## Learning Centre Connection ISSUE 913 · JULY 2024 YOUR MONTHLY INFORMATION UPDATE

## **Important Dates:**

July 1 - Centre Closed - Canada Day July 6 - After Hours Program: The Little Mermaid July 11 - Trip to St. Jacob's Farmer's Market July 12 - Trip to African Lion Safari July 13 - 20th Annual Golf "Fore" Learning Tournament July 15-19 - Last Week of Activities July 19 - Last Day of Program

## Fundraising Wine Tasting & Paint Night Fundraiser

Due to unforeseen circumstances and community feedback, we have postponed our Wine Tasting and Paint Night Fundraiser originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th. The new date of our Wine Tasting and Paint Night Fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, October 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration will continue to be open for the event until the fall, to reserve your spot please connect with Michelle Drake at michelle@crossingallbridges.ca

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## 20th Annual Golf 'Fore' Learning Tournament

Our 20th Annual Golf "Fore" Learning Tournament is quickly approaching! We're incredibly grateful for the support of our community and CABLC families. If you're interested in supporting and/or attending, please reach out to Michelle Drake at michelle@crossingallbridges.ca. We currently have space for two more teams and a twosome! Want to support but can't make it to the tournament? Sponsorship options as well as raffle tickets will be available to purchase at CABLC located at 65 Sky Acres Drive until Friday, July 12th.









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## **Staff Updates**



Welcome back to the CAB team, Shyanne Graziano and newcomers Keran Son and Jacob Always, they will be our Summer Sizzle Camp Leaders for summer 2024. Shyanne is a familiar face as she completed her co-op placement with us earlier this year, both Keran and Jacob will be joining us for the first time and we look forward to getting to know them better. They are all ready to create a great summer camp experience for the CAB campers. Be sure to introduce yourself and say "hello!".

We would like to take this opportunity to say "farewell" to both Jenny Garmatz our previous Program Support and Haidee Scheers, Social Enterprise and Fund Developer. They have both moved on to new opportunities, and although it is bittersweet to say goodbye, we wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavours and thank them for all their contributions over the last two years.



# CABLC **NEWSLETTER** This Issue:

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# **Monday Night Dance** Partv

By popular demand we have extended our dance parties and will now be offering them every Monday night, excluding holidays, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at CABLC. Everyone is welcome to attend, cost is \$5.00 per person, support workers welcome.



# **CABLC Social Club**

This months' activities include "Build a Summer Basket" at Walters Greenhouse on July 4th, followed by a Beach Themed BBQ and Potluck at CAB on July 18th. Social Club runs bi-weekly 5:30pm to 7:30pm. То register contact Michelle Carpenter.





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# June Highlights



## Crossing All Bridges Domino's Fundraiser

A huge thank you to our CABLC families, community supporters and businesses for stopping by Domino's Pizza on Wednesday, June 5th to support our 'Raise the Dough' Fundraiser. With your pizza purchases, we were able to raise \$320.00 to support Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre! We would like to recognize Dominos Brantford and Hamilton for being an incredible community partner, we can't wait to host another Raise the Dough Fundraiser with your team!

## Father's Day Car Show and Cook Out

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our Second Annual Father's Day Car Show and Cookout event! On June 13th, families, friends and car enthusiasts gathered at Crossing All Bridges for an evening filled with classic cars, delicious food, and memorable moments honoring dads everywhere. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



## **RBC Volunteers**



On June 25th, volunteers from the Royal Bank of Canada were on site helping us regain our storage space. Volunteers were busy assembling shelving for the storage rooms, organizing resources, and getting our bikes summer ready. We are beyond grateful for your time and the donation of \$1,500.00 to Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre.

## **CABGlee Hollywood Premiere Night**

Thank you all for joining us at our Hollywood movie premiere night! Your presence made the evening truly special and unforgettable. We appreciate your support and hope you all enjoyed the film as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. Here's to many more memorable moments together!

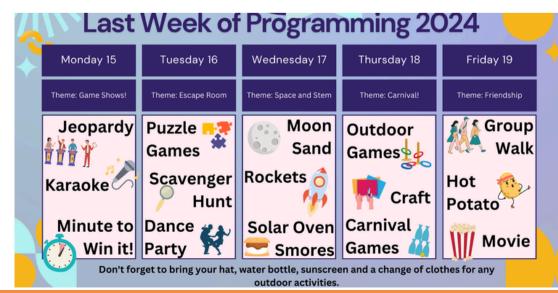


### **Book Club**



Book Club has been reading up a storm as we wrap up the final few chapters of our books - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The One and Only Ivan! Participants have been drawing connections between characters and events taking place in the books and their own experiences. Book Club sessions will wrap up for the summer and resume in August with new groups and new books to explore!

