

## A Thanksgiving Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Parents, teachers, staff, and students...THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your support during the past seven turbulent months.

Thank you for your understanding during all this uncertainty.

Thank you for your patience when information was not always readily available.

And most importantly, thank you for sticking with us!

Given the current state of affairs it is easy to dwell on the negative, but despite the difficult road ahead, this Thanksgiving I am so grateful to be working with such an incredible team and have the backing of our amazing community to get us through this challenging time.

This Thanksgiving let's remember the good. As we enter the colder months let's flood our homes with warmth and gratitude and keep the people we love close in our hearts even if we can't be with them physically.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dawn McKenna  
Executive Director

# The Voice

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## Housekeeping

**October 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>**

Thanksgiving -No School!

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Spirit Day!  
Wear your CHSC T-Shirt

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Halloween Celebration,  
Wear your costumes!

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Scholastic Sales.  
Order by this date to take  
advantage of some great  
savings!

## How to Trick-or-Treat Safely!

Halloween is a fun time of year filled with spooky surprises and yummy treats, but with COVID still going strong we need to ensure we are all staying safe!

The BC Centre for Disease Control has put together a set of [guidelines](#) to make this Halloween safe for all!

The big takeaway is to keep celebrations small and local. They suggest trick or treating in small groups, foregoing Halloween parties, and taking extra precaution when handing out candy.

They also strongly urge people to stay home if sick and to turn off your porch light to dissuade trick-or-treaters.

Their website offers some great advice on how to stay safe this Halloween so it is certainly worth a read if your family is planning to go out on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

One innovative idea that is making the rounds on the internet is the "[Candy Slide](#)". This crafty solution as the name implies uses a long tube to act as a slide, which lets you slide candies down into the awaiting buckets of little treaters.

This is a great way to maintain social distancing and is fun for the kiddos!

To ensure groups of trick or treaters maintain social distancing you can also put glow in the dark tape at two metre intervals along your walk way. It's both functional and fashionable!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



# Welcome Niamh

We are delighted to welcome our newest staff member to the CHSC team, Niamh O'Connor. Niamh (Neev) is an Early Childhood Educator currently working in our newly developed childcare program along with Vivian IP.

Niamh came to Vancouver from [County Monaghan](#) Ireland back in January of 2020. From a young age she knew she wanted to work with children and she pursued that career path by completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Care and Education from the Institute of Technology in [Sligo](#) Ireland. Prior to coming to Vancouver, she gained experience working as a room leader in a toddler room at a childcare facility in Ireland. She has also gained experience working with children of all needs and abilities.

Niamh has a passion for music, which is a great fit here at CHSC. She enjoys singing and playing guitar and we hope that once we can resume morning music, she will delight us with a guitar accompaniment. Back in Ireland she often sang at weddings and funerals as well as with her church choir. In addition to her love of music, she also enjoys cooking, baking, and trying out new recipes.

Welcome Niamh to the CHSC family!



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## Scholastic Time!

It's that time of the year again... Scholastic Book Club time!!!

Visit [scholastic.ca/clubshop](https://www.scholastic.ca/clubshop) by October 31<sup>st</sup> for flyer discounts.

Use class code **RC147965** for free shipping to your home on orders of \$35 or more!!!





# Fall Baking Recipe

Baking is a great activity to do as a family! Baking with your children promotes vocabulary, and stimulates conversation. Here is a fall recipe from [Pinch of Yum](#) to get you all fired up in the kitchen!

## CHOCOLATE PUMPKIN MUFFINS

- 2 CUPS** rolled oats
- 1 CUP** pumpkin pure (canned works)
- 6 OUNCES** plain greek yogurt (1 small container)
- 1/2 CUP** real maple syrup
- 2** eggs
- 1 TSP** baking soda
- PINCH** cinnamon and salt
- chocolate chips (if you desire)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a food processor or blender, pulse the oats for about ten seconds to get them mostly smooth.

Add all the rest of the ingredients with the oats and pulse until mixed (some pieces of oats may remain).

Stir in chocolate chips if you want them.

Transfer to a greased muffin tin.

Bake for 15-ish minutes. They're best warm, but good the next day, too.

## ENJOY!!



Got a recipe you want to share? Send it to [development@childrenshearing.ca](mailto:development@childrenshearing.ca) and it might get featured in our next newsletter. You can also send in pictures of you baking to be featured in our next newsletter and on social media!



# Kids Corner

1. Print a copy of the picture bellow
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  3. Bring it into school and give it to your teacher or ECE
  4. We will hang them up around the school!
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