



# Ontario Early Years News Haliburton County



Five Counties Children's Centre will be visiting both Minden and Haliburton centres this winter with Meet the SLP and Meet the OT.

**Meet the SLP** Speech pathologist Leanne Angus will be available for parents to talk to or ask questions about their children's speech and communication.

Haliburton on Wed. Jan. 20 and Minden on Mon. Feb. 8 from 10-11 a.m.

**Meet the OT** Occupational therapist Jessica Welton will be available to discuss ways to help develop your child's gross and fine motor skills to help with their daily living. Minden on Mon. Jan. 11 and Haliburton Tues. Feb. 9 from 10-11 a.m.

**Dental Screenings Mon. March 21 at Minden OEYC from 10-noon.** HKPR District Health Unit Dental Department will do free dental screening by a registered dental hygienist for your child. Get answers to your specific questions you may have regarding dental care. Get free toothbrushes for babies and children.

**Please sign up with our staff.**

**Meet the Nurse** Visit Kelly to learn about your child's growth and development and ask questions that are important to you. Haliburton on Wed. Jan. 13, Wilberforce on Thurs. Jan. 21 and Minden on Mon. Feb. 1.

*Check our website at [oeyc.ca](http://oeyc.ca) or Follow us on Twitter@OEYChvb*



## Winter 2016

### Haliburton Centre Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 am. to 12:30 pm. for songs,  
crafts, early learning activities  
and free play. Closed the last  
Thursday of the month.

Call Brenda or Wendy at  
**457-2989** for information.

### Minden Centre Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 am. to 12:30 pm. for songs,  
crafts, early learning activities  
and free play. Closed the last  
Thursday of the month.

Call Julie or Jan at  
**286-1770** for information.

### Children's Learning Centre

Monday to Friday Childcare  
Preschool & Toddler programs  
7:30 am.- 5:45 pm.  
After School program at Archie  
Stouffer School 3:30 to 5:45

Call Gord at **286-4074**  
16 Prentice St. Minden

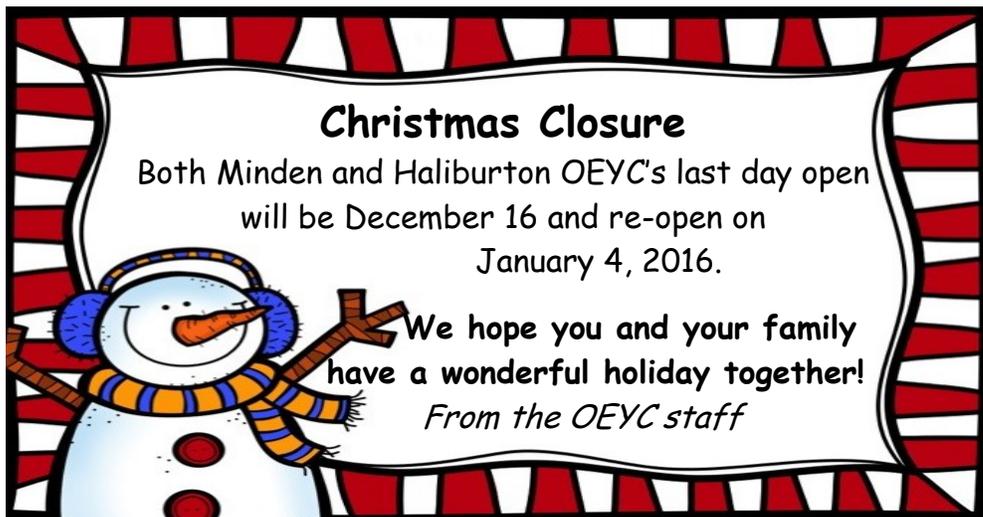
### Early Literacy

Monday to Thursday.  
Call Bev at **286-4625**.

## Christmas Closure

Both Minden and Haliburton OEYC's last day open  
will be December 16 and re-open on  
January 4, 2016.

We hope you and your family  
have a wonderful holiday together!  
*From the OEYC staff*



# Minden Early Learning Centre

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Coming this winter **Kids Count** kits. These lending kits contain a variety of fun math activities, songs, rhymes and tips to go along with each children's book. Watch for information in the centres.

## Thomas the Train January 30 from 10-noon.

Join us for this Saturday morning program. Doug Stephens will bring his working model railway with Thomas the Train and friends. There will also be pancakes and fruit available for "brunch". A great morning to bring Dad!