## Last Week of Program Schedule



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## **Shredding Barriers**



**Employee of the Month** This month it was impossible to decide on just one Employee of the Month since everyone has been working so hard. But we managed to narrow it down to 3.... Congrats to: Amy who is an absolute Rockstar on the shred machine! Matt who always volunteers to take on the more complex tasks around Shredding Barriers. Ashby who has also been super helpful in covering open shifts during the month of June, even on short notice. Thank you for all that you do!

## **CANS for CAB**

As the weather warms and the cold beverages flow, don't forget to save your cans. Donations can be dropped off at 65 Sky Acres Drive. To date we have raised \$12,007.90

## Summer Sizzle Camp 2024

Limited spots still remain in our Summer Sizzle Camp. Enjoy three weeks of action packed trips and activities. Looking for something more relaxed, check out our all new summer leisure program. For more information on either program please contact Michelle Carpenter at <u>mcarpernter@crossingallbridges.ca</u>







# **CABLC** Programming

# **Recreation and Wellness**

Throughout the month of June participants continued with trail walks, engaged in water games, and even learned to read street signs during their adventures. This month, participants will dust off their outdoor games, swing a few bats at the baseball diamond, and kick soccer balls into the net. We will be focusing more on the outdoors and soaking in all the sun while it's here! We are embracing summer with enthusiasm and excitement! Just a friendly reminder: Recreation and Wellness loves incorporating water into their activities, so please keep an extra set of clothes handy for any spontaneous water fun throughout the year! Sunscreen application will also be very important throughout the summer months, please make sure to apply before coming to program.





# **Digital Innovation**

Community, Culture, and Me

Another busy month in Community, Culture and Me. Although we just started volunteering at the ReStore for Habitat for Humanity, we had to say goodbye for now as we take a break for the summer. Special thanks to Deb, Luke and Aiyah who were all welcoming and eager to teach us some skills in the retail sector. See you again in September. Participants discovered our last endangered species, the polar bear and wrapped up their Book Study, Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Participants thoroughly enjoyed reading all 217 pages of the book and celebrated the achievement by watching the movie as a group. It was wonderful to see how similar they were! We also received our last Dragon Blok activity; the Eiffel Tower. Participants have enjoyed building these famous landmarks over the year. This month we look forward to learning about Canada and celebrating it's 157th birthday and we can't wait for our trip to The African Lion Safari on July 12th.

In June, Digital Innovation learned a lot about employability skills as we researched all about the ins and outs of working as a car wash attendant and a firefighter. We also had our own car wash to put our skills to the test and got to visit the fire station. In Digital Innovation we also got crafty as we learned about coding and made personalized binary code bracelets, lastly, we spent some time quizzing each other as we made our own Kahoot's! This month, Digital Innovation will be getting familiar with our digital skills as we create a music video, and learn how to use Google Slides as we make creative PowerPoints as we get ready for the last week of the program!

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# **CABLC** Programming

## Culinary

From fresh fruit picking to creating delicious treats the Culinary program has been keeping busy and inspired as we head into summer. Participants headed over to Brantwood Farms to pick some local strawberries, this experience not only connected us with the origins of our ingredients but also highlighted the importance of seasonal produce. Back at CABLC participants have been hard at work tending to our community garden and exploring the delights of summer foods including cantaloupe, honeydew melon and fruit popsicles.



# **Expressive Arts**

The Expressive Arts program spent June focusing on the infamous Bard, William Shakespeare. Participants learned how to identify the key differences between a tragedy and a comedy, explored the creativity behind Shakespearian insults and practiced drawing the Bard himself. The program has also been gearing up to premiere their end of the year film project, CABGlee! Instructor, Jill, would like families to know how proud she is of each participant in the program for all the work they've poured into the project over the last year. For the last couple of weeks of programming, the program will focus on showcasing local art galleries in artists within our surrounding communities including day trips to visit the galleries to learn about local talent.

# **Upcoming Events**







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