



St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place

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Information for Parents and Caregivers

What is St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place?

St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place provides families with children ages 0 to 6 with free early learning programs and services to help kids get ready for school.

Where is St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place?

Our main site is located at St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School at 330 Balmoral Drive in Brampton (see map below). All parents and children are welcome! You do not have to be Catholic to attend our learning place!

What are early learning programs and services?

These are activities and programs for children that help them develop in the areas of physical health and well-being, socially, emotionally, language and thinking and communicating. When children have these basic skills they are more likely to be successful when they start school.

Can our kids attend free programs at St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place?

Yes! All children ages 0 to 6 and their parents and/or caregivers can come to St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning place when they live in neighbourhoods around the school. The map below shows you where some of our parents and children come from to attend our programs. Please call us for more information!

Can you tell me more about your programs for kids ages 0 to 6?

Pre-schoolers enjoy our circle time, songs, stories, and many games. All these activities help young children get better at language, numbers, and science. It will also help them be physically active. All of this is very important to get your child(ren) ready for school by the time they turn 6 years old.

We don't speak English at home. Does it matter when my child doesn't speak English yet?

This is one good reason to come to your neighbourhood learning place! Your child will enjoy interacting with other small children and quickly learn more of the English language. You'll be surprised to see how easily your child will pick up the language!

If all the children do is play, do they learn something?

Yes! Children learn best when they do what they are meant to do. Playing helps all kids create and explore the world around them. Playing helps kids get smart and strong. It helps them get good at making friends.

Why do parents enjoy coming to the learning place?

Parents and/or caregivers enjoy participating in many of the activities with their children. They also meet other parents and caregivers during our group "Hour Together". They like to come to our parenting workshops. Moreover, if they wish, parents can meet with a pre-school consultant to discuss their child's progress. A public health nurse, a librarian

and other early learning professionals who help children with speech and literacy also visit the Neighbourhood Learning Place. Finally, parents can also receive immigration services referrals. Parents are invited to get actively involved with St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place by joining one of our committees.

Can I attend the program if my child has special needs?

Yes, your child aged birth through six years is encouraged to attend the programs, which can support your child's development and provide opportunities for them to participate in early learning activities, circle time, and to interact with other children. Your child's service provider is welcome to attend with you to help support your child's inclusion into the activities.

Are all these programs and services for children and parents free of charge?

Yes! You will not be charged for any programs or services offered.

Who pays for St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place?

The Region of Peel is providing transitional funding for staff and program expenses. Parents do not pay for services or programs, which are donated by the partner organizations.

What organizations are part of St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place?

We are a collaborative partnership of community agencies that provides families with free, inclusive programs and services that support healthy child development and prepare children to be successful in school. These organizations are Success By 6 Peel, Region of Peel, Brampton Library, Brampton Parent-Child Resource Centres, Malton Neighbourhood Services, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School, Peel Children's Services, Family Education Centre, ErinoakKids and Peel Public Health.

Do you have more information?

You can call our coordinator at **905-793-8900 ext. 52611**. You can also visit any of these websites for more information:

- www.mnsinfo.org
- www.successby6peel.ca
- www.dpcdsb.org/JFISH/early+centres/
- www.peelregion.ca
- www.peelearlyyears.com

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