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**Welcome 2017!**

**May 1—7 Education Week**

**May 1 Kindergarten Parent  
Info. Meeting 9:00—10:30**

**May 2 Open House—'Yes I  
Can' 5:30—7:00**

**May 4/5 Bowling**

**May 9 WOW Assembly 2:30  
School Council 6:00**

**May 11 Home & School 6:00**

**May 12 Badminton @ SCS  
May 14 Mother's Day**

**May 18 Track & field**

**May 22 Victoria Day**

**May 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 & June 1  
EQAO Grades 3 & 6**

**May 29 Gr 3—6 Old Townhall**

**May 31 Grade 7 & 8's to To-  
ronto**

**May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
Babysitting & Booster Club**

## May 2017 Newsletter

### May 2017

Welcome to May! We look forward to the sunshine and warmth it will bring. The warmer temperatures and greater UV remind us to dress appropriately for the weather. Sun-screen, hats, water bottles and proper footwear are encouraged. Just a reminder that flip flops are not allowed on the climbing equipment for safety reasons.



'Yes I Can' is the theme for this year's Education Week! We will also be celebrating Canada's 150th during this week as well! Please join us on Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:30—7:00 for our open house and barbecue. Strode's will once again be on hand selling: hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers. Classrooms will be open for families to stroll through and to look at what each class has created/solved around the number '150'! In addition, plans are underway for the creation of Teeterville's new 'wall' commemorating 150 years of Teeterville.

'Fitness Fridays' will resume on May 19th and run for four weeks ending in our 2nd Annual 'Fit-a-thon' on Friday, June 23rd! An extra special 'thank you' to Mrs. Addison for volunteering her time to run this for our students! Monies earned will be used toward physical fitness classes such as: yoga or zumba for the 2017—2018 school year.

From May 24th - June 1st, students in grades 3 and 6 will participate in the EQAO provincial assessments. We ask that families make every effort possible to have children present at school on these dates. The assessment will take place during the 1st instructional block (8:50 - 10:30). During this time, we ask for cooperation from our entire school community in order to minimize disruptions to learning.

'Number Talks' across all of our grades have proven to be very insightful! Check out Jo Boaler's, 'Why Number Talks' on youtube to gain a better understanding of what 'number talks' are and why they are so beneficial to developing students' mathematical thinking!

Cashless on line - what is it and why are we using it?

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Teeterville is excited to be using School Cash Online. This is an online payment system that allows you to pay for your children(s) day-to-day school expenses such as Hot lunches and Field Trips. Our goal is to have 100 % of families paying for all items this way.

**School Cash Online is offered to us by the KEV Software Company.**

To Register, please follow these three steps:

**Step 1:** Visit: [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com).

**Step 2:** Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register.

**Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account. (The software is connected to our school's student database and will recognize that you and your student should be together.)

**A short tutorial video is available at the following link:**

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

Once you are set up, there are 2 payment options available to you. In all cases, your payment will take a few days to process.

**Option # 1 – "My Wallet"** – is like a gift card that you set money aside for future use. When you are notified of an item that needs to be paid for, you will need to go into your account and make the payment to the item.

**Option # 2 – "echeck"** is just like writing a cheque. You can pay for an item directly from your bank account.

Please note that for security purposes you will need to have your bank account information available every time you want to pay for an item. KEV Software clears your account information every 24 – 48 hours.

There is a **Parent Help Desk** available to support you in using School Cash Online. Friendly staff are available 24/7 (365 days) and can support you with registration, password recoveries, finding your children or any check out or payment issues.

Please call them at 1-866-961-1803 or email them at: [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)

**NOTE:** If you have any difficulty accessing the School Cash Online site (depending on your browser), please follow these steps:

Navigate to your browser settings by going to the gear icon typically in the top right area of your web browser.

Proceed to Advanced Settings.

Check off TLS.1 and TLS 1.2, and hit the apply button to accept the changes.

If you still continue to have problems, please contact the Kev Group at [helpdesk@kevgroup.com](mailto:helpdesk@kevgroup.com) or at the number shown above.

**Parent Reflection;**

"I have to admit, at first I was skeptical about the cash online program at TPS for two reasons. I wasn't exactly sure I wanted my banking information "out there" and due to rural internet being as slow as it is. However, having said that, I gave it a shot as my son does enjoy the hot lunch, he actually looks forward to it and I would hate to have taken that away from him. I have found that having put in my banking information once, it never comes up again as I created a "wallet" in my account for online cash - I can now transfer money from my account to the wallet on my profile like an E-transfer as most of us are familiar with. As Julie Lumax stated in our H & S meeting this past month - the less cash we have on hand at school the better - for safety reasons. This statement hit home for me as I have a 5 year old. He rides the bus with a lot of older children from different schools, and if they become aware, and they will at some point, young kids are carrying money ect = easy target. I am not saying it will happen, but what if? I am not willing to risk what if - the less cash I have to send with my son, the happier I am.

