping. A cleaning schedule and details will be provided. All members are required to participate in fundraising activities throughout the year, if need be. Your efforts will be recognized by the children, teachers and parents.

Best Ever Playdough Recipe

1 cup Flour
2 tbsp Cream of tartar
¼ cup Salt
1 cup Water
1 tbsp Oil
2 tsp Food colouring

Mix first three ingredients together, add remaining and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly (3 to 5 minutes).

When the dough forms and pulls away from the sides of the pan, remove from heat. Knead the dough until smooth. Careful it will be quite warm!

Enjoy playing with your children today!



**“Every child is a different
kind of flower, and
all together make this
world a beautiful garden”**

Classroom Cleaning

Please arrive at the school for 6:30p.m., along with clean towels, rubber gloves and wash rags.

September 26

Hrysak
Crozier
Fraser
Moung
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