



Our Place

Family Resource and Early Years Centre



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February Calendar: <http://www.ourplacekw.ca/schedules/February%202014.pdf>

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

EVENTS

- **Valentine's Bake Sale!** Get yummy treats for all of your sweethearts at the Centre. *Tuesday, February 11th, morning.* All the proceeds go directly to Our Place. Donations are welcome and needed – *they should be individually wrapped & peanut/tree nut free, please.* If you wish to donate please contact Yaramarie at yaramarie8989@live.ca
- **Crop for Kids Scrapbooking Day on Saturday April 5th** from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. There are still spots available for this event. For \$25 you will get your own table space to work on your crafts. Hot & cold drinks and potluck lunch/snacks are provided. This event is open to beginner scrapbookers too. Proceeds from this event will support Our Place.

Sign up at the front office. Payment is due at the time of sign-up.

For more information call 519-571-1626.

Saturday, April 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Our Place in the gym.

NEW PROGRAMS

- **Watch-a-book:** Children ages 2-6 and their parents/caregivers will share in a fun, interactive program that encourages emergent literacy skills! Together the group will read a story, watch a video about that story and then make a craft related to the story. This program is available by drop in or pre-registered on Saturday mornings. Time: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. *Younger siblings from birth to 2 are welcome to attend*
- **Music and Movement at OLD NAVY:** Join us at OLD NAVY – Sunrise Plaza to move and groove to fun songs and music. A great way for children and parents/caregivers to let off a little steam while moving, singing and exercising together. Fridays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

- **Stork Secrets:** Pregnant mothers and mothers of babies under two years have an opportunity to talk with peers about their experiences with the challenges and changes during pregnancy and the post partum period. This group provides a safe and supportive place where moms can discuss their feelings of anxiety, depression and feeling overwhelmed. Information on coping strategies, self-care and health issues will be provided. School Readiness programs available during the group for children birth to 6 years. This group is on-going, participants can join in at any point during the session. Interested participants MUST register with Jennifer Jordan at 519-571-1626 ext. 22. Dates: Mondays from 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and no program Feb 17th and March 10th.
- **Baby and Me Discovery:** Early brain development is heightened by interactions that include all five senses. This program will focus on activities that foster attachment and learning through the use of music and other sight, sound, smell, touch and taste sensory experiences. Families are also able to seek parenting information, resources, referrals and support through their peers and our qualified staff. Drop in Program on Mondays from 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 2:00-2:45 p.m. There is no Program on Monday Feb. 17th for Family Day!
- **MARCH BREAK CAMP at Our Place!** This camp is for children ages 3-6 years old. Camp dates: Monday March 10th - Friday March 14th. Times: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with an option of early drop off/late pick up for extra cost. Cost of the camp: \$150.00 per child. Registration will begin on Monday Feb. 3rd at 10:30 a.m. (cash or cheque only) Children must bring their own lunch and bring appropriate clothing for playing outdoors.

INFO

- **School Readiness Programs & Outdoor Playtime:** During the winter months the school readiness programs will be using the Outdoor Learning Area if weather permits. Please ensure that your child comes dressed for the winter weather, with a winter coat, snow pants, mittens, hat, scarf and boots. On the days that your child's classroom goes outside, please drop off your child's indoor shoes on the carpet outside their room. If your child does not come prepared to play outside, you will have to supervise them in the gym until their classroom comes into the centre from the Outdoor Learning Area.
- The Centre will be closed for the Family Day long weekend on Saturday Feb 15th and Monday February 17th. We will re-open on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
- The centre will be closed for Staff Training in the afternoon only on Friday February 21st. The centre will close at Noon on this day. We will re-open on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
- Remember to bring indoor shoes for kids and adults! You and your children must have dry, indoor footwear **at all times**. Coats and wet footwear should be left on the racks provided.
- Please leave your strollers on the mats in the stroller parking area whenever you visit Our Place. This keeps our hallways free and clear and also keeps the wet puddles in one end of the building near the entrance. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

- If you or your children are ill, we ask you do not attend programs. If you are registered in a program, we ask you call the centre and let us know you will not be attending that day.
- During the winter months, for any unexpected closures and cancellations due to weather, please call us at [519-571-1626](tel:519-571-1626) ext. *29. (The star is entered before 29) A message will be recorded that lists any of the cancellations.
- Like us on **Facebook**! Our Place now has a Facebook page that will provide up to date information about current programs and events. www.facebook.com/Ourplacekw
- Follow us on Twitter! **@ourplacekw** and we will send you updates as we get them!
- We lock the front doors daily from 3:30-4:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The office will remain open during this time but anyone arriving at the centre must ring the bell to gain entry. *We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.*

DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

- Show your support to Our Place! Buy a snowflake, put your child's name or family name on it and it will be proudly displayed on our walls. The cost is \$2 each and 100% of the profits go to Our Place. Please enquire at the front desk.
- **Crop for Kids:** Join us at Our Place for an all day Scrapbooking day on **Saturday April 5th** from **9:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Cost is \$25.00 – you will have your own table with lots of space, a door prize ticket and beverages (hot & cold). Everyone should bring something for potluck for lunch/snacks. For more information email aking@ourplacekw.ca – or you can register at the front desk daily after 10:30 a.m. ** proceeds from this fundraising event will support Our Place **

FEEDBACK

- We always welcome feedback from participants on programs, needs or any aspect of your experience at Our Place. Please feel free to share feedback with any staff member or email to dsnyder@ourplacekw.ca Remember Our Place is your place!

NEXT MONTH

- During March Break, our Centre hours will be:
 - Monday March 10th - Thursday March 13th 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. daily
 - Wednesday March 12th **CLOSED this evening.**
 - Friday March 14th & Saturday March 15th **Centre closed for Regular programs**
(Friday March 14th – the centre will be open for registered camp participants only)

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information about any topic, please contact the Centre or visit our website. Please remember to mark this email address as “not spam” to keep getting the newsletter.