



Dear Families,

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! National Puddle Day 2018 will be on Saturday, May 5th . This is a day 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.

Here is what we are asking. On May 5th firefighters from Mount Hope will be bringing a fire truck to help provide bigger puddles for us to jump in. Each child and adult will wear their rubber boots and join in the fun of jumping in the puddles. We ask that you help your child fundraise, bring a donation to add to our firefighter boot, or you can donate new or used/outgrown rubber boots that we will donate to other kids in our community who can enjoy them.

**Location and Time:**

This year the event will be on May 5th at the Glanford Curling Club at 3091 Homestead Dr. The event will start at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. We ask that all parents attend if they can due to the amount of jumpers we are expecting. As of right now we are looking at proximity 700 jumpers here at this location. Please let us know if you can volunteer. We will be selling T Shirts, umbrellas, bracelets, food (price will be announced), buttons for \$2.00 each, and so much more at the event as well.

**Each Child Needs:**

1. Rubber Boots
2. A smile on their face for CHCH, The Hamilton Spectator and other press
3. A donation to go into the Fire Boots and Have Fun!

**National Puddle Day Represents Two Things:**

1. The innocence of people 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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