



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 to Get Involved:**

1. During the month of May at participating schools, or at the main event on May 5th, at the Glanford Curling Club at 3091 Homestead Dr. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or at your workplace, 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. We will provide you with signage.
2. We ask that businesses get involved by asking their 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 staff members could collect donations or even just jump and have fun. Whatever you think would be best for your business.
3. Rubber boots make puddles more fun! Consider organizing a rubber boot drive by donating new or used/outgrown rubber boots to National Puddle Day. We will share them with other kids in our community who can enjoy them, or you can choose an organization of your choice.

**National Puddle Day Represents Two Things:**

1. The innocence of children and adults who want to jump and have fun
2. The puddles of tears we've shed for our lost angels

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

Sincerely,

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