# Be Well (#GEBEWell) & The Child and Youth Mental Health Strategy

Everyone has **Mental Health**. Everyone's **Wellness** is Different. How will you **Be Well**?

Here at Teeterville we have a variety of activities and opportunities to help our students and staff 'Be Well'!

## Daily Fitness Challenges

Each day, our 'fitness team' rolls a cube to determine which physical challenge (e.g., sit ups, push up, jumping jacks etc) each student will take part in. This data is recorded in order for students to improve their own fitness levels.

## PALS

Thursdays are the days when our PALS (Playground Activity Leaders), put on their blue vests and take to the playground to lead games for any/all students to share in! 'There is always room for one more'!

## Wellness Wednesdays

Beginning at 8:30, students are welcome to join us in the gym for some 'mindful' action/dance moves which assist with focus and calming our inner selves! A special thank you to our Grade 7 and 8 leaders who help make this a successful activity!

## Fitness Fridays—ROAR for Fitness

Beginning May 19th and ending June 23rd, classes will participate in activities aimed to improve fitness and overall well-being. The 2nd annual fit-a-thon will take place on June 23rd—monies raised will go toward ongoing physical/well being next year.

## Mind Up

Our teachers continue to use this program to

teach students about the parts of the brain and each parts function as it relates to overall well being.

## Green Team Message

A big **THANK YOU** to all the students and staff who helped to clean up our community on Earth Day. Also, congratulations to Landon (Gr 3), Victoria (Gr 3), Allie (Gr 5), Liam S. (Gr 5), and Will (Gr 6), who are the winners for our Earth Day Poetry Contest.

## Anaphylaxis Information:

<http://resources.allergyaware.ca/download/anaphylaxis-3rd-edition-revised.pdf>

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/pubs/securit/2016-allergen\\_peanut-arachide/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/pubs/securit/2016-allergen_peanut-arachide/index-eng.php)

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## Character Attribute:

The character attribute for May is "CITIZENSHIP"



## **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

### ***Celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday & Plant Sale/Market Place Fundraising Event***

***Saturday May 27, 2017  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Teeterville Women's Institute***

Join the Home & School Committee in celebrating **Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday** with a piece of cake while taking in the incredible blooms for your garden at the **Plant Sale**. Interested in seeing the exciting products and services our Community Vendors have to offer? Take a stroll through the **Market Place** for some amazing deals! In need of a light snack or refreshment? Visit the **Breakfast Program Café** hosted by our very own TPS Breakfast Program Committee!

This fundraising event is sure to please – a little bit of something for everyone! All Plant Sale/Market Place proceeds will go towards student activities scheduled for the remainder of this term! As well as proceeds from the Breakfast Café will go directly towards enhancing the daily Breakfast Program services for the students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Donations/Vendor Rentals**

The Committee welcomes any donations of potted plants, gardening tools and accessories towards this fundraising event. For further details, contact Heather deBoer ([hdeboer48@yahoo.com](mailto:hdeboer48@yahoo.com)).

Market Place spots are still available for product, services, "Mom-to-Mom" or Yard Sale item Vendors. Contact Melanie Lambert ([mmlambert@outlook.com](mailto:mmlambert@outlook.com)) for further details.

#### **"Just Perennials" Advanced Plant Sale**

As an additional fundraising component of the Plant Sale/Market Place event, the Home & School Committee is pleased to offer the opportunity to place advanced orders for hardy perennial plants to compliment your gardens!

These (1) one gallon pots, at a cost of \$8 each or 2 for \$15, are supplied by "Just Perennials", a local grower within the Community.

Additional information will be distributed very shortly, however please note that all orders and payment are due on **Monday May 15, 2017** with order pick up at the **Plant Sale/Market Place** event (**Saturday May 27, 2017**).

#### **Executive Committee Nominations – 2017/2018 School Term**

In preparation of the Annual Home & School meeting in June, the Home & School Committee will be taking nominations for Executive Committee positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for the 2017/2018 school term.

