

Family Day Mississauga EarlyON Child and Family Centre

April 2025 Calendar

Indoor Program Locations:

Elm Drive Public School
St. Bernadette Elementary School
Nahani Way Public School

Outdoor Program Locations:

Dr. Martin L. Dobkin Community Park

Programs and Services:

- **Children's Services Portal:**

This Region of Peel database is used for signing into EarlyON programs. Features allow families to view programs directly from the portal, pre-register and sign themselves into programs. To set up an account, please visit the [Children's Services Portal](#).

- **Indoor and Outdoor Programs:**

- * Indoor programs are first-come, first-serve at the door. The outdoor program, **Exploring the Outdoors** (at Dr. Dobkin Park), is a pre-registered program.
- * On Saturdays at **Elm Drive**, we will offer a Family Time program in the morning and a **Playtime with Dad** program in the afternoon. **Playtime with Dad** is for male parents/caregivers to bring the children – so mom, grandmas, aunts or other female caregivers: please take advantage of this program to enjoy some time for yourself!
- * We have three age specific programs: **Preschool Time** is for children aged 3 to 6 years. **Exploring the Outdoors** is for children aged 2 to 6 years and requires pre-registration. **Baby Playtime** is for children birth to 12 months. **If you have children whose ages do not fit within these age-specific programs, please attend the birth to 6 years programs offered throughout the rest of the week.** See pages 5 and 6 for [program descriptions](#), ages and capacities.

- **Closures:**

Elm Drive will be closed on April 18 for **Good Friday** and April 19, 2025 for the **Easter long weekend**.

St. Bernadette and **Nahani Way** will be closed on April 18, 2025 for **Good Friday**.

- **Storypark:**

Storypark is a secure, private online community space for our EarlyON families. For more information on Storypark please go to www.storypark.com. EarlyON Educators post announcements, videos and resources every week including songs, stories, home-based learning activities and parenting resources. Families have access to these resources anytime of the day. Families also have an opportunity to share their own ideas and comment. If you are interested in joining other FD Mississauga EarlyON families on this community platform, please click this link: [FD Miss EarlyON - Request to Join Storypark](#).

- **EarlyON Resource Consultant:**

EarlyON Resource Consultants (ERCs) visit EarlyON centres at various times each month, and are now offering Parent Chats once a month at some locations. You can also book a time to speak privately with one of the ERCs. Please speak with staff for more information.

- **Phone Support Services:**

EarlyON Educators are available to answer your questions about how to access our programs and services, parenting and child development, and local services from Monday to Friday between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 905 566-4785. Outside of these times, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.



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Dr. Dobkin Park – 395 Fairview Road West (next to St. Philip Elementary School)
– meet at the park by the EarlyON flag

April 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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Family Day Mississauga EarlyON Program Locations:

St. Bernadette Elementary School – 1060 White Clover Way (at the front of the school)

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Family Day Mississauga EarlyON Program Locations:

Nahani Way Public School – 235 Nahani Way, Door G (entrance #17) – on the right side of the school, towards the back, parking on the left

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Indoor Programs - Programs are first-come, first serve at the door

Ages Birth to 6 Years

Family Time - This program offers an opportunity for parents, caregivers and their children to meet others and play interactively in an early learning environment. The program will include creative, stories, rhymes, music, language and math. Programs are between 2 hours to 2.5 hours long.

Each program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – Tuesday to Friday daytime: 60 participants (includes adults and children)

St. Bernadette – 25 participants / **Nahani Way** – 18 participants (includes adults and children)

Tuesday evenings: 50 participants (includes adults and children)

Saturday mornings: 50 participants (includes adults and children)

Music & Movement (Indoor) Music and movement are important elements of a child's development. These activities build young minds and bodies. Join us for movement activities, songs and stories. (This program is best suited for children who are mobile.) Programs are 2 hours long.

Each program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – 60 participants / **St. Bernadette** – 25 participants (includes adults and children)

Open Door - This is an opportunity to explore the early learning play areas within the centre. The staff are available to answer questions, provide resources and make referrals for families.

Programs are between 1.5 to 2 hours long.

