



HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)

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Dear Families;

Although the 2009-10 school year has just ended, we are of course, gearing up for September! With this in mind, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. Please read the following information carefully, as it contains important information regarding summer hours, resources pick-up times, and changes and additions for classes in the fall. As many of you know, we like our families to get their learning resources during the summer, so that you have a chance to browse through what is there, and begin planning for September. As in the past, we are distributing the resources by grade, but for those of you who have children registered in different grade groups, please do not feel you need to come to each session; we can easily cover what you need to know in one sitting. Also, if you are not able to make the time we have indicated, just phone or email us at the Annex, and we will schedule a time that will work better for you. Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you again soon!

Summer Hours at the HLP:

Lloyd is available for appointments in July and August, phone 250-488-1223 or e-mail llindsay@summer.com to set-up a time.

Distribution of Learning Resources and HLP Orientation Meetings:

In order to assist with school start up, we have organized specific dates and times for you to come to the Annex for a brief orientation meeting and to pick up your child(ren)'s learning packages. **If you are not able to attend the meeting that corresponds with your child's grade, please contact us to arrange for an alternate meeting time. Scheduling the orientation on staggered dates will help ensure that the group sizes are manageable. The purpose of the orientation meeting is for us to:**

- go through your child’s student learning plan, and the learning resources for your child(ren),
- complete any pertinent forms required for the program,
- discuss procedures for submitting student work samples
- distribute schedules and registration forms for HLP activities and lessons (eg. art lessons)
- answer any questions that you may have
- distribute technology to those families who have registered for options requiring technology
- provide a brief overview of on line courses for those students in grades 8 – 12 who are registered for this option
- Orientation of online courses for grade 7

Learning Resources Distribution Schedule:

Student Grade Grouping:	Date and Time for Orientation and Material Pick up at Parkway Annex Building (225 Kinney Avenue) Please ensure that you are there for the start time.
Grades K-1	Thursday, August 26 th from 9:00 - 10:00 am
Grades 2-3	Thursday, August 26 th from 11:00 - 12:00 pm
Grades 4-5	Friday, August 27 th from 9:00 - 10:00 am
Grades 6-7	Friday, August 27 th from 11:00- 12:00 pm online course orientation
Grades 8-12	Wednesdays, beginning September 8 th 1:15 pm

Fall Classes

We are in the process of changing how our classes will be arranged for the Fall, in response to meeting parent and student needs and requests. We hope that these changes will provide many opportunities for learning and social interaction for students of all ages.

Monday classes for grades one through seven:

We will be offering a day of learning once a week on Mondays, from 10:30 until 3:15 pm. The first set of classes will begin on September 20th, and continue for a

seven week cycle into November. Students will be engaged in hands-on learning, incorporating all subject areas, including reading, writing, math, science, art, music, drama, and physical movement.

Kindergarten Circle Time: Dependant on enrollment numbers.

For our students in kindergarten, we will be meeting once a week on Wednesday mornings for circle time, during which time students will participate in a variety of early literacy activities, exposure to beginning math concepts, and of course, music, art, and social play!

Learning opportunities for grades eight and up:

For our high school students, we will be offering two new options:

- On Wednesdays, an Elluminate (online) session will be held, focusing on math and science. This online class will give students an opportunity to work together with other students- without leaving their homes!
- On Thursdays, we will also be holding a face-to-face weekly class for high school students, that focuses on English, conversational French, and special projects. This is a great opportunity for students to work collaboratively and stay motivated in their studies.

*More information about these opportunities will be available on the resource pick-up days; registration will begin at this time also.