

CHILDREN & TEENS

"It took me 4 years to paint like Raphael, but a life time to paint like a child." - Pablo Picasso



A monkey made of plasticine.

PENCILS, PAINTS & PLASTICINE ARTISTS

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Do you have a child, between 3 and 5 years, who shows a high interest in art?

When I was a kid, I drew a picture of an apple on a table and included the 3-D shading. That image shocked one of my friends just because it looked so realistic in his eyes.

If you're interested, the city of Mississauga offers a program called "Pencils, Paints and Plasticine".

Mind you, while experimenting with craft materials and art techniques, kids are going to have fun getting really messy. Trying to express your thoughts and emotions, just like life and love, can be a messy experience. If you don't want to get messy, you're going to miss out.

Here's a chance to encourage your kids to communicate with you and gain your appreciation and respect. It's never too early to enjoy this kind of bonding.

The nine-week program encourages self-expression so that each child can create a fridge-worthy project — maybe more than one.

One caution though, parents are not allowed to attend.

In Mississauga, there are three 90-minute classes at two different locations. Residents pay \$85.73, but it's \$90.73 for non-residents (people outside Mississauga), and withdrawals must be completed five days prior to the start date.

► In Program Room 2, at the Erin Meadows Community Center, there are two different sets of classes.

1) Every Wednesday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting

on July 4 and ending on August 29.

2) Every Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting on July 5 and ending on August 30.

The Erin Meadows Community Centre is located at 2800 Erin Centre Blvd. For more information call: (905) 615-4750

► In the Frank McKechnie Program Room, at the Frank McKechnie Community Centre and Library, there is one set of classes.

1) Every Saturday, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., starting on July 7 and ending on September 1.

The Frank McKechnie Community Centre and Library is located at 310 Bristol Road East.

For more information call: (905) 615-4660

"You know you're a cheerleader when you have to yell, kick, and scream to get what you want." - Unknown

MISSISSAUGA HAS A SUMMER CHEERLEADING CAMP

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Cheerleading offers more than pompoms, costumes, and stunts. It also prepares for team spirit, practice, discipline, and exuberance.

Exuberance, all by itself, is something missing from most of our lives, unless you get fanatical about something like baseball or winning a prize on an Oprah program. Otherwise, most people don't shout in excitement over anything.

A cheerleader, actually, is an athlete who practices organized routines of tumbling, dance, jumps, cheers, and stunting. They direct spectators, at any event, to cheer their teams in competitions.

Additionally, cheerleading is a sport with 100,000 participants and competitions, broadcast by ESPN International, and featured in the film "Bring it On".

Countries that encourage cheerleading include Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Funny enough, cheerleading started as an all-male activity, although they probably didn't appear in skirts back then — unless they were Scottish.

In Mississauga, a one-week camp is providing pre-



teens and early-teens (10 years to 14 years) a chance to learn formations, cheers, stunts and chants.

In the afternoons, campers invest their efforts into a variety of games and activities to work on strength, stretching, and fitness, along with a recreational swim on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Glenforest Pool.

In Mississauga, there are four different camping weeks. Each week is the same five-day program (Monday through Friday) and requires 7-hours of each day.

► Week one starts on Monday, July 2, and ends on Friday, July 6, at the Fleetwood Village Room in the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

► Week two starts on Monday, July 16, and ends on Friday, July 20, also at the Fleetwood Village Room in the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

► Week three starts on Monday, July 30, and ends on Friday, August 3, again at the Fleetwood Village Room in the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

► Finally, week four starts on Monday, August 13, and ends on Friday, August 17. You guessed it - this one is at the Fleetwood Village Room in the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

The Burnhamthorpe Community Centre is located at 1500 Gulleden Drive. To learn more about the camp, you can call: (905) 615-4630

Mississauga residents pay \$157.50, but it's \$162.50 for non-residents (people living outside Mississauga), and withdrawals must be completed 5 days prior to the course start date.

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