

# Stop the summer brain drain

As the temperature starts to climb, students grow restless and look forward to the summer break. Many parents are wary of the potential for learning loss over the summer months.

## What can parents do?

Parenting expert and author Kathy Buckworth recommends parents try to stem this loss with some easy and fun summer learning activities. "Kids lose their school routine over the summer but this does not mean that learning should stop. There are many creative ways to help kids maintain skills - and still enjoy the Canadian summer," she explains.

LeapFrog has a number of products to help teach children new skills and keep them engaged in learning by making the process fun with games and technology. Parents can also see the progress of their child's learning by using the free Learning Path service.

## Books everywhere

Buckworth suggests keeping lots of books around and making regular trips to the library. Libraries are excellent places to promote family reading and librarians can suggest age-appropriate books that help keep children engaged. Most libraries also schedule summer events for kids.

For younger kids, there are products that can help them feel included as older siblings dive into a book. Leap-



Frog's Tag Junior allows kids to develop a love of reading from a young age. The chunky character reads stories out loud to children ages 2-4. There is also the classic Tag for kids ages 4-8.

## In the Community

Learning can take place anywhere, so long as parents and kids alike are willing to exercise their imagination. Arrange a visit to the zoo, museums, aquariums, concerts or parks and encourage them to keep a journal or draw pictures of where they have been to share with friends and family.

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# Summer Registration

## DRUM LESSONS

- beginner to advanced level - private instruction -  
 - pro equipment - flexible hours - \$20 per 45 minutes -  
 - lesson recording capabilities with take home audio cd -

77 King Street (near GO Trains) in Georgetown 416.819.2377



### Summer Theatre Camps!

Little Broadway ages 5-7  
 Triple Threat Camp ages 8-13  
 Great prices!

Full details at [www.ensemblekids.com](http://www.ensemblekids.com) or contact Amanda at (905) 877-3344.  
 Sign up now! Spaces going fast!



### Horseback Riding Camp

Mon-Fri 9 am - 4:30 pm

Structured lessons. Beginners welcome

Camp info & registration available at: [www.soniador.ca](http://www.soniador.ca)  
 (905) 838-2020



### SUMMER CAMP

\$325/week (Inc. taxes)

## Georgetown Art Express

SUMMER ART CAMP

Located at 77 Market Street Downtown Georgetown

Summer Camp: June 28 - August 27, 2010

Call to register at: 905-702-1203

Website: [www.georgetownartexpress.com](http://www.georgetownartexpress.com)

Email: [GeorgetownArtExpress@cogeco.ca](mailto:GeorgetownArtExpress@cogeco.ca)

Ages Groups 4 - 5, 6 - 8, 9 - 12

Work in a variety of mediums throughout the day.

Children will explore, laugh and enjoy this weeklong art adventure

Work with experienced artists with professional tools



Join Georgetown's newest and most innovative art adventure for kids.

Days: Monday to Friday

Cost: \$220.00

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (extended hours available)

Fridays Pizza Lunch

Outdoor Art Activities

Work in a variety of mediums Papier Mache, 3-D sculpture, pastels, watercolour, drawing, acrylics, metal tooling and much more.....



## Summer Camp



## BOOK NOW!

Week #1 starts Monday, July 5

Does your child want to have lots of fun this summer?!!! JOIN FUTURE SCHOLAR'S SUMMER CAMP!

Ages

4 to 11 years

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For an additional fee, extended care is offered from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

NEW PART TIME DAY CAMP SPACES AVAILABLE

Call for details.

Cost per weekly session: \$130.00 - fee includes 2 snacks and daily outings. Children to bring paper bag lunch Rates do not include a nominal field trip cost.

During each weekly theme-based session activities planned will include creative crafts, science, academics, organized outdoor activity, waterplay, cooking & daily outings in the community. Each week the children will go bowling & have a planned field trip. Children registered will receive a summer camp package, which includes calendar of events, daily schedules, registration forms & more!

Session	Week	Theme	Field Trip
#1	July 5 to July 9	Craft Mania!	Glazed Expressions
#2	July 12 to July 16	Life On The Farm	Puck's Farm
#3	July 19 to July 23	Extreme Home Economics	Build a Bear Workshop
#4	July 26 to July 30	Through The Looking Glass	Halton Regional Museum
#5	Aug 2 to Aug 6	Camp Closed	
#6	Aug 9 to Aug 13	The Undiscovered Realms	Laser Quest
#7	Aug 16 to Aug 20	Adventure Seekers Wanted: Fun Times Ahead	Reptilia
#8	Aug 23 to Aug 27	Play It, Love It, Live-It Sports!	Bronte Creek
#9	Aug 30 to Sept 3	Wacky Animal Adventures	Bingemans

We are currently accepting participants. Limited spaces - book now! Please note weekly sessions & field trips are subject to change.

89 Mountainview Rd. South

905-702-9797



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