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All nomination submissions are to be submitted to Melanie Lambert (current H&S President) on or before **June 1, 2017**. The current Executive Committee is as follows:

President	Melanie Lambert
Vice President	Janis Turvey
Treasurer	Heather DeBoer
Secretary	Betty Anne Day

Please note that as per the By Laws of the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations ("OFSHA"), only H&S members in good standing are eligible to be nominated for election to the Executive. In addition, only members who hold a current H&S membership may vote at the annual meeting.

All H&S memberships must be purchased and registered with OFSHA no later than 20 days in advance of the annual meeting. Should you wish to become a H&S member and purchase a membership, please contact Melanie Lambert ([mmmlambert@outlook.com](mailto:mmmlambert@outlook.com)).

### **Upcoming Events!!!!**

#### **Family Fun Fair – June 8, 2017**

You're invited to an "Old Fashioned Fun Fair". Make sure to mark on your calendars June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to try out their skills at all kinds of games, eat some yummy food, attempt to win many prizes and then stay around to watch the grade 8's challenge the Teachers to a tug of war!

In the next few weeks each class will be helping to fill themed baskets with items that you will then have a chance to win. Watch for a flyer with more information on this event. If you would like to help with this evening or have something to donate to our prize table, please contact Heidi Mungal @ (519) 718-2273.

#### **Annual Student BBQ – June 28, 2017**

Additional details to follow!

### **Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be held on **May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** We look forward to having you join us!

***The Home & School Association  
2016-2017 Committee***

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

### **Metro Green Apple School Program**

As communicated earlier, Teeterville Public School has been awarded the "Metro Green Apple School Program" grant of \$1,000.

This grant will be used to support the school's "Growing Our Way to Healthy Eating" project where the goals and objectives are to create and promote student awareness, education, enhanced daily consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as creating our very own garden!

Over the course of the next several weeks, students will have various opportunities to participate in the many activities planned within this project that includes sampling a variety of different fruits and vegetables during the daily Breakfast Program service as well as participating in planning and creating a function garden to name a few!

Additional information, along with take home activities will follow during the course of this project

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Addison family for their monetary donation towards the Breakfast Program. Your support is very much appreciated!

### **IMMEDIATE Volunteer Required**

The Breakfast Program Committee as an **immediate need for assistance on Monday mornings**. Participation entails a weekly commitment from 7:45 – 8:45 am. All Volunteers require a valid background check on file at the school.

If you are able to provide some assistance either on Monday mornings and/or throughout the week, please contact Melanie Lambert at (519) 443-5953 or [mmlambert@outlook.com](mailto:mmlambert@outlook.com).

***The Breakfast Program Committee  
2016-2017***

## **PARENT COUNCIL NOTES**

The next Parent Council meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm. Anyone interested is invited to come out and see what we are all about. We would love to have new committee members from both inside and outside our school community for the next school year. Your voice and ideas are most welcome!

Andrea Riddoch – Parent Council

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## Elementary Program

# Math Moments

May 2017

## Myths & Facts about Learning Math

There are a lot of misconceptions about math ability floating around. Let's get those out of the way.

**Myth:** Math ability is a gift. Some people have the "math gene" and others just don't.

**Fact:** There is no such thing as a math gene. Everyone can succeed in math. In fact, more than ability, a positive attitude towards mathematics makes deep learning possible.

**Myth:** Mathematicians solve problems quickly and never make mistakes.

**Fact:** Albert Einstein, one of the world's great mathematicians, once claimed, "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." If that was true of Einstein, then it shouldn't surprise us when we too make mistakes and need time to solve problems.

**Myth:** You have to be good at memorizing to be good at math.

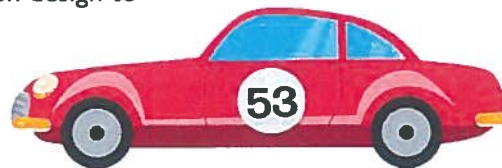
**Fact:** It is important for your child to be able to quickly recall math facts. But memorization is only one approach. When your child understands the concepts and procedures involved in number operations, and the relationships between addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, he/she will find it much easier to remember math facts and learn new ones. Math is more about *thinking* than it is about memorizing.

**Myth:** People who were taught math the old way can't make sense of today's math.

**Fact:** You can learn alongside your child, and strengthen your own math skills in the process. Ask your child to explain and show you what the class is learning. Children are great teachers, and explaining math concepts and procedures to you will help your child to understand them better. Also, ask your child's teacher for suggestions on how to quickly learn the strategies your child is using.

