



Dear Sir or Madame,

On June 21, 2010 a little boy named Matthew stood at the front door of Kinderseeds at 2:50pm with a big grin on his face, telling me how he was so excited to grow bigger so he could ride on the bus to his big school in September. I gave him a big hug and watched his proud face as his mommy strapped him into the back seat of the car with his baby brother. That sweet little face is still in my head... Matthew, baby Christopher and Mommy Trish were in a car accident on Hwy 6. Matthew died just mere minutes after leaving Kinderseeds that day.

Matthew loved his firefighter rubber boots. He wore them rain or shine and he made sure that he jumped in EVERY puddle he could. With Matthew as our inspiration, we developed National Puddle Day! This year the event will be at participating schools during the month of May, with the main event taking place on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Glanford Curling Club at 3091 Homestead Dr. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These are days to honour those children whose lives were cut short and to raise funds to support a local charity, Bereaved Families of Ontario Hamilton/Burlington, the only local community resource that provides free grief support programming specifically for families who have experienced the death of a child of any age.

#### **How Our Community is Getting Involved:**

1. During the month of May at participating schools, or at the main event on May 5th, each adult will wear their rubber boots to work to represent the fun of jumping in puddles and express your support for National Puddle Day.
2. We ask that schools and businesses get involved by asking their students and staff to help fundraise to add to our donation to Bereaved Families of Ontario-Hamilton/Burlington. This could be done many different ways i.e. A Jump a Thon, make any amount of donation and jump in a puddle, using our pledge form students and staff could collect donations or even just jump and have fun. Visit our website to see the list of schools and businesses hosting jump sites during the beginning of May.
3. Rubber boots make puddles more fun! Businesses are organizing rubber boot drives by donating new and used/outgrown rubber boots to National Puddle Day. We will share them with other kids who can enjoy them, or you can choose an organization of your choice.

#### **How You Can Support National Puddle Day as a Community Leader:**

Donate rubber boots from your inventory towards our boot drive goal of 800 boots. Your business logo will be posted on our website and on the event banner at the Kinderseeds Puddle Jump location on Homestead Drive, at the main event.

How to Jump In? Contact Sherri at [kinderseeds@hotmail.com](mailto:kinderseeds@hotmail.com) or (905) 679 5437. Sincerely,

*Sherri Crechiola*

Owner of Kinderseeds and National Puddle Day Founder