

**HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY
KINDERGARTEN**

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2010

Dear Parents:

Thank you to all the parents for their help with skating and snacks. It is very much appreciated by the children and the staff. The children have definitely improved over the past two lessons and will continue to do so with the remaining three (February 4, 18 and 26). Larry, the instructor for the beginners, would like the parents on February 4, to pull back from helping the children so that he can now take over to give them more instruction on his own. He feels that they are ready to take the big step toward more independent skating.

Grade One Registration

If you are planning to send your child to Briar Hill Elementary this fall, and you have not already done so, please go into the school office as soon as possible and register your little one. This is important to let the school get a good estimate of their enrollment from our kindergarten and allow them to make important decisions for the fall grade one classes. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Family Dance Friday, February 5/09

Family Dance is coming again. This year Family Dance is on Friday, February 5/09. Get your costumes lined up and be prepared to dance your feet off. All kindergarten families are invited to attend.

We will not have classes on Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12. It will be organizational days for me. It will give me an opportunity to begin work on the children's assessments for March child-parent-teacher interviews.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 10/10, and we ask three or four parents from each class to send some special treats like cookies, cupcakes and juice drinks, etc., so the children have something special for their classes that day. PLEASE MAKE ALL TREATS NUT FREE – INCLUDING COOKING OILS, ETC. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. We will also be exchanging valentines. A list of the children's names in each class will be attached to this newsletter so that all the children exchanging valentines can remember each other in their respective classes.

Family Day – Monday, February 15/10 No Classes

100th Day, Wednesday February 24. 2010

The morning and afternoon classes will be working on counting within various number centres throughout the morning and afternoon classes. They really like this number day fun.

THEME FOR THE MONTH

This month the children will be following the Olympics in Vancouver. We will discuss and pick an athlete and/or an event that we will follow throughout the Olympics. It should be lots of fun for all. We will also continue with our Winter Theme along with the Olympics for the month of February.

Home Reading Program

We hope the children are enjoying the opportunity to read the little books that they are bringing home during the week. It will make such a difference to their year one success if they are able to read some of these books.

Music with Val will take place on Tuesday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 17.

ALPHABET DAYS FOR FEBRUARY

The letters for February will be as follows:

**Monday, February 1, is “Rr”, Wednesday, February 3, is “Ss”,
Monday, February 8 is “Tt”, Wednesday, February 10 is “Uu”
Monday, February 15 there is no school/no letter, Wednesday, February 17, is “Vv”, Monday, February 22 is “Ww”, Wednesday, February 24, is 100th day and there will be no letter.**

Important Dates To Remember:

Monday, February 1/10	“Rr” Day
Wednesday, February 3/10	“Ss” Day
Friday, February 5/10	Family Dance
Monday, February 8/10	“Tt” Day
Wednesday, February 10/10	“Uu” Day
Wednesday, February 10/10	Valentines Day
Thurs. and Fri., February 11 & 12/10	Organizational Days – No Classes

Monday, February 15/10

Family Day – No Classes

Wednesday, February 17/10

“Vv” Day

Tues. & Wed., Feb. 16 & 17/10

Music

Monday, February 22/10

“Ww” Day

Wednesday, February 24/10

100th Day – No Letter Day

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