**Myth:** Doing well in math is only important if you want to be an engineer, doctor, scientist...

**Fact:** Math skills are needed in every career – from fashion design to filmmaking, baking to car racing. And everyone needs math skills to effectively manage his/her money and time. A strong foundation in math will open doors to a successful future.



Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016

# SUCCESS for Every Student

## Spring is Here!



As the warm weather approaches, it is a good time to review our Apparatus Rules, Sunscreen/Bug Lotion Use and Dress Code. The following is taken from the front pages of the 2015-16 Students Agendas:

### Apparatus Rules

Students are not allowed on the apparatus in the winter, when the ground is frozen or the apparatus is wet.

No tag on the apparatus.

No standing on the duck sea-saw - sitting only.

No rolling completely around the snake - sitting only, on the snake.

Students are not allowed on the outside of the tube.

On the slide: one person, seated, feet first only. No standing on the slide or walking up the slide.

No wearing scarves or clothes with strings on the slide.

Proper footwear is required (no flip flops).

No sitting on top of the monkey bars, or hanging by the legs from the monkey bars.

### Sun Screen and Insect Repellent



Please apply sun screen and insect lotion before school. For additional applications throughout the day, students should keep sun screen in their backpacks and apply as needed to themselves. If students bring insect repellent to school, it must be lotion only (no spray), and can contain no more than 10% DEET. Students should give their teachers the labelled insect repellent bottle to hold onto for them.

### Dress Code

All partners in the education of our children at Teeterville Public School (administrators, teachers, parents, support staff, community volunteers and students) promote a positive attitude and an environment that can maximize learning and mutual respect. Clothing worn at school should be respectful and conducive to an academic environment. Clothing that distracts from the learning atmosphere is considered inappropriate for the school setting. Students, teachers, support staff, volunteers and visitors are expected to follow the dress code.



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### **Expectations**

All staff and students should be dressed in a manner that shows modesty, respect for themselves and others. Clothing must be appropriate to a **school setting**.

Clothing should sufficiently cover the body and undergarments (including e.g., chest, shoulders, bra straps and underwear). Shirts should have straps of acceptable width (at least the width of two fingers); no visible spaghetti strapped or strapless tops, halter tops, racer back tops, or muscle shirts. Necklines should not be revealing.

Clothing should not be distracting or offensive e.g., no inappropriate advertising (alcohol or illegal substances); no inappropriate language/pictures (or implications of inappropriateness).

The hemline of shorts/skirts should be a length that is appropriate for school, e.g., not shorter than mid-thigh in front and back, or 5 inches above the knee.

Headwear must be removed when in the school.

For hygienic reasons clothing should not be shared by students.

No outdoor coats or jackets are to be worn in the classroom.

Suitable footwear is required at all times.

Shirts must reach the pant/skirt top when sitting, standing up and bending (no bare midriffs).

Pyjama tops or bottoms are not allowed.

Steel-toed shoes present a risk to others and should not be worn.

Chains and steel studded accessories are not allowed e.g., as part of dress or fashion.

Running shoes with wheels in the soles are not allowed.

Discretion should be used in the application of makeup, cologne, perfume, hygiene products or other body scents to show consideration for those who experience allergic or respiratory reactions.

Students should not wear costumes to school except when spirit days or special events are planned.

### **Procedures to Deal with Inappropriate Dress**

1. Discuss reasons for inappropriateness.
2. Change or cover up until appropriate attire is available.
3. Call home for a change of clothing.
4. Provide alternate clothing if arrangements cannot be made.

