

# Ontario Early Years Centre

## Monthly Newsletter



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Welcome Back. Our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Sprinkler Party was a huge success with terrific weather and lots of activities to keep everyone amused. There were 214 children and 103 adults in attendance. Thanks to all for the generous donations totaling \$350 – to be directed to the Mill of Kintail.

**Illness/Sickness: Please do not attend playgroup if you or your children are sick or have a cough, fever or any flu symptoms. People will be asked to leave the playgroup if they or their children are sick or are symptomatic. We are concerned about your health and the health of others in the group. Please use hand sanitizer, which will be provided, upon arrival at the playgroups. For more information go to [www.fightflu.ca](http://www.fightflu.ca)**

### Ontario Early Years Centres



*A Place For Parents And Their Children.*

#### Helping Children Build a Solid Foundation

**CROW** is dedicated to supporting and strengthening childcare, family life, child development and community links in Lanark County

**Playgroups:** The fall playgroup schedule begins the week of September 14. There are a few scheduling changes (see the playgroup listing on page 3 for more detail). In Almonte, Holy Name of Mary School will host Monday playgroup, with Naismith School playgroup on Tuesdays beginning September 22. We have a new playgroup (Mondays) in Beckwith, at the Township Hall, in partnership with the Beckwith Playgroup. The Stanleyville playgroup is suspended until further notice due to renovations at the Tay Valley Township office (all their office equipment is being stored at the Stanleyville Hall!). Please call the office for other playgroup locations, or check page 3 of this newsletter.

**Toy Library:** The Toy Library is permanently closed due to the low volume of toy lending and the need to re-organize our staffing schedule, as well as budget considerations. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

**Workshops:** Please see page 3 for information on workshops. Our advertising for workshops has changed; please check the EMC for workshop advertising and/or our website at [www.crowoeyc.ca](http://www.crowoeyc.ca).

**Please Note: If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please give us a call with your email address.**

Children’s Resources on Wheels is a United Way Member Agency.



**The Ontario Early Years Centre & Licensed Child Care are programs of Children’s Resources on Wheels (CROW)**

## Songs, fingerplays and crafts

### One Whole Pie    tune: Frere Jacques

One whole pie, one whole pie  
Set by the door, set by the door  
Cut it into pieces, cut it into pieces  
I count four, I count four.  
Four pie pieces, four pie pieces  
All for me, all for me  
I ate one piece, I ate one piece  
Now there are three, now there are three.

Three pie pieces, three pie pieces  
For me too, for me too  
I ate another piece, I ate another piece  
Now there are two, now there are two.

Two pie pieces, two pie pieces  
Oh, what fun! Oh, what fun!  
I ate another piece, I ate another piece  
Now there's one, now there's one.

### Apple Printing

Cut apples in half vertically or horizontally. Put out pie plates with red, yellow and or green paint. Let the children use the apple halves as stampers, on plain or brown paper.

### Aluminum Foil Leaves

Let each child select a leaf and place it under a piece of foil. Let them gently press and rub the foil with his or her hand to get a leaf print. Let the children glue their leaf prints to the construction paper.

### Guess What's Missing

Fall is a great time to collect things: leaves, seeds, nuts, gourds, mini pumpkins, ears of dried corn. Place several of these on a tray or box top and name them, as you point. Cover the tray and remove one of the items while the children close their eyes. Let the children guess what's missing. They can take turns taking away items too.

### Scarecrow, Scarecrow    (tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.  
Stand up tall and blink your eyes.  
Raise your hands up to the sky.  
Clap your hands, then tap your knees.  
Turn around and tap your feet.

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow tap your nose.  
Swing your arms so very slow,  
Now real fast to scare the crows!  
Touch your head, jump up and down.  
Now sit down without a sound.



### Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves in the tree next door,  
One fell off and then there were four,  
Four little leaves all over the tree,  
A bird pulled off one, and then there were three.  
Three little leaves up where the wind blew,  
One fell off and then there were two.  
Two little leaves sitting in the sun,  
A bug ate a leaf and then there was one.  
One little leaf in the tree alone,  
The wind blew and blew and now there are none!

**Playgroups**

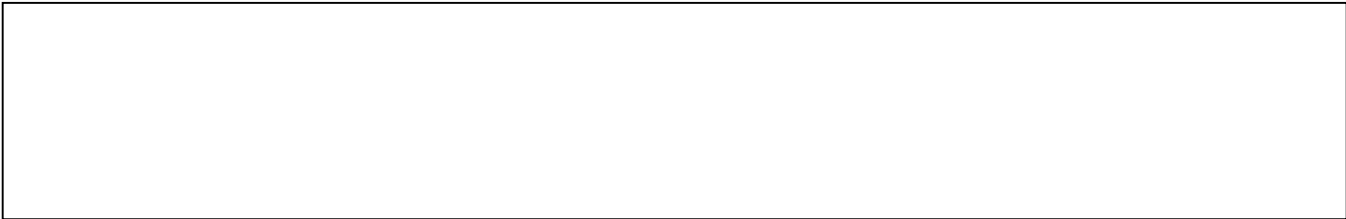
Day	Location	Time	Staff	Dates
Monday	Almonte – Holy Name of Mary	10:00 - 11:30	Linda	September 14, 21, 28
Monday	Beckwith	9:30 – 11:30	Leanne	September 14, 21, 28
Monday	Carleton Place – St. Gregory	10:00 – 11:30	Issie	September 14, 21, 28
Monday	Perth – Old Stewart School	9:30 – 11:30	Jane	September 14, 21, 28
Monday	Smiths Falls	9:00 – 11:00	Lori	September 14, 21, 28
Tuesday	Almonte – Naismith School	10:00 – 11:30	Linda	September 22, 29
Tuesday	Carleton Place - Arena	10:00 – 11:30	Issie	September 15, 22, 29
Tuesday	Lanark	9:30 – 11:30	Jane	September 15, 22, 29
Tuesday	Montague	9:30 – 11:00	Leanne	September 15, 22, 29
Tuesday	Smiths Falls	9:00 – 11:00 4:30 – 6:30	Lori	September 15, 22, 29
Wednesday	Carleton Place – St. Gregory	10:00 – 11:30	Issie	September 16, 23, 30
Wednesday	Lanark	9:30 – 11:30	Jane	September 16, 23, 30
Wednesday	Ramsay	9:30 – 11:00	Linda/Janet	September 16, 23, 30
Wednesday	Smiths Falls	9:00 – 11:00	Lori	September 16, 23, 30
Thursday	Carleton Place - Arena	10:00 – 11:30	Issie	September 17, 24
Thursday	Clayton	10:00 – 11:30	Linda	September 17, 24
Thursday	Perth at Old Stewart School	9:30 – 11:30	Leanne	September 17, 24
Thursday	Smiths Falls	9:00 – 11:00	Parent run	September 17, 24
Thursday	Smiths Falls – old High School	9:30 – 11:30	Lori	September 17, 24
Friday	Smiths Falls	9:00 – 11:00	Parent run	September 18, 25

***Food Sensitivities: Playgroup participants!! Please avoid bringing snack foods that contain or may contain traces of nuts.***

**Upcoming Events**

We are in the process of setting up our workshops for the fall. We will be emailing them to all on our newsletter emailing list. We will also be advertising our workshops in the EMC. You can also check our website at [www.crowoeyc.ca](http://www.crowoeyc.ca) for up to date information on our workshops.

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