
April 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to an exciting opportunity to participate in a program for students going into Grades 4 - 10 in September (currently students in Grades 3 - 9) with an Autism Exceptionality (ASD). The program is called ***Doing What I Love: At Home, At School and In the Community!*** This is a Skills Development Program that offers an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social-communication skills. A key component of the program is to learn leisure/recreation activities based on students' interests. Activities will be led by qualified teachers who will reinforce Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Instructional Methods and self-regulations strategies throughout the sessions.

Parents are required to participate in the program with their child, and must be present when school-aged siblings are also in attendance. The goal is for parents to use the strategies taught during the program at home with their children.

Parents must commit to bringing their child daily to all sessions and students are asked to bring a snack and water on each day of the program. Parents are responsible for bringing their children to and from the program, as **transportation is not provided**.

Students enrolled in our program will have the opportunity to work with their teachers to develop and enhance their social skills and develop cooperation skills by playing and interacting with other participants as they engage in a variety of intentionally chosen leisure activities. During the sessions, time will also be spent preparing students for their return to school in September. Teachers will provide strategies to students and parents on how best to prepare for a smooth transition to a new class, grade or school.

The program will run from **July 2 - 26 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the locations listed below. Participants are invited to sign up for only **one location**.

- Learning Centre 1
 - **Portage Trail Community School**, 100 Sidney Belsey Cres, North York
 - **Amesbury MS**, 201 Gracefield Ave, North York
- Learning Centre 2
 - **Avondale PS**, 171 Avondale Ave. North York
 - **Don Mills MS**, 17 The Donway E, North York



- Learning Centre 3
 - **Lucy Maud Montgomery PS**, 95 Murison Blvd., Scarborough
 - **Henry Hudson SPS**, 350 Orton Park Rd, Scarborough
- Learning Centre 4
 - **Earl Grey SPS**, 100 Strathcona Ave, Toronto
 - **Twentieth Street Junior School**, 3190 Lake Shore Blvd W, Etobicoke

Interested parents are asked to fill out [this form](#) (click to access) by **Friday, May 31, 2024**. Spaces in the program are limited, and enrollment is on a first-come first-serve basis.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

The After School Leisure Development Committee

