



MCNS Giant Spring Garage Sale **May 12th & 13th, 2017**

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Semi-Annual MCNS Giant Clothing and Garage Sale. We have been a part of the Metcalfe community for quite a few years now and this sale has become not only a necessary revenue generator for Metcalfe Cooperative Nursery School, but highly anticipated weekend by both vendors and buyers.

Vendor Information

Who: Anyone can sell items at the MCNS garage sale. Community members, alumni and MCNS members are all welcome. Contact us to get a vendor number. If you have sold within the past year, you will be contacted approximately one month prior to the sale to confirm your wish to sell again and to remind you of your vendor number. MCNS volunteers provide setup and sales support so vendors do not need to be present at the sale.

What: We accept children, maternity and adult clothing, toys & equipment and household items. We cannot sell used car seats or older cribs that do not meet safety recommendations for liability reasons. Please do not try to sell torn, stained or broken items. We will remove any such items from the sale during our sorting process. Any furniture items that do not sell need to be picked up by the vendor at the end of the sale.

When: The sale is on Friday, May 12th from 4pm until 8pm, and on Saturday, May 13th from 8am until 1pm.

Where: The sale takes place in the Agricultural Hall at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds 2821 8th Line Road (opposite Osgoode Township High School). If the weather cooperates, we also sell outside.

Why: The sale allows you to make some money from those no longer wanted items cluttering up your home. The proceeds from our sales go directly towards the operating costs of the nursery school. This allows us to keep the cost of our programs down and continue to offer a quality education experience to our community's youngest members.

How: Contact us, dig out those unwanted items and get selling.



MCNS Sale - Detailed Guidelines

Pricing: Prices are set by you, the vendor, and should reflect the quality of the item. Please do not price items lower than 25¢. Bunching small items together (e.g. a bag of baby socks) is a good idea.

Labeling: Each item being sold is labeled with your vendor number, the price, the size (if applicable) and, if you want the item returned if not sold, a red dot. If you are pricing a group of items (e.g. a bag of toys), a description will help ensure all pieces are sold together. For labels, we recommend using masking tape (or some other similarly sticky substance) or paper labels (around 2"x2" or larger) fastened with safety pins or staples (please do NOT use straight pins). Any item with no label at the time of sale will be deemed a donation to the nursery school.

Packaging: Please ensure that any multi-part items are packaged appropriately. Some ideas that work - safety pins for clothing items; large clear plastic bags (closed with twist ties or knotted) for toys such as building blocks; ziplock style bags for smaller items. We welcome pre-hung clothing but please note that we cannot return hangers.

Donations: Donations are always welcome. MCNS volunteers will set prices on all donated items. Contact us to organize a drop off or pick up time.

Drop off: All items are to be dropped off, labeled as stated above, between 6pm and 8pm Thursday May 11th and 9am & 3:00pm Friday May 12th. Please have like items and sizes boxed or bagged together to simplify the job of putting things out. If you drop off a container that you would like returned, please ensure both the box and the lid are labeled with your name, vendor number and phone number.

Where the money goes: Sales totals for each vendor are calculated by MCNS volunteers and the vendor receives 50% of their total sales in cash on a specified "cash payout day". The remainder is deemed a donation to Metcalfe Cooperative Nursery School and is used in their operating budget. Note – if your share is calculated to be less than \$5, you may be asked to donate the amount to MCNS to simplify our administrative processes. This is completely voluntary. To have a tax receipt issued for donations valued at \$20 or greater within one (1) calendar year, you must notify the coordinator(s) of the sale. For vendors who are 'red dotting' their items a \$5 admin fee will be deducted from the vendor proceeds at the end of the sale.

Unsold items and Red Dots: Any unsold item labeled with a red dot must be picked Saturday, May 13th **between 3 pm and 4 pm** or they become MCNS property. All other unsold items will be distributed to various charities. You may be asked to pick up large items (e.g. couches) as we have limited storage and transportation capabilities.

Liability: Unfortunately, we cannot be responsible for consignment items at the sale. Our volunteers make every effort to keep accurate records of all sales and ensure 'red dot' items are returned. However, due to the nature of the sale, there are sometimes opportunities for mistakes, misunderstandings, loss and damage. Clear and durable labeling and packaging of your articles will go a long way to prevent this.

Contact info for our M.C.N.S. Garage Sales coordinator: Suzanne Gipp smgipp@gmail.com