



Ontario Early Years News Haliburton County



June 2011

Haliburton Early Learning Centre

We are excited to invite you to see our new renovations. The bright and fresh space will offer more opportunities for children's play and a place for parents to connect through parenting programs.

Haliburton Centre Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:30 am.-1:00 pm. for songs, crafts, early learning activities and free play. Closed the last Thursday of the month.

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

June Camp Out



Children will have an opportunity to learn and explore through play in our camping playroom. No need to bring rain gear or bug spray as everyday is a sunny day!

Baby and Me Thursday morning at 11:00 am
Join other parents with children under 1 year for casual talk times. (in partnership with Point in Time)



**Student First Ride School Bus Orientation
June 14 at 10:00 am**

This annual event allows parents and children, that are first time school bus riders, an opportunity to become familiarized with the expectations and safety rules before school starts. Register with the OEYC staff.

Father's Day - June 16th

Shhhhh...Celebrate Father's day by making a memorable craft to surprise Dad.



Minden Centre Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:30 am.-1:00 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.

Meet the Nurse - June 16th

Kelly from the HKPR District Health Unit will be visiting to answer questions regarding your child's growth and development.

July Summer Fun!



Enjoy a hodge podge of activities throughout July. Try fun and different ways to paint and create!

OEYC Summer Hours

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

| Minden | Haliburton |
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| July Monday to Wednesday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm | July Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm |
| We will be Closed in August and reopen Tues., Sept.6 | |

Parenting Programs and Workshops or Early Literacy

Monday to Friday. Call Brenda or Bev at **286-4625**

Minden Early Learning Centre

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We will be going on a Dinosaur Hunt and have fun learning about these prehistoric creatures in June. Help us plant our garden and make a special gift for Father's Day.

We have a wonderful fenced playground for you to enjoy and a new climber. Why not pack a picnic and meet some friends at the OEYC?



Dinosaurs in the Park!

Let's celebrate Canada Day and the start of summer vacation on **Tues. June 28. Meet us at Rotary Park at 10 a.m.** We will be creating a giant mural, playing with the parachute and having outdoor fun and games. Be prepared to get wet! The OEYC will supply a healthy snack. Please sign up by June 27th.

July is Camping Month!

Check out our indoor camp site and have an adventure in the backyard.



First Ride Program offered by First Student Canada

This school bus safety program will be offered on **Wednesday July 27 at 11 a.m. in Minden.** Parents and children who will be taking the bus in September can learn important safety rules and go for a ride on a school bus. HKPR Health Unit will be offering Speech and Language Screenings and give children a free book.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating.



Wilberforce Play and Learn

On **June 2 Bev Jackson** will join us to talk to parents about school readiness, offer tips and answer any questions you might have.

Our last visit to the Lloyd Watson Centre will be on **June 16th** when we will have our annual **Picnic in the Park.** Don't forget to bring your hats, sunscreen and bug spray! If it rains the program will run inside.

We will return in **September on the 15th.**

Have a great summer!



Parenting Programs

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Enjoy your summer with your child and create memories that will last a life time!

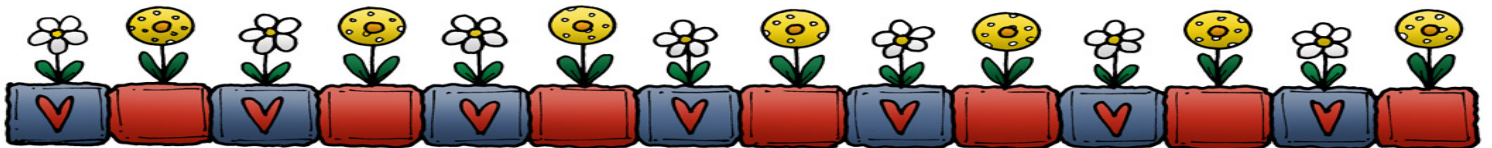
OEYC will prepare a fun and educational line-up of programs for you and your family when we open again in September.

Do you have a request for a program or information you would like a workshop on to support your child's development or add to your parenting skills?



We would really like to hear from you!

Contact: Brenda Duncan at (705) 286-6640 or oeycparented@bellnet.ca



Early Identification is Key! If your child does not do the following, don't wait!
Contact Five Counties Speech and Language, your doctor or health nurse.

By 12 months

- Follows simple 1 step directions e.g. "sit down"
- Gives familiar items on verbal request
- Points to things he/she wants
- Uses gestures like waving "bye-bye"
- Brings toys to show you

By 18 months

- Identifies several body parts when asked

- Points to pictures using one finger
- Says about 20 words consistently
- Pretends to feed dolls/stuffed animals

By 2 years

- Follows 2-step directions e.g. "go find your teddy & show it to Grandma"
- Uses at least 100 words including action words e.g. fall, come, go

- Combines at least 2 words together e.g. "Daddy home"

By 3 years

- Understands who, what, where & why questions
- Can have a short conversation
- Speech is understood 75% of the time.

By 4 years

- Follows 3-part directions e.g. " get

some paper, draw a picture and give it to Mommy"

- Uses sentences with adult-type grammar e.g. "he's going to the park now"
- Tells a story
- Speech is understood by strangers most of the time.

taken from
On the Same Page with
Speech & Language
Simcoe & York May 2011

At ages 3 and 4 children are growing rapidly in their use of language and their knowledge of reading and writing. They know more about books and print. They are eager to write. They are learning the meaning of many new words and they are using more complicated grammar when speaking. Some may even be showing an interested in learning to read.

Continue to talk and read with your child at home, and add these new and more challenging activities:

Talk and Listen:

1. When you do something together - talk about it:
 - ◇ friends and relatives
2. Take your child to new places:
 - ◇ introduce him to new experiences
 - ◇ talk about the new, interesting, unusual things that you see and do
3. Teach your child the meaning of new words:
 - ◇ say the names of things around the house
 - ◇ label and talk about things in pictures
 - ◇ explain in simple ways how to use familiar objects and how they work.



(Adapted from "A Child Becomes a Reader", National Institute for Literacy, 3rd edition 2006)

For more information on how to support your child's development in early literacy please contact the Early Literacy Specialist at Ontario Early Years-Haliburton Victoria Brock, 705-286-4625 or 705-324-7900.



7 Days of Inspiration

- Day 1 There are so many ways to say, "I love you!" Say one today
Day 2 You are loving and loved.
Day 3 A hug is a win-win situation.
Day 4 Love can find you when you least expect it.
Day 5 Some things never change—Like what makes you special.
Day 6 You touch more lives than you realize.
Day 7 There's always room in your heart for more love.

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