Each program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – Wednesday afternoons: 60 participants (includes adults and children)

Monday & Thursday afternoons: 15 participants (includes adults and children)

Playtime with Dad - This program is an opportunity for **dads, grandpas, uncles and other male caregivers** to interact with their children and meet others in an early learning environment. The program will include: creative, sensory, stories, rhymes, music, language, math and physical activities. **(Moms, grandmas, aunts and other female caregivers – this is a great opportunity for you to enjoy some time for yourself!)**

Programs are 2 hours long.

Each program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – 50 participants (includes adults and children)

Age Specific

Baby Playtime (Age birth to 12 months) - This program will focus on babies and their early development. It will provide families and caregivers with learning opportunities for infant development through social and interactive play. Bonding and attachment is fostered through interaction with play based activities and interactive musical circle times.

Programs are 2 hours long.

This program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – 45 participants (includes adults and children)

Preschool Time (Age 3 to 6 years) - This program will build your child's learning through social and interactive play. Your child will have the opportunity to explore a variety of learning materials. This program will include language, math, discovery, physical and social experiences. Each program will include a parent discussion.

Programs are 2 hours long.

This program is limited to: **Elm Drive** – 40 participants (includes adults and children)

Outdoor Programs

Age Specific

Exploring the Outdoors (Ages 2 to 6 Years) Pre-Registered Program – This program is offered at **Dr. Dobkin Park**. In this program, you will have a chance to connect your child with nature and embrace outdoor play, any time of the year. It is a great opportunity to help them build nature connections through the activities we provide. Programs are 1.5 hours long.

This program is limited to 16 participants (includes adults and children). Families can attend one or more dates.

Registration for this program is done through the [Children's Services Portal](#). Please register no later than 3 pm the day before each program you would like to attend.

Please dress appropriately for the day's weather – rain, snow or shine. The program will be cancelled if there is a thunderstorm or an extreme heat or cold warning.

Staff will wait up to 10 minutes after the start of the program and then begin their journey into nature. Please be on time.

Other, Parenting Programs & Community Partners on next page →

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Other Programs

Storytime with Mississauga Library – Once a month, a librarian will join us at Elm Drive, read a story and sing songs and rhymes with the group. Families will have an opportunity to ask questions about the library and its programs. No pre-registration required.

Parenting

In-person - Food for Thought Workshop Pre-Registered Program – Join Monica, a Registered Dietitian, for some great nutrition workshops about our relationship with food. Some workshops will include a live food demonstration. Programs are for parents/caregivers with children birth to 6 years, unless otherwise stated. One topic will be offered in person at **Elm Drive**. **This session is limited to 10 parents/caregivers. Registration for this program is done through the [Children's Services Portal](#). Please register no later than 3 pm the day before the program.**

Wed. Apr. 23 – 1:30 to 2:30 pm – **Plant-Based Foods** - Fruits, vegetables, legumes, and grains play an important role in a balanced diet. In this workshop, we will discuss the benefits of incorporating more plant-based foods into our diets, as recommended by Canada's Food Guide. Key topics include plant-based proteins, risk of deficiencies (vitamin B12 and iron), plant-based meat substitutes and meal planning.

In-person – Dad's Workshop – Communication With Your Children – Pre-Registered Program – Ryan, a professor of Early Childhood Education at Conestoga College, facilitates this workshop. Learn how to clearly communicate, listen and understand your child, promote self-confidence and encouragement. This workshop is for dads with children birth to 6 years. This workshop will be offered in person at **Elm Drive** and is 1 hour long.

Date/Time: Sat. Apr. 12 – 1:30 to 2:30 pm

The workshop is limited to 10 dads/male caregivers. Registration for this program is done through the [Children's Services Portal](#). Please register no later than 3 pm the day before the program.

Community Partners

EarlyON Resource Consultant – Do you have questions about your child's development? You can connect with Lacey Archer, or Aimee Canizares, our EarlyON Resource Consultants when they visit our locations at various times during the month. No pre-registration required.

Elm Drive

April 4 – 1 to 3 pm (Aimee)
 April 5 – 1 to 3 pm (Aimee)
 April 14 – 1 to 3 pm (Aimee)
 April 16 – 9:30 to 11:45 am (Lacey)
 April 24 – 1 to 3 pm (Lacey)
 April 28 – 9:15 to 11:15 am (Aimee)
 April 29 – 5:30 to 7:30 pm (Lacey)

St. Bernadette

April 2 – 9 to 11:15 am (Aimee)
 April 15 – 1 to 3 pm (Aimee)
 April 30 – 9 to 11:15 am (Aimee)

Nahani Way

April 16 – 9:30 to 11:30 am (Aimee)

If you would like to speak to Lacey or Aimee privately for a consultation, please speak with staff.

