

Kimberley Early Childhood Development Committee



Connecting Families Within our Community

Kimberley Early Learning Programs and Services

The following family drop-in programs are offered free of charge at the **Early Learning Centre** -1850 Warren Avenue. Access is through the lower level.



Baby Goose - A free program for parents with babies under 1 year old. Join us for rhymes, songs and stories, guest speakers and baby topic discussions for you and your baby. Offered in partnership with CBAL-Kimberley and Public Health Nursing. Childcare is provided on site for older siblings by FRP program. Thursdays 10:30-12:00. Please call Public Health Nurse, Terri Fergus 250-427-2215 or Kim Roberts, CBAL Kimberley Literacy Coordinator 250-427-4468 [kroberts@cbal.org](mailto: kroberts@cbal.org)



Bellies to Babies - An outreach program for families seeking information, resources, services, support or community referrals during pregnancy & the first six months of parenthood. Group drop-in program held Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and includes supper, child minding and limited transportation. Outreach visits in the family home or a community location provided by appointment with outreach staff. Please call or text Jenn Betts, outreach worker, 250 427-8772 [Jennifer.betts@interiorhealth.ca](mailto: Jennifer.betts@interiorhealth.ca) or Pat Chisholm, program coordinator, 250 489-5011 [Pat.chisholm@interiorhealth.ca](mailto: Pat.chisholm@interiorhealth.ca)



Good Food Basket –an opportunity to obtain healthy food while on a limited income. The Good Food Basket contains fresh fruits, vegetables and milk available at a reduced cost. This program is provided by the Salvation Army and co-ordinated monthly through the Early Learning Centre. Please call Diana Card 250-427-0716 (please leave a message) [capckimb@telus.net](mailto: capckimb@telus.net)



Making Connections : Free Program for Parents with school aged children – This 8-week program has been designed to help parents understand what goes on at school. Together, we will continue to develop skills that will help your child be a better learner. In a fun and informal way, this program creates an awareness of the learning and reading process so you can play a bigger role in your child's education. During this program, you will learn and practice some of the skills for learning and reading to better support your child at school and in life. Child care and dinner provided. Please call Kim Roberts, CBAL Kimberley Literacy Coordinator 250-427-4468 [kroberts@cbal.org](mailto: kroberts@cbal.org)

Parenting Workshops- free workshops on a variety of general parenting topics will take place on the third Friday of each month from 10-12. Childcare and refreshments provided. Sign up required. Offered in partnership by CBAL, FRP and the Kimberley ECD Team. Please call Diana Card 250-427-0716 or Gina Panattoni 250-427-5309.



Play & Learn Parenting/Literacy Program - An 8-week registered parenting program for parents with children 5 and under with a facilitated play and activity component for the children. Offered in partnership with Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Kimberley and FRP program. Please call Kim Roberts, CBAL Coordinator 250-427-4468 kroberts@cbal.org or Gina Panattoni - 250-427-5309



StrongStart BC— a free family drop-in program for preschool children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Activities include circle time, play based learning centers, a nutritious snack and gross motor play.

Monday 9:00 – 12:00

Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 *Offered in partnership with CAPC Treehouse program.

Wednesday 4:00—7:00*

***Family Fun Night!** Free supper, activities, and gym time for families with preschool aged children, offered in partnership with FRP.

Thursday 9:00 – 12:00

Friday 9:00 – 12:00

Please call: Gina Panattoni, StrongStart Co-ordinator—250-427-5309 or Kim Roberts CBAL Kimberley Literacy Coordinator at 250-427-4468.



Treehouse - Families with children aged 0 – 5 are invited to the Early Learning Centre gym to enjoy play for parents and kids. Share the fun with other families and meet visitors from community programs at this free drop-in program. Transportation can be arranged. Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00. Offered in partnership with Strongstart. Contact: Diana Card 250 427-0716 capckimb@telus.net

Preschool Speech & Language Services - A free service available to families with children from birth to Kindergarten entry who are concerned about their child's communication development. Assessments and interventions are available including individual and group therapy, parent training, caregiver consultation, home programming and monitoring. Parents or anyone working with a child can refer. For more information please contact Jacqueline Prior, Registered Speech Language Pathologist at 250-432-5429 or Jacqueline.Prior@interiorhealth.ca

Additional community services include:

East Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral - 1-800-661-2445 or 1-250-426-5677

ekccrr@shawlink.ca

20B 12 Avenue North Cranbrook BC

Supporting families with child care referrals, child care subsidy information

Please ask about our Toy Lending Library and Craft Supply Store

Public Health Nursing - Parents are welcome to drop in to the Kimberley Health Centre to weigh their babies or discuss concerns with public health nurses weekdays from 8:30 - 4:30. Child Health clinics are held Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons by appointment, providing immunizations and information. Please call 250-427-2215.

Kimberley Public Library Storytime - Welcome to "Storytime" at the Kimberley Public Library. Beginning September 11th & 12th, we will be having 'Storytime' **Tuesday afternoons** from **1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday mornings** from **10:30 am to 11:00 am.** We ask that you pre-register your 3 to 5 year old children. Registration is limited to 18 children per session. Please call 250-427-3112. <http://kimberley.bclibrary.ca/kids/storytimes>

CONTACT US:

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