



Our Nursery School will be closed all summer but we welcome you to visit our Manotick playground in July and August. If you would like to meet up with other families, I would suggest stopping by on **Wednesday mornings**. Bring sand toys, trikes, snacks, lawn chairs and anything else that will make your visit more comfortable. Be reminded that it is not safe to have any toys in the sand on the play structure side of the yard, in case a child falls off the climber onto something. One big perk is that it is entirely fenced in – no running after children!

Dickinson Day Parade

We invite you to join us on our Nursery School float at the Dickinson Day Parade on Friday June 4. In keeping with our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we are planning a 50's themed float. We encourage boys to dress up in plain black or white t-shirts and jeans (rolled up). Girls are encouraged to wear plain pink t-shirts and either a skirt (remember poodle skirts?) or plain capri pants or rolled up jeans. If you are inclined, greased back hair and high ponytails will certainly add to the 1950's feel of the float.

A sign up list will be posted at the school shortly and siblings are welcome to join as well. A parent must accompany their child (children). Families are asked to meet at the Manotick Arena at 5:45 pm.

What is the 50th Birthday thing???

OK so you've seen bits of advertising here and there – maybe even received a pleading request to help out. But why? What IS happening June 19th anyway? And wasn't there supposed to be a smaller, much more intimate affair to celebrate the end of school??

Well since we all chose to enroll our children in Manotick (and Riverside South) Co-operative Nursery School in 2009, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate our little school in a way that only comes around once every 50 years. The decision to do so was made several years ago by previous Boards and parents (many still with us today) to not only celebrate what we cherish as a very special community institution, but also to promote the school and thank our many, many supporters for years of success. This public relations "event" is to include not just co-op members but the community at large – on a scale that makes the ordinary end-of-year party seem, well... ordinary! And who gets to put on this big show? Well that would be us. All of us. And though it seems like a bit of extra work for some, we thought we should share a few facts:

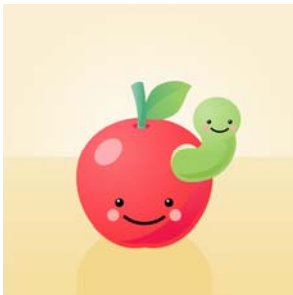
- The Board of Directors, the teaching staff and some VERY dedicated parents make up our Steering Committee, which is planning and executing the event. We have tried not to add more work to parents already involved in co-op committees. However certain committee members have been approached to help with tasks that would have normally been part of (or close to) their committee roles.

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- Though the budget set-aside for the 50th is the same as for the traditional June party, money will be earned through the sale of rides, games and food. Although we will be thrilled if we simply break-even, we have the potential to MAKE money for the school by hosting this event.
- We are hoping that everyone will contribute something to our bake sale table, which is the biggest money maker we will have (and tastiest!). There are sign-up sheets at the schools for you to buy/bake something to donate on the day of the event.
- We are all kind of new at this, we've never done it before and admittedly we've had to re-think a few ideas and approach stuff in new ways. So although it may seem like we haven't always had our act together (we are busy moms and dads like you!) we think we have a really neat evening planned for the 19th – something you and your families will very much enjoy. We hope you can help us drum up excitement for the event that we think it deserves.
- Finally, and most importantly, we can't forget our teachers. They are the essence of this school and certainly make it everything it is today. Much of the creativity, talent, organization and PATIENCE they've put into this event are the same things that they share with our kids everyday. So even though they've contributed all this hard work, really, at the end of the day, this is a celebration of THEM - and everything they've done to make this school so special.

So while it is sometimes a challenge to find the time and energy to be a part of a cooperative, we are hoping this explains what we are trying to do on June 19th, and why. It's a special time for the school and a unique opportunity to help continue its success! So look out for our flyers and signs for all the details and if you have any questions, please ask us!

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***We've had a wonderful year teaching,
and learning from your children.***

We wish you a safe and adventure filled summer!

***Sandy, Amanda, Kitty, Jennifer, Concetta, Sara,
Sherry and June***

