

Community

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when she lived in Ontario. "My mother was a music teacher and always had a song to sing whether it was "Little Red Caboose," while we waited for a train or "It's Alright to Cry," when I felt sad," Morgan-Evans said. "Now that I am a mom myself I find having a collection of songs in my head invaluable. Goofy songs for long car rides, snuggling songs for rainy afternoons, happy songs when frustration is rising. There is always an occasion to sing."

The Canadian Pediatric Society reports that young children need to hear and use sounds, sound patterns and spoken language. This helps prepare them to eventually learn to read printed words. Songs are a natural way for this to happen.

- Where to go**
- Chilliwack Public Library**
604-792-1941
 - Yarrow Public Library**
604-823-4664
 - Family Storytimes - Chilliwack**
Tuesdays - 10:30 to 11 a.m., Jan. 26 to Feb. 23 and March 30 to April 27
Wednesdays - 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., Jan. 27 to Feb 24 and March 31 to April 28
Thursdays - 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., Jan. 28 to Feb. 25
 - Pajama Storytimes - Chilliwack**
Tuesdays - 7 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 26 to

Feb. 23 and March 30 to April 27
Storytime for Babies - Chilliwack
Thursdays - 10:30 - 11 a.m., April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Visit www.fvrl.bc.ca

Strong Start Early Learning Centres
Free drop-in program for parents and preschoolers
Chilliwack SD#33 Partners in Learning www.sd33.bc.ca

Central Elem, 9435 Young Rd.
Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to noon
Cultus Lake, 71 Sunnyside Blvd
Tues. & Thurs. 8:15 to 11:15 a.m.
Little Mountain Elem, 9900 Carleton St.

Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Tues. and Thurs. noon to 3 p.m.
McCannon Elem, 601 Hamilton St.
Mon. to Fri. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Rosedale Elem, 10125 McGrath Rd.
Mon. to Fri. 8:15-11:15 a.m.

Strathcona Elem, 46375 Strathcona St.
Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.
Unsworth Elem, 5685 Unsworth Rd.
Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Tues. and Thurs. 1:25 to 2:25 p.m.

Watson Elem, 45305 Watson Road
8:45 to 11:45 a.m. daily

Chilliwack Family Place Network
Free family drop-in fun for everyone
604-792-4267

Broadway Family Place
Thursdays 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Eden Mennonite Church, 46551

Chilliwack Central Rd.
Downtown Family Place
Mon. to Wed. (9:30 to 11a.m., 1 to 3 p.m.), Thurs. and Fri. (1 to 3 p.m.)
45845 Wellington St.
604-792-1631

Greendale Family Place
Wednesdays 9 to 11:30 a.m.
6550 Sumas Prairie Rd.
Kekinow Family Place
Mondays 10 a.m. to 2p.m. Hot lunch
Common Room 45555 Knight Rd.

Sardis Family Place
Mondays to Thursdays 9 to 11:30 a.m.
7112 Vedder Rd.
Yarrow Family Place
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Yarrow Community Centre - 4670 Community St.
Robertson Elementary Group
(please register) Tues. & Wed. (8:45-10 a.m.)
Robertson Elementary, 46105 Southlands Cres.

Family Music at Carman
10:30-11:30 on Mondays at Carman United Church, 7258 Vedder Rd. The program is for families in the community with children age 0-5. The free program runs as a drop-in for 10 weeks and is offered at different times through out the year. Anyone who is interested in joining the next session, leave their name and contact number at the church office at 604-858-3223.

Ready, Set, Learn

Ready, Set, Learn is on once again to give parents and young children some early learning opportunities and find out what other services are available in Chilliwack.

The big fair will take place in April at a new location, with shorter presentations to keep things rolling along. As well, there are open houses at local schools.

Open House/Fair

The province's Ready, Set, Learn initiative recognizes that families need positive connections with the school system and community agencies that provide relevant resources and information.

For the date of the open house event in your neighbourhood school, contact the school or the school district office at 604-792-1321.

The open house events give an opportunity for families to begin positive connections with the school system and to learn more about programs and services available in their local school. Families receive helpful information about how to pre-

pare their children for school.

Ready, Set, Learn Development & Safety Fair

The Chilliwack school district in partnership with the Early Years Committee, Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association and the Safety Village, will host a no charge Ready, Set, Learn Child Development and Safety Fair at the Landing Sports Centre on April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children from birth to five years of age and their parents are welcome to drop in.

There will be three shows by Will Stroet, a children's musician, throughout the morning.

Safety Fair will be providing car seat clinic, helmet fitting, fire safety, stranger danger with the Safety Bear and much more.

Children will also be treated to snacks, face painting, craft activities and entertainment while their parents learn more about their child's readiness for school: speech, physical, intellectual, and social development as well as information on hearing, dental and nutritional health.



CHILLIWACK MINOR BASEBALL

Register Now

for Minor Baseball

Registration Dates:

January 16	10am to 4pm
January 17	12noon to 4pm
January 30	10am to 4pm
January 31	12noon to 4pm

at the Landing Sports Centre
(formerly Ag-Rec) 45530 Spadina Avenue

Rep Team Coaching Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2010.

For more information:
<http://cmb.goalline.ca>

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January 13, 18 & 19

This Community Outreach Program is to increase awareness of hearing loss. The audiometric hearing tests are free for those over 45 years old.

COMMON HEARING LOSS SYMPTOMS
lack of speech clarity • asking people to repeat themselves
difficulty with background noise & hearing on the phone

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