



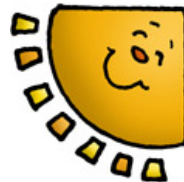
Ontario Early Years News Haliburton County



March 2010

Haliburton Early Learning Centre

Spring is coming! Help us celebrate the sunshine. The centre will be decorated to feel like the Sunny South in March. **March 15 join us for a Pirate Party!**



April is all about our 5 senses, join us for a variety of activities exploring **Sense-ations**.

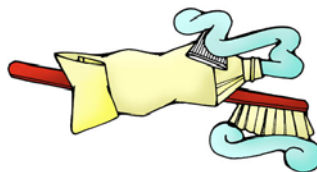


Saturday, May 15 the Haliburton centre is open as our favourite train conductor Doug Stephen will visit with his electric train set (featuring **Thomas and friends**) The centre will be open from **10 a.m. to noon**. Dads bring your families to see and operate the trains, create your own train and enjoy a free light snack.

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.

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.

Dental screenings will be offered at the centre on **Wednesday May 19th** starting at **10 am**. Sue Hochu from the HKPR Dental Department will have information for parents as well as do a circle time with her special guest puppet to help teach the children how to brush their teeth. Please register for dental screenings by May 13.



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



"If you would plant for days, plant flowers.
If you would plant for years, plant trees.
If you would plant for eternity, plant ideas."
~Chinese proverb

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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There will be lots of activities happening during the next few months as we eagerly await the arrival of spring weather.

During the month of **March** we will be "**Cooking with Kids**" each Wednesday, making healthy snacks such as animal chips and banana boats. We will also be doing activities that explore our five senses, as well as celebrating St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. Don't miss our annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Earth Day happens in **April**, so we will be **thinking "green"** all month. The snow is melting. Can you guess which day our backyard will open?

May will be "**Light and Dark**" month. Join us on Mondays for special activities such as shadow stories, sun catchers and fun with flashlights in our spooky cave.

WELL BABY has returned!

Kelly Taylor from HKPR will be at the **Minden centre the second Wednesday of each month**, and at the **Haliburton centre on the third Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon**. She can weigh and measure your baby and answer any questions you may have. Developmental screenings for older children are also available on request.

Kelly is also hoping to start up a "**Baby's Own**" group in Haliburton and Minden. It's a great chance for new parents and their babies to get together in a quiet relaxed setting to talk about topics of interest to the group. If you like to take part please let us know or contact Kelly at HKPR 457-1391.

Wilberforce Play and Learn

The **RAPP** (Reading and Parent Program) continues in **March**; please let us know if you would like to sign up for this take-home reading and activity program. We also have two more sessions of **Fit Kids on March 11th and 25th** in addition to our regular Play and Learn dates. It was great to see so many families come out for our first session; we really worked up a sweat! Our Literacy Specialist, Bev Jackson will be joining us in the spring (date to be confirmed), so let us know if you have any particular topic you would like to learn more about.

If you live in the Wilberforce area and have children ages 0-6, join us for Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The program is offered the first and third Thursday each month from 9:30 until noon. We have play activities, snack and circle time, lot's of room for active games, and parenting information available. You can even borrow toys and books to take home. For more information call 286-1770 or 457-2989.

Play and Learn visits will be on **March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20.**

Parenting Programs

Programs for Families

Lots of programs, workshops, and special days are being planned for the spring. Below is a list of just some of things to look for. Please contact the Parenting Program Department at 286-4625 or oeyparented@bellnet.ca to find out more information or to register.



Kids Have Stress Too!

3-6 yrs

Is a three-part program designed to help parents and caregivers better understand stress and to help them teach their children ways to manage it. Too much stress in a child's life can lead to feelings of insecurity and helplessness and have a negative impact on them.



Eso Family Math

4-6 yrs

A 6 session program offering a light supper followed by many FUN early learning math activities. Parents with children ages 4 to 6 years will watch their child become excited about math and leave wishing math was this fun when they were a child!



Babysitter Training Course

12-17 yrs

This 10-hour training course provides young people with information on: child development, nutrition, basic first aid and handling emergencies through the Canada Safety Council curriculum.



How to Talk So Kids Will Listen

0-6 yrs

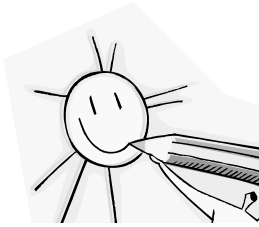
Find out new ways to talk with your kids to help...
Reduce nagging or whining
To do what you ask of them
Less fighting with siblings and more!

Children's Learning Centre

The Y's Archie's Gently Used Clothing Boutique is open in the Archie Stouffer Elementary School from 1-4:30 Thursday and Friday afternoons. They cater to children of all sizes and ladies. The prices are very low! Half the profits go to YWCA and the other half goes to the school.

Using Fanciful, Magical Language in Preschool

By adding fanciful language to daily routines and conversations, parents and teachers can help children expand their thinking skills, vocabulary, and creativity by describing the world around them in new ways.



During morning circle

most grown-up

sun outside. And

it's much better than the muddy sky with the whipped cream clouds we had yesterday."

Four-year-old Taylor is the weather person of the day. During

she carefully draws a big sun on the weather card and, in her

voice, announces, "The weather today has a sparkly, shiny

Start a list of great descriptive words to hang near your circle rug and in your learning centres. Use these

I'm making a tunnel in the sand so the bear can **hibernate**. Do bears dream, Teacher? I **estimate** he will sleep for 100 days. That's a lot of dreams!

words throughout the times. Add to the list as the children use new and wonderful words of their own.

day during

I used three of those curvy **cylinders**, some giant hollow blocks, and little cube blocks to make a **gigantic** jet plane.

activities, transitions and rou-



"The yard was so **sloshy** coming into school today. It was like walking in this soup, and the grass could be like **green noodles**. I think we need a **drought**."

"I think the sun is a **hero**. It makes everyone feel calm and warm inside. Today is just a **crystal** clear blue sky day, with the sun making every-one warm and sunny."