You can also join one of the EarlyON Resource Consultants, and one of our FD Mississauga EarlyON Educators to discuss various topics related to child development. Programs are for parents/caregivers with children birth to 6 years, unless otherwise stated. No pre-registration required.

In-Person at Nahani Way: Wed. Apr. 16 – 9:30 to 11:30 am – **Transition to School/Child Care** - Every child reacts to change differently; we will discuss tips on how to prepare your child and yourself for school or child care, so the transition can be a positive one for everyone.

In-Person at St. Bernadette: Wed. Apr. 30 – 10 to 11:15 am – **Supporting Transitions** - Transitions between activities can be difficult for children and parents alike. We will share ideas to smoothly move to different activities without additional stress.

The Indigenous Network (TIN) – an Indigenous Child & Family Outreach worker visits our locations at various times during the month to join us for circle time. During the circle, culturally specific experiences are delivered to families to build awareness of Indigenous culture, which may include drumming, story telling and smudging. No pre-registration required.

Elm Drive

Visits to be advised.

St. Bernadette

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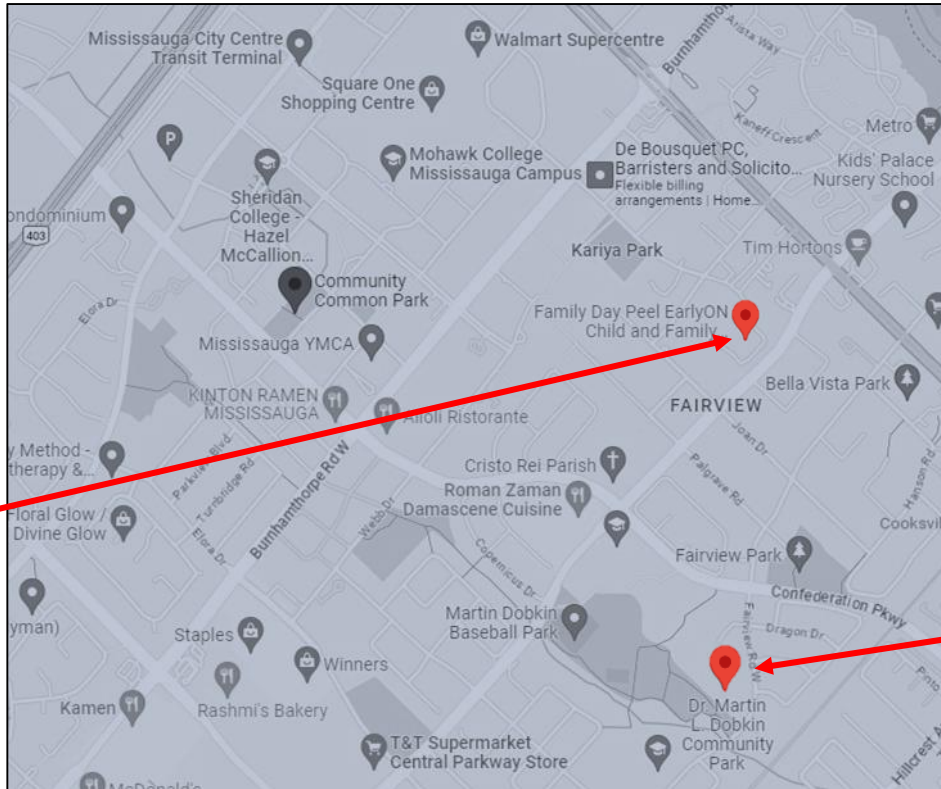
Nahani Way

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You can find more virtual, indoor and outdoor programs in Peel at <http://infopeel.ca/>.
 Click on EarlyON Programs for more information on current programs.

