

# Parent Newsletter



Spring 2012



Hello everyone! There are some exciting new programs being launched this spring including *Cool Kids Club*, a 3 hour program for 3-6 year olds encouraging imaginative play. We've also revamped some of the afternoon programs to give parents an opportunity to participate with their children – these new programs will be offered at our 481 North Service Road Satellite location. Also, because of the tremendous value of play, we are continuing our *Play and Learn* program. We are offering a wide variety of parenting programs too! Check them out beginning on page 9 of the program guide. Registration for spring programs is due February 7th.

We've had some changes in our Program Managers and I'd like to take this opportunity to update you. Erika Sonius is now back in the classroom at Sixth Line all day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and she's in the main office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sue Beckett has returned as Manager of Operations and is managing the Sixth Line site. Kathy Percival continues to manage our main location as well as our outreach sites. As Kim Richardson is taking an extended leave, Nicola Teague will continue as Program Manager for our North Service Road Satellite and Florence locations. Thank you to everyone who helped through the transition over the last six months.

We've also begun registration for our fall 2012 nursery school programs. Each of our sites offer wonderful programs with amazing staff. You can access the registration forms at [www.op-cc.ca](http://www.op-cc.ca). If your child will be 18 months in September they are old enough for our toddler program, and we offer preschool programs up to age 5.

The launch of the new brand will be happening soon and we're excited to share it with you!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns I'm happy to talk to you further.

- Robin

## Spring Programs

Spring registration begins  
Tuesday, January 24th. The deadline to register in the random draw is **Tuesday, February 7th**. After this date, if there are spaces left in programs, it will be first-come/first-served.



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## Program News

### Discover Together | 6 weeks **NEW**

*Come with your child and discover that science is all around us! Through a wide variety of hands-on activities, children will develop skills and concepts that appeal to their natural curiosity.*



Location: NSR - Satellite  
Start Dates: March 22nd  
Time: Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40 per child  
Age Group: 2½ to 5 years

Nursery care is available for younger siblings

### Math Mania | 6 weeks **NEW**

*A program for you and your child to explore the math concepts through games and activities. Children will explore the strands of math and parents will learn strategies they can use to assist*

*their children with early math concepts.*

Location: NSR - Satellite  
Start Date: May 3rd  
Time: Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40 per child  
Age Group: 3½ to 6 years

Nursery care is available for younger siblings

### Cool Kids Club | 6 weeks **NEW**



*A new interactive and unique program which will provide opportunities for children to learn through hands-on activities. This program will offer topics to “spark” your child’s imagination such as Healthy Active Bodies, Creepy Crawlies, Planting & Growing and Amazing Animals.*

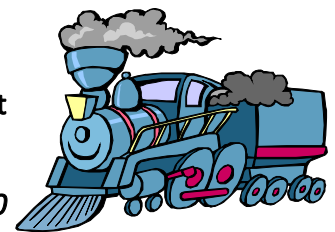
Location: NSR-Satellite  
Start Dates: March 20th **AND** May 1st  
Time: Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$130 per child  
Age Group: 3 to 6 years

## Discovery Station Nursery School

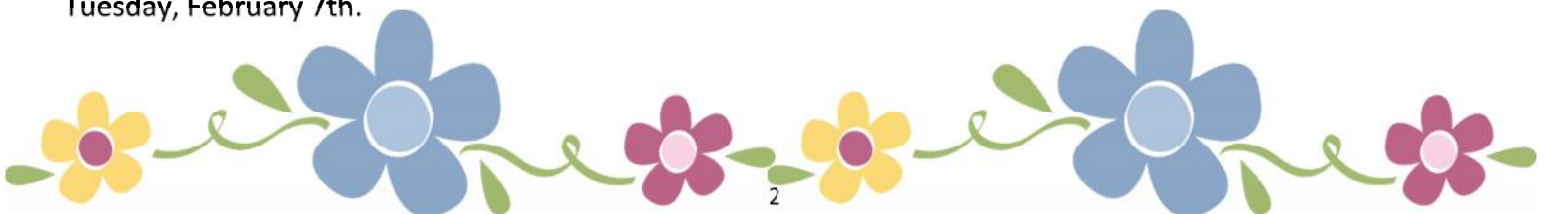
We are currently accepting registrations for Fall 2012. Here is a new program that will be available in September:

New length

- 3 day Preschool program, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at NSR-Main



If you are interested in registering your child, please pick up a Discovery Station Nursery School registration package or download from our website. The deadline to have your child’s registration form in is Tuesday, February 7th.





## Parent Conference

We will be hosting our first annual Parent Conference on the morning of Saturday, May 5th. It will take place at Sheridan College—more details will follow soon. Please keep this morning open so that you can participate. Limited childcare will be available. If you know of an organization or company that may be interested in sponsoring this event, please contact the Centre.



## Fundraising

**Name Your Tune CDs**—We will be selling these CDs, personalized with your child’s name, just in time for Easter! Look for more details in March.

**Maple Syrup**—Fresh Ontario maple syrup will be on sale soon—watch for more details!

## Thank You :)

Thanks to all who attended our Breakfast with Santa event. We raised over \$4,000 to support programs at the Centre. We’d like to thank The Cooperators and TVCOGECO for sponsoring the event, other local business including Starbucks and COBS, and a special thank you to the parents who supported the event through contributions of food or silent auction items.



Thanks also to the parents who shared their photos of their child(ren) with Santa on our Facebook page—we love seeing your photos!!

## Rockin' for Oakville Parent-Child Centre

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

**7:30 - 11:30 PM**

**O'Finn's Irish Temper (The Whiskey Lounge)**

**136 Church Street**

**Oakville ON L6J 1M9**

*Join us for an evening of rock'n roll with a live band, dancing and refreshments with special guests Rockin' Dawgs, featuring the best of the 60s & 70s classic rock!*

**Buy your tickets now! \$15 per person or \$25 per couple . All proceeds will support the programs and services offered by Oakville Parent-Child Centre.**

Tickets available for purchase by cash or cheque at our NSR-Main location.



## Did you Know?

The colourful “magic noodles” objects that are sometimes found in our classroom sensory bins and look like Styrofoam packing pieces are actually made of cornstarch and dissolve safely in a child’s mouth (*should it happen to make it’s way there*).



## Clean as a Whistle!



We are very proud of how clean our Centres are. For daily use on surfaces and toys we use a bleach/water solution (1:100). This follows Public Health department requirements and ensures bacteria is killed.



We love referrals—please keep on referring your family & friends to us.

Please keep your children near you when you’re at the Centre, especially in the hallways—it’s for their safety.



## DEIPP Professional Consultation Clinics

DEIPP is designed for families with children newborn to 5 years of age who live in the Halton community. DEIPP offers parents the opportunity for a brief consultation with professionals from community agencies in the following areas: speech/language, hearing, behaviour and development. For clinic locations throughout Halton, please check the website [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca). The next clinic at our site is:

**Date:** Saturday, February 25th  
**Time:** 9:00-11:00 am  
**Location:** NSR-Satellite (481 North Service Road West, Unit 25)



Family Day is Monday, February 20th. Our Centres will be closed.

# Family Day



A reminder that programs will not be running during the March Break (*March 12th—17th*). Our spring session will begin on Monday, March 19th.