## Baby Mornings continue ... Do you have a baby or toddler?

On Mondays we will continue to offer session topics geared towards the little ones. Some topics that are scheduled include: Jan. 18- Point in Time with milestones and make a fun craft, Jan. 25- Story in a Can with Literacy Specialist Bev Jackson, Feb. 1- Meet the Nurse with Kelly from HKPR District Health Unit, Feb. 22- Taking Care of Mom with Paula Pepping from YWCA and Feb. 29- Making Baby food with Kelly Taylor



## Fabulous Fridays

These special program days will return for the month of February, at the centre from 10:00- 11:30. Once again there will be music, dance, drumming, fun math games, sensory exploration, story time, crafts and a healthy snack.



## Toddler Tunes and Tales! Tuesday mornings in March at 10 a.m.

Too old for Mother Goose and too young for school! Drop in and join Bev Jackson for some tales, songs and games for your toddler.

**Literacy Games Day Mon. March 14** Join us during the school break for a variety of games to play with your family.



## Wilberforce Play and Learn

If you live in the Wilberforce area and have children ages 0-6, join us for Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Our winter visits start on **Thursday Jan. 7 from 10:00 to noon**. Jan. 21, Feb. 4 & 18, Mar. 3 & 17 and Apr. 7 & 21. Come for some active fun, healthy snacks and circle time. Call 286-1770, email [oeycminden@bellnet.ca](mailto:oeycminden@bellnet.ca) or 457-2989 for information.

Special visitors in the new year...

**Meet the Nurse** with Kelly Taylor from HKPR District Health Unit on **Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Literacy Specialist **Bev Jackson** will bring us an interactive version of **Sadie and the Snowman** on **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

# Haliburton Early Learning Centre

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## January

Family Literacy will be the focus this month. Join us as we explore a variety of books and how to extend the learning, make and take your own book, creative art and more! Learn great tips and ideas to include more literacy into your child's day.



### **Sunshine Circles - NEW! Every Tuesday in January**

Circle time that specifically supports emotional well-being and social skills for children. Interactive and FUN!

### **What to do When Your Child Bites! - Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Gain tips and ideas to handle the challenges of childhood biting. Learn why they do it and positive techniques to help your child.



### **Family Literacy Day - Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for games, songs, activities that support early literacy.

## February

Friendship and Fun go hand-in-hand! Bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing morning with your children as they explore and learn together. Activities will focus on a hodgepodge of science, creative art, sensory play, and more!



### **Friendship Party - Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Crafts, activities, and fun snack to make with your friends!



### **Family Swim Program RETURNS! - February 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Swim time is for families with infants to preschoolers that want to splish, splash, and play together! **Must** register and pay in advance. Please watch for registration sign-up dates. In partnership with Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

## March

Spring is in the air! Join us as we explore new songs, rhymes, and finger plays! Bring your fun and imaginations!



**March Break** - Missing the centre since your child started school? Join us this week as we have some crafts and activities suited for Kinders enjoying their March Break vacation! Game Day scheduled for Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>!

### **Mother Goose - Starting Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Join us for this very popular program that offers 10 weekly sessions to learn rhymes, songs, and stories together in a relaxed environment. Stay after to visit and enjoy a healthy snack! (in partnership with Point in Time)



### **Easter Cheer! March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bunnies, eggs, and fluffy chicks, Oh, My! Join us for fun crafts, songs, and games!

## What do we know?

Your baby is born ready to learn language! His brain has special structures that enable him to learn about sounds, words and sentences when you speak to him. Even before he was born, he learned to recognize your voice and wanted to listen to you.

Language develops in three areas:

speech sounds

words or vocabulary

sentence structure or grammar

Your child may learn at a different rate in each area.



## Speech sounds

Your baby learns a lot about the sounds of language in his first year. From the day he is born he can hear almost any speech sound.

As early as 5 months old, your baby already understands some new words.

From the age of six months on, he will try to communicate and start initiating exchanges.

In his first six months of life, he will start gesturing when he cries, babbling and playing by making sounds.

By the end of the first year, your baby will pay special attention to sounds that are important in the language or languages that you speak. He will ignore sounds that are not used in your language.

By the time your baby is one year old, he should also be babbling, making sounds that begin with a consonant and a vowel. He will later repeat these syllables (for example, 'bababa' and 'mamama'). These are the foundation for the first real words that your baby will say.

By the end of his first year, your baby will start to master the basics of language. He will say his first words as he becomes more curious, as he develops his senses and is able to move around freely.

**Your baby may not say his first words correctly, but a stranger should be able to understand half of what he says at age 2, and all of what he says at age 4.**



## Vocabulary skills

Your baby's vocabulary skills develop very quickly. Babies can understand some words as early as 5 months and will say their first word between 10 and 12 months.

A child's vocabulary usually includes about 50 words at 18 months, 100 words at 20 months and 14,000 words at 6 years.

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