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MiWay (Mississauga Transit) information: (for route schedule, please call 905 615-4636 or visit <https://www.mississauga.ca/miway-transit/>)



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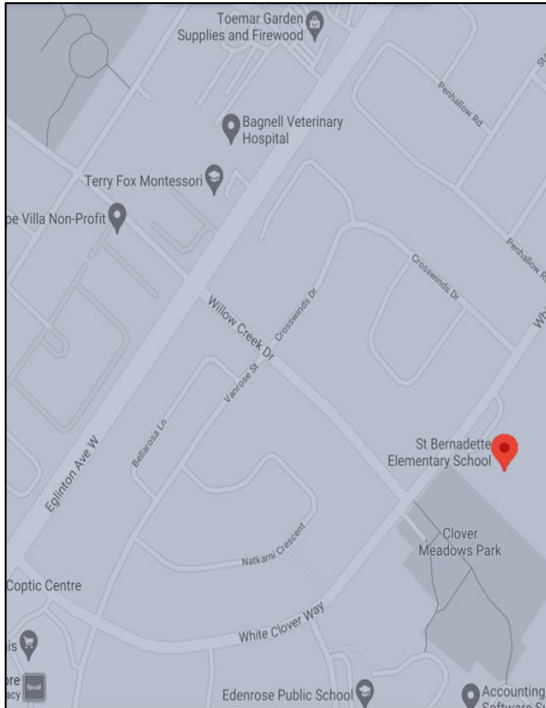
- **Bus stops on Kariya Drive or Elm Drive, walk 2 minutes to the school:**
#3 Bloor (Travel east from Square One or west from Islington Subways Station)
- **Bus stops on Hurontario Street, walk 8 minutes west on Elm Drive West to school:**
#2 – Hurontario (Travel south from Square One or travel north from Port Credit Go Station)
- **Bus stops on Burnhamthorpe, in front of Sussex Centre, walk 8 minutes south on Kariya:**
#26 Burnhamthorpe
 (Travel west from Islington Subway Station or travel east from South Common Mall / Square One)

- **Bus stops on Fairview, near park or across street from park, walk 1 min to park: #28**
 Confederation
 (Travel south from Square One or travel north from Trillium Hospital/ Cooksville GO)

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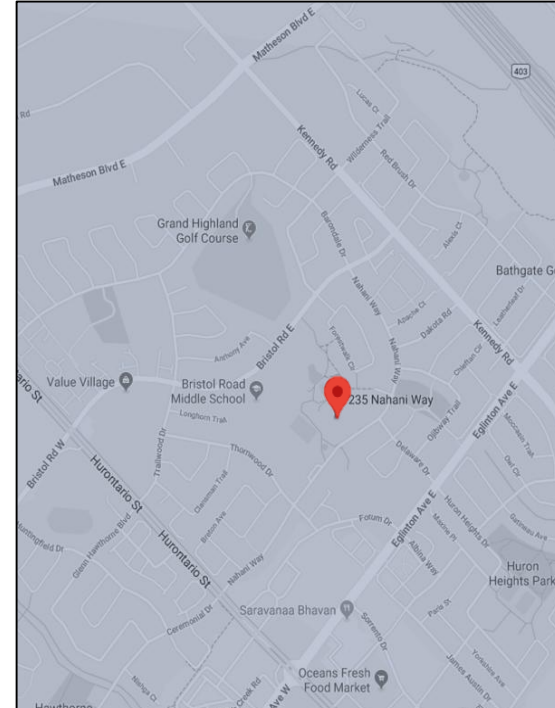
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St. Bernadette Elementary School 1060 White Clover Way



- **Bus stops on Eglinton, walk 10 minutes - south on Willowcreek/east on White Clover Way to park: #34 Credit Valley/ #35 Eglinton-Ninth Line/ #35A Eglinton-Tenth Line**
(Travel west from Islington Subway / Square One or travel east from Erin Mills Town Centre)
- **Bus stops on Mavis, walk 13 minutes west on White Clover Way to the park: #61 Mavis / 61A Mavis-Sheridan**
(Travel north from Square One or travel south from Financial Drive / Sheridan College)

Nahani Way Public School 235 Nahani Way, Door G (Entrance #17)



- **Bus stops on Eglinton Avenue at Huron Heights Drive, walk 9 mins to school: #7 Airport**
(Travel north from Square One or travel south from Westwood Square)
- **Bus stops on Kennedy Road at Indian Summer Trail (near Dakota Street), walk 12 mins to school: #53 Kennedy**
(Travel north from Hurontario at Central Parkway or travel south from Hwy 407/Hurontario GO Park & Ride)
- **Bus stops on Hurontario Street, walk 13 mins East on Nahani Way to school: #17 – Hurontario**
(Travel south from Brampton or travel north from Square One)