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## Spring Newsletter 2018

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### Where will learning take us? We explore PLASP programs with the help of GoPro



At a recent PLASP Board of Directors meeting and development session, PLASP Curriculum Manager Diane Phu, had the opportunity to share with board members the curriculum being used in PLASP programs. This curriculum supports the [How Does Learning Happen?](#) pedagogy from the [Ontario Ministry of Education](#).

“The curriculum in our programs is play-based, creative and child-centred,” said Diane. “We wanted to capture these qualities in our presentation to the board, while also letting them experience what it’s actually like in our programs when curriculum is organically occurring.”

To accomplish this, Diane teamed up with PLASP Communications Coordinator Tawny Barratt, to visit programs with a GoPro camera to capture footage of the children to show to the board of directors.

### Dates to remember



### Upcoming P.A. Days and Program Closures:

Friday, June 8, 2018:

- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board

#### Monday, June 11, 2018:

- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Peel District School Board

#### Friday, June 29, 2018:

- Peel District School Board
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board

#### Holiday/Program Closures

PLASP programs, Early Learning and Child Care Centres and head office will be closed for the following holidays:

**Victoria Day: Monday, May 21, 2018**

#### Mentor College Closures:

Victoria Day Holiday: May 18-May 21, 2018

Last Day of School: June 15, 2018

#### Last Day of PLASP Before and After School Programs:

#### Thursday, June 28, 2018

- Peel District School Board
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board

#### Friday, June 29, 2018

- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

#### Last Day of School

Friday, June 29, 2018

#### PLASP Summer Camp starts:

Monday, July 9, 2018

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### Confirmation and registration for the 2018/2019 school year

To read more about the GoPro project and how the children in program responded, please visit our blog at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com) or click [here](#) to read more.

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## PLASP is expanding in Toronto



**PLASP**  
Child Care Services

PLASP is pleased to announce it's further expansion into Toronto neighborhoods with registration for additional locations currently underway. With 28 existing Toronto locations, PLASP is working with both the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to determine additional schools in which PLASP could operate Before and After School Programs as well as PA Day programs.

New locations and program opening dates will be announced on [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com) as soon as they are confirmed. These programs will only operate if PLASP has sufficient enrollment. Stay tuned!

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## PLASP recognizes 1,250 program volunteer and students on placement for being AWESOME



We are currently processing requests for the 2018/2019 school year for Before and After School and PA Day programs. We will process all requests by the end of May 2018. The status of your request will be emailed to you at that time. Please ensure that your email address on file with PLASP is up to date.

For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com).

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## Register now for the 2018 summer camp season



Registration is currently open for the 2018 summer camp season, operating this summer from July 9th until August 17th. Camps are offered in six one-week programs and operate from 7:30am-6:00pm, at select locations. Locations are subject to change. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

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## Redesigned website makes PLASP 2.0 mobile-friendly!



PLASP will be recognizing the contributions of 1,250 program volunteers and students on placement with celebrations happening within each program (where applicable). The individuals being recognized have contributed almost 50,000 hours so far this school year to various PLASP programs.

The events are scheduled to take place during May and June and will be planned and hosted by the children and staff in program. These smaller celebrations in program will ensure that all volunteers and students on placements are recognized for their contributions and will give the PLASP staff and children the special opportunity to be involved.

Events will include refreshments, photo booths and open-ended activities that support PLASP's play-based curriculum. There will also be a formal certificate and pin presentation to those being recognized. These events will be open