



SCHOOL BREAK PROGRAMS

Full day programs are offered in Umbrella full day program locations (Ancaster Meadow, Cathy Wever, Gatestone, Hillcrest, Lawfield, Lincoln Alexander, Ray Lewis, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Templemead) during School Breaks for Kindergarten and School Age children.

MARCH BREAK 2019 IS MARCH 11-15

Registration Forms for March Break will be accepted starting on Monday, January 28th at 7 a.m. and children from all Umbrella program locations are confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

In addition to regular programming, kindergarten children will travel by school bus to Zippy Zooms, an indoor playground. They will also be visited in their sites by “In The Mix”, who will introduce the foundations of yoga with interactive stories, music, and props to engage awareness and self confidence.

School age children will be visited by the “Umbrella Sports Guys” who will offer a sports program in the school gym and also visit the Young People’s Theatre in Toronto to take in a special blacklight performance.

If you have not received March Break Program information, please speak to the Program Leader in your home school.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2019

Information about Umbrella’s Summer Programs will be distributed by the end February/early March.



Kindergarten children typically enjoy a program offered in one of the Umbrella full day program locations, with weekly off-site trips.

Each week of camp, School Age children will have two days at Fifty Point Conservation Area, two days at their Umbrella full day program location and a field trip day. This allows us to provide a wide variety of programming all summer long.

CHILDCARE AFFORDABILITY PLAN

Licensed child care is now more affordable in Hamilton. The Child Care Affordability Plan is an initiative of the City of Hamilton funded by the Provincial Government to reduce the cost of child care for families.

This initiative has reduced the rates for children 0-4 years of age to attend licensed child care centres for a full day by \$10 per day. The intent of this initiative is to reduce the cost of child care for families that do not qualify for child care fee subsidy. Families eligible for child care fee subsidy will continue to pay child care fees based on their income.

Ongoing sustainability of this initiative will be dependent on the Ministry of Education’s 2019 funding to the City of Hamilton. Therefore families should be aware that the reduction in child care rates could be discontinued if the initiative ends. Child care centres will be provided reasonable notice if the initiative ends so that families can be informed and plan accordingly.

	UMBRELLA’S REGULAR RATES		SUBSIDIZED RATES *	
	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL
FT	\$54.65/day	\$45.35/day	\$44.65/day	\$35.35/day
PT	\$57.55/day	\$47.80/day	\$47.55/day	\$37.80/day

**Subsidized rates could be discontinued dependent on funding. Reasonable notice will be given if there will be a change.*



FAMILY DAY

IN HAMILTON



WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILY DAY (FEB. 18/19)

All Umbrella Centres are closed on Feb. 18/19 for the Family Day holiday. Below is a list of some fun things you can do as a family in the Hamilton area.

- **Hamilton Children's Museum** - Celebrate Family Day with games, crafts and activities. For more info: hamiltonwinterfest.ca
- **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum** - Kids Fest is Canada's largest indoor inflatable festival. Kids will jump, bounce, slide, crawl and laugh their way through the day. Visit kids-fest.ca for tickets.
- **Hamilton Public Library** - a variety of Family Day events are running at many branches. Visit hpl.ca/season/all/family-day for a complete listing.
- **Dundas Driving Park** - Free skating at the rink, horse drawn sleigh rides around the park, exhibition from the Dundas Figure Skating Club, music, and free hot chocolate. For more info: hamiltonwinterfest.ca
- **Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts** - hosting a full day of activities led by experienced artists-educators. Parents, grandparents, children, and friends can choose from a variety of unique classes in visual arts, dance, music, and theatre! For more info: hamiltonwinterfest.ca
- **Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology** - visit the educational activity stations: build, experiment and make a craft to take home. Gather alongside the model railroad train track where the model steam trains will be running. For more info: hamiltonwinterfest.ca
- **Christie Lake** - 10-km recreational trail system takes you through peaceful meadows and towering pine forests. Trails are accessible by foot, snowshoe or cross-country skis, weather permitting. 905-628-3066 for more info.
- **Family Skating** - times vary by site. Visit hamilton.ca for more info.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

Registration for children starting kindergarten in September 2019 begins on Feb. 4/19 in elementary schools throughout Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). The Kindergarten Handbook can be downloaded from their website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten and is an excellent resource for those starting school for the first time.



At that same link, parents can print a registration form to complete ahead of time and take to their child's school. There is also an online registration option available beginning on Feb. 4/19.

Parents can find their elementary school by visiting www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/. Parents are encouraged to call their nearest elementary school for details and to arrange the best time to visit the school to register.

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Did you know that Umbrella regularly showcases what is happening in our centres on our Facebook page? Sites share what the children are creating and learning with our staff and we share it with you! To make sure you see this content, visit www.facebook.com/umbrellafamilyandchild and "LIKE" our page so you won't miss an update.

