

Ontario Early Years Centre Interactions

OEYC St. Catharines October 2017 Newsletter

WALKER FAMILY YMCA SITE
25 YMCA Drive
905-934-9622 ex 265

Monday and Wednesday
9am - noon
1 - 4pm

Tuesday and Thursday
9am - 8pm

Friday
9am - noon

Saturday
9am - 1pm

BUNTING ROAD SITE
234 Bunting Road
905-980-6000 ex 6211

Monday to Friday
9am - noon

Monday to Thursday
1 - 4pm

GRANTHAM SITE
469 Grantham Avenue
905-937-7007

Monday to Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday
9 am - noon

THOROLD SITE
15 Pine Street South
905-227-9783

Monday to Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday
9am - noon

For further information
or for
OEYC Administration
please call: 905-938-9392

Halloween Fun!

Check out how our centres will be celebrating Halloween on October 31. Please read to see if registration is required.

Walker Family YMCA Site - Happy Halloween!

All morning

Come to the centre dressed in your Halloween costume this morning! We'll have Halloween themed crafts, Circle Time (at 10am), and snack. We'll go for a Halloween parade around the Y at 11am.

Registration is not required.

Grantham Site - Halloween Fun

9am-noon

Join us for spooktacular fun! Come wearing your Halloween costume and join in a morning that will be filled with spooky fun, crafts and stories.

Registration is required.

Thorold Site - Halloween Shenanigans!

9:30-11am

Get dressed up in your kookiest costume and come in for some fun, games, crafts and stories!

Registration is not required.

Bunting Road Site - Halloween Party & Parade

10am - Parade is at 11:30am

Everyone dress up for some goulish fun!

Must be registered for parade!

October Closures

All Sites will be closed Monday, October 9



Newsletter and Registration Information

You can now access our newsletter one or two days prior to registration to begin your planning.

Visit any one of these sites to find our newsletter.



YMCA Twitter: @YMCANIagara



Facebook: YMCA of Niagara

YMCA of Niagara website:

<http://www.ymcaofniagara.org/programs/community-initiatives/ontario-early-years-centres/>

Registration will begin on the first business day of each month and will be taken **Monday to Friday from 9am - 4pm.**

If you do not talk to someone when you call please leave a message and someone will get back to you by the end of the day or the following morning.
Messages will be returned in the order they are received.

Messages regarding registration left outside the above hours will **NOT** be accepted.

Though creative materials are available in the centre for use at any time, our children's registered workshops are very popular. In order that we might serve more families, we ask that you sign up for only **one workshop per child per month**. There may be an opportunity to place your child's name on a wait list for other workshops they may be interested in. You may register for as many adult workshops and field trips as you like.

**To sign-up for all programs
please call 905-938-9392
Monday to Friday (excluding Holidays)
Between 9am – 4pm only**

Reminder calls are made to families participating in scheduled workshops.
**If you are unable to attend a workshop please call the centre
where the workshop is being held.**

Please note that October registration will begin Monday, October 2 at 9am.

Adult Opportunities
Parent/Caregiver Education
 (All of the following workshops require registration)

Adult Workshop	Date & Time	Location	Description
Burlap Wrapped Fall Wreath	Tuesday, October 10 1:30-2:30pm	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	Get your creative juices flowing and make a fall wreath worthy of displaying on your door! Limited child care is available.
Apple Harvest Baking	Thursday, October 12 1:00-2:30pm	Walker Family YMCA Site 25 YMCA Drive St.Catharines	Bring an apron and one 8"x8" or 9"x13" baking pan! Today you'll prepare your own apple crisp to enjoy for dessert tonight. We'll discuss other apple recipes as well. Limited child care is available.
Fall Centerpieces	Tuesday, October 17 10-11am	Grantham Site 469 Grantham Avenue St.Catharines	Enjoy some adult time while you get creative making a beautiful fall centerpiece. Limited child care is available.
The Connection Between Literacy and Language	Wednesday, October 18 9:30-10:30am	Thorold Site 15 Pine Street South Thorold	Understanding the correlation between books/ print and language provides early insight into the development of vocabulary, and the way thoughts are processed. Limited child care is available.
Effective Use of Reward Charts	Tuesday, October 24 9:30-10:30am	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	Reward charts can be a powerful way to kick start change in a positive way. Join Kristin to get some tips on how to effectively implement this method. Limited child care is available.
Knitting with a Loom	Saturday, October 28 10-11am	Walker Family YMCA Site 25 YMCA Drive St.Catharines	Mariesa will be guiding you while you make your very own scarf for the fall/winter season. Please provide the wool of your choice in your favourite colour. No child care available.

Special Event
 (Please check to see if registration is required)

Field Trip	Date & Time	Location	Description
Babies, Books & Beyond with April Shaw	Thursday October 12 1:30-2:30pm	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	Explore wonderful and simple strategies for babies that build language skills. Registration is required.

Well Baby Clinic and Parenting Drop-in

Every Wednesday 9am – noon at the Walker Family YMCA Site

The Well Baby Clinic and Parenting Drop in is a FREE service available to parents and families of children from birth to 12 months. These clinics will run once per week and a Public Health Nurse will be available to help families weigh their infant and answer questions about healthy growth and development, nutrition or breastfeeding concerns, and other issues parents face following the birth of their child.