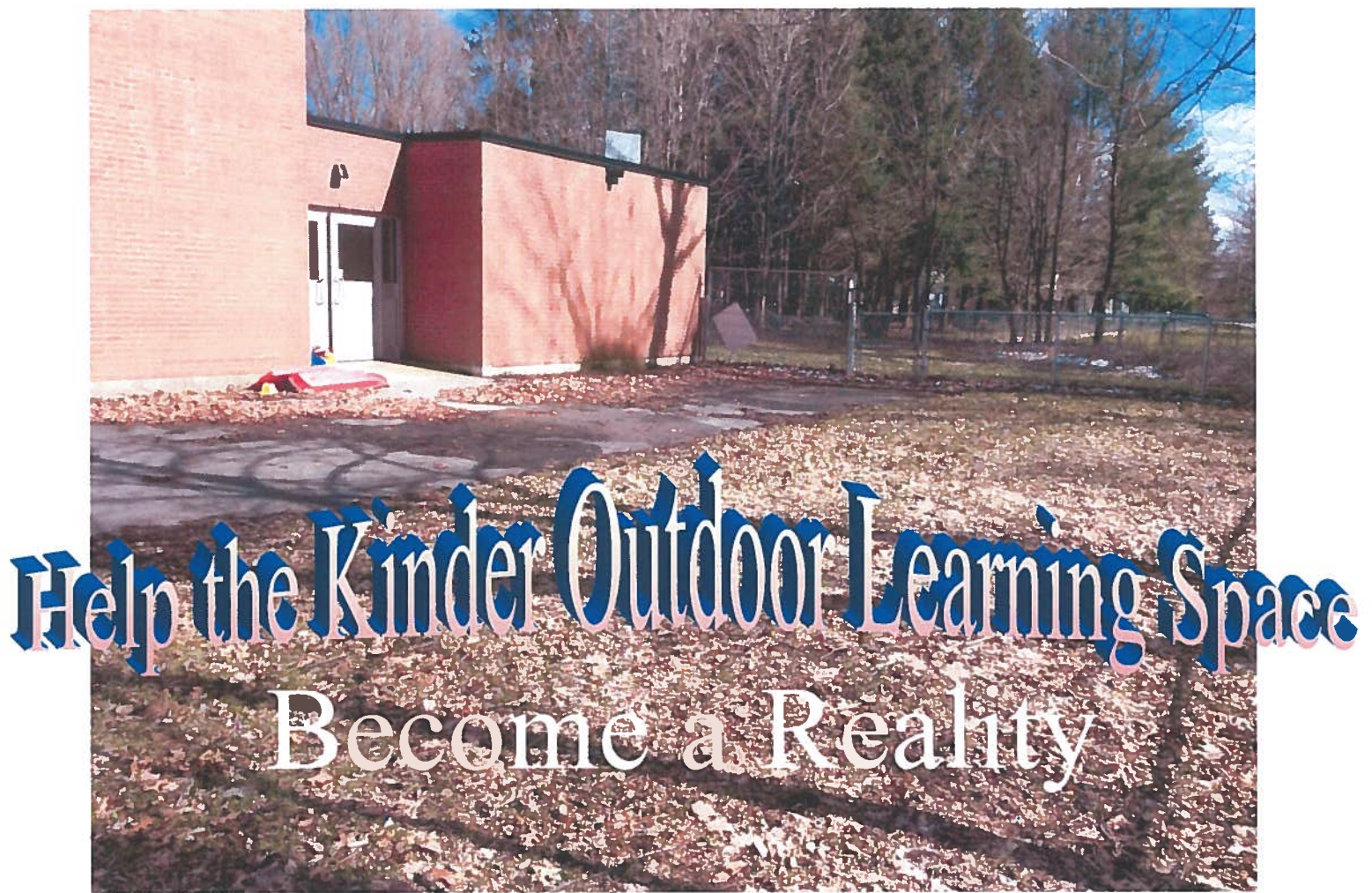
### **Tips for Appropriate Dress for Physical Education**

Physical Education is a mandatory component of the school curriculum as outlined by the Ministry of Education. Proper attire is necessary to ensure your child's safety.

Rubber soled running shoes that fit properly

T-shirt or sweatshirt

Shorts preferred (avoid baggy pants, pants with frayed hem lines, hemlines that touch the floor)



The Kindergarten Team is hoping to take advantage of your spring cleaning. We will gladly take donations to our **Outdoor Learning Space** project **Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 4:30 pm** at the Kindergarten doors.

Need ideas?

- Old pots and pans
- Tree stumps or logs
- Rubber tires
- Industrial tubes
- Tricycles, wagons, scooters
- Easels, wooden tables
- Wooden or plastic child-sized chairs
- Old kitchen sink
- Ribbons, scarves
- Outdoor Loose Parts (*see attached flyer*)





# What are Loose Parts?

Loose parts are important to children's play because they encourage imagination, creativity, and play in children in ways that traditional toys do not.

## Synthetic Loose Parts



Tires



Rope



Fabric



Buckets



Pallets



Crates



Baskets



Plastic Tubing



Cardboard  
Boxes



Tarps



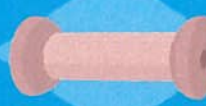
Flower Pots



Ice Cube Trays



Kitchen Items  
& Utensils



Spools



Plastic Bottles

## Natural Loose Parts



Logs



Leaves



Stones



Pinecones



Sand



Sticks



Rocks



Shells



Flowers



Stumps



Wooden Pieces  
or Blocks



Hay/Straw  
Bales



Water



Seeds/Nuts



Grass