

# Early Years Connection

A newsletter of the  
Ontario Early Years Centre, London West  
519-473-2825

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2010

## At the Centre...

18 months is a critical stage in a child's development. All 18 month old children in Ontario are now eligible to receive an Enhanced Well Baby Visit. The improved visit provides a greater opportunity for parents to talk more with their health care provider about healthy child development at this essential stage. Find more information on the enhanced 18 month well baby visit at [www.ontario.ca/children](http://www.ontario.ca/children) or speak to one of the staff at the Ontario Early Years Centre.



### Peanut Free Zone

We strive to ensure that the main centre playroom and all community playgroup locations are peanut free zones. Please check that any foods you bring into playgroups are peanut free.

### Community Visitors

#### Librarian Visits

Byron Library - July 13, August 10  
Wilfrid Jury P.S. - July 23, August 20  
Westmount Library - July 22, August 19



## Community Connections



Please see the white community calendar for playgroup locations.

### Drop in Community Playgroups in London West, Summer 2010

Day	Time	Location
Mondays, July 5 - Aug. 16	9:30 - 11:30 am	West Lions Park Blanket Program (weather permitting) A play program for children birth - 6 years and their parents/caregivers. Closed August 2.
Tuesday	9:30 - 11:30 am	Byron Library
Wednesday	9:30 - 11:30 am	Holy Family Church. Closed July 28 and August 4.
Wednesdays, July 7 - Aug. 18	10:00 - 11:00 am	Springbank Baby Stroll in the Park (weather permitting) Meet at the Storybook Gardens carousel with your baby (0-9 months) in a stroller. We will walk, talk and sing to our babies.
Thursday	10:00 - 10:50 am or 11:00 - noon	Westmount Library
Fridays, July 9 - Aug. 20	9:30 - 11:30 am	Wilfrid Jury Elementary School. Please enter off Concord Crescent.

**All Community Playgroups will be closed June 21 to July 2 and August 23 to September 3.**

## Playgroups at the OEYC, London West Session 7 (July 6-July 31)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> <i>3D Art Week</i> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Family Music 1:00-3:00	<b>7</b> Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>8</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30	<b>9</b> Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	<b>10</b> <b>Men Can Play Too</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
<b>13</b> <i>Sensational Stringing Week</i> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Family Music 1:00-3:00	<b>14</b> Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>15</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30	<b>16</b> Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	<b>17</b> <b>Men Can Play Too</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
<b>20</b> <i>Painting Extravaganza Week</i> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Family Music 1:00-3:00	<b>21</b> Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>22</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30	<b>23</b> Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	<b>24</b> <b>Men Can Play Too</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
<b>27</b> <i>Collage Creations Week</i> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Family Music 1:00-3:00	<b>28</b> Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>29</b> <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30 <hr/> <b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00 <hr/> <b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30	<b>30</b> Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30 <hr/> Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	<b>31</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSED</b></p>

### Program Descriptions

BCTYA-Books Can Take You Anywhere A program for parents/caregivers and children from 3 to 6 years old designed to support emergent literacy through songs, stories, games and crafts with a new theme each week. Registered with limited drop in.

Circle of Little Friends Birth to under 3 years old. Registered with limited drop in.

Drop In Birth to 6 years.

Family Music Parents and their children, 3 to 6 years of age, will enjoy weekly music and movement activities including traditional rhymes, songs, musical stories and a make and take instrument component. No drop in.

Le royaume des copains Pour les enfants âgés de 0 à 6 ans.

Men Can Play Too Children, birth to 6 years, and the men in their lives. Drop In.

Walk and Roll Birth to 18 months. No drop in.

**All of our programs are free of charge!**

### Registration Guidelines:

- Please call or drop in until June 19 to choose one program for either July or August.
- Those who have been randomly selected will be contacted and offered a spot in one program.
- Our next registration period will be August 10 - 28 for programs in September and October.

### Program cancellations:

Are posted on our website ([www.lcc.on.ca](http://www.lcc.on.ca)) and listed on our voice mail system at 519-473-2825.

Changes to children's programs are listed at extension 222.

Changes to parenting programs are listed at extension 223.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Amanda at [oeyc.lw@lcc.on.ca](mailto:oeyc.lw@lcc.on.ca).

## Playgroups at the OEYC, London West Session 8 (August 3-August 28)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Natural Art Week</i>	3 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	4 Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30	5 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	6 Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30	7 <b>Men Can Play Too Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
	BCTYA 1:00-3:00	<b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	
			<b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30		
<i>Fun With Food Week</i>	10 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	11 Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30	12 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	13 Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30	14 <b>Men Can Play Too Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
	BCTYA 1:00-3:00	<b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	
			<b>Drop In</b> 5:00-7:00		
<i>Sensory Fun Week</i>	17 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	18 Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30	19 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	20 Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30	21 <b>Men Can Play Too Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
	BCTYA 1:00-3:00	<b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	
			<b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30		
<i>Super Science Week</i>	24 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	25 Le royaume des copains 9:30-11:30	26 <b>Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30	27 Circle of Little Friends 9:30-11:30	28 <b>Men Can Play Too Drop In</b> 9:30-11:30
	BCTYA 1:00-3:00	<b>Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	<b>Limited Drop In</b> 1:00-3:00	Walk and Roll 1:00-3:00	
			<b>Drop In</b> 5:30-7:30		

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<b>Drop in Weeks at our Main Centre</b>					
<b>June 21-June 30 and August 31-September 3</b>					
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 to 11:30	Drop in	Le royaume des copains	Drop in	Drop in	Men Can Play Too!
1:00 to 3:00	Drop in	Drop in	Drop in	Walk & Roll Drop in (0 to 18 months)	
5:30 to 7:30			Drop In		

### Special Activities for Drop In Weeks

#### June 21-June 25

Tuesday: Special Morning Visitor  
 Wednesday: Plasticene Creations  
 Thursday: Hawaiian Luau  
 Friday: Beach Fun

#### June 29 - June 30

Tuesday & Wednesday: Wear red to celebrate Canada Day



#### August 31-September 3

Tuesday: Bring a teddy bear for our picnic.  
 Wednesday: Face Painting  
 Thursday: Dinosaur Day  
 Friday: Dress to get wet on wacky water day.

For more information on our drop in community programs, please see our community calendar.

# Parenting Corner

**Happy Father's Day** to all the dads out there! Dads have an important role in a child's life, with effects reaching far into our social fabric.

Current research shows that father involvement results in children who have strong social skills, good cognitive development and an overall healthier outcome. Father involvement supports marital stability, which is also beneficial to children. Below are a few tips from [www.Dadstoday.org/Involved\\_Father](http://www.Dadstoday.org/Involved_Father).

Involved dads:

- support, respect and encourage the mother of their child.
- are involved in child care tasks.
- play with their children.
- read with their children.
- show love and affection towards their children.
- are a role model to their children.
- eat together as a family.
- discipline with love and purpose.
- know their children's friends.
- listen to their children.
- teach their children what they know.



On June 20, don't forget that special man in your life and in the lives of your children. Remember, a dad's job is never done!

For more details on the value of father involvement, question and answers for dads, and ideas for activities to enjoy with your children, visit these web sites:

[www.dadstoday.org](http://www.dadstoday.org); [www.fira.ca](http://www.fira.ca); [www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com); and [www.cfii.ca](http://www.cfii.ca).

## Men Can Play Too!

At our main centre, we offer a program on Saturday mornings for children and the men in their lives. Men Can Play Too is a popular drop in playgroup that gives dads, uncles, grandfathers and friends the chance to network with each other, enjoy some playtime with their children and consult with Early Childhood Educators at the program.



## OEYC, London West Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday to Friday	9:30 am-4:30 pm
Thursday Evening	5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am-12:00 pm

## Playroom Hours

Tuesday to Friday	9:30-11:30 am, 1:00-3:00 pm
Thursday	5:30-7:30 pm
Saturday	9:30-11:30 am

## Holiday Closures:

Canada Day	Thursday, July 1 - Saturday, July 3
Civic Holiday	Saturday, July 31 - Monday, August 3
Labour Day	Saturday, September 4 - Monday, September 6



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