Infants and Parent/Caregiver Interactions
Children aged 0 - 12 months
(All of the following workshops require registration)

Child's Workshop	Date & Time	Location	Description
Infant Mother Goose	Thursday, October 12, 19 and 26 10-11am	Thorold Site 15 Pine Street South Thorold	Over the three weeks you will learn new songs and rhymes, and be reminded of some of those time tested favourites. For babies up to 12 months of age.
Infant Massage	Thursday, October 12, 19, 26 and November 2 10-11am	Grantham Site 469 Grantham Avenue St.Catharines	You will enjoy a relaxing time together, benefit by improving baby's circulation, growth and development and much more. Register you and your infant (birth to pre-crawling) for this 4 week program.
Musical Babies	Monday, October 16,23, 30 and November 6 1:30-2:30pm	Walker Family YMCA Site 25 YMCA Drive St.Catharines	Parent/caregiver and baby (5 – 12 months) will participate in this 4-week session that introduces baby to rhymes, rhythms and repetition – the keys to early literacy development.
No Mess Halloween Painting	Tuesday, October 17 1:30-2:30pm	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	Your little ones will explore painting and colour mixing completely mess free! Ages 2 – 12 months

Resource Consultants

Resource consultants will visit our sites monthly to support our OEYC program staff with developmental screenings, support families with the referral process for further developmental and/or diagnostic follow-up and suggest play-based goals for any child in attendance. The first 5 years are the most important years of a child's life as it lays the foundation upon which future learning is built.

Visit our sites on the following dates to meet with our consultants and ask questions.

Thorold Site: Tuesday, October 10, 9:30am
Grantham Site: Wednesday, October 11, 10am
Bunting Road Site: Tuesday, October 24, 10:30am

Field Trip

(All the following field trips require registration)

Field Trip	Date & Time	Location	Description
Thorold Fire Station Towpath Street	Wednesday, October 11 10-11am	Thorold Site 15 Pine Street South Thorold	Hooray! Let's go to the fire station! We will meet there at 10.00am to meet our awesome firefighters and take a look at the equipment they use to look after our community.

Nurturing Children's Creativity
Children and Parent/Caregiver Interactions
Children of all ages

(All of the following workshops require registration)

Child's Workshop	Date & Time	Location	Description
Potato Turkey	Thursday, October 5 9:30-10:30am	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	A cute addition to add to your Thanksgiving table that your little one, 18 months and older can say they made all by themselves!
Thanksgiving Turkey Handprint	Friday, October 6 9:30-10:30am	Grantham Site 469 Grantham Avenue St.Catharines	This cute but messy handprint turkey craft is fun to make and is a special keepsake for years to come.
Pete-the-Cat	Tuesday, October 17 9:30-10:30am	Thorold Site 15 Pine Street South Thorold	This morning will get groovy with Pete, and his 4 famous buttons! For children 18 months and older.
Pattern Worms	Thursday, October 19 6:15-7:15pm	Walker Family YMCA Site 25 YMCA Drive St.Catharines	Join us as we use simple math and pattern skills to create a beaded worm! For ages 3 – 6 as this craft does use small parts.
Sparkly Painted Pumpkins	Monday, October 23 10-11am	Walker Family YMCA Site 25 YMCA Drive St.Catharines	An easy, seasonal craft for our little ones to enjoy. Children 12 -24 months will have fun painting a small Halloween pumpkin.
Jack-O-Lantern Wreath	Tuesday, October 24 9:30-10:30am	Thorold Site 15 Pine Street South Thorold	With the spooky season approaching...we will put together a simple, fun and sparkly wreath to light the night. For our friends 24 months and older.
Jack-O-Lantern Luminary	Wednesday, October 25 9:30-10:30am	Grantham Site 469 Grantham Avenue St.Catharines	Turn a 2L pop bottle into a friendly jack-o-lantern that will add to your Halloween decor. Please bring a clear 2L pop bottle with you.
Halloween Craft	Thursday, October 26 9:30-10:30am	Bunting Road Site 234 Bunting Road St.Catharines	BOO! Halloween is just around the corner, here is Ghostly themed craft that the kids (18 months and older) can have endless fun with!

**Recreational Swimming at the
Walker Family YMCA Site**

Tuesday, October 10 - 1-2pm
 Tuesday, October 24 - 1-2pm

YMCA Canada encourages that all children are a minimum of six months of age to participate. One adult per child is required for water activities. If your child is not fully toilet trained they must wear swim diapers or plastic pants.

Registration is not required. Please sign in at the centre and pick up a swim pass.

**Gym Time at the
Walker Family YMCA Site**

Friday, October 6, 13, 20 and 27
 11:15 - 11:45am

Gym time encourages you to get active with your children. Children will enhance their co-ordination, balance and gross motor skills.

**Please wear clean indoor athletic shoes.
 Please enjoy food and beverages in the café.**



OEYC St. Catharines October 2017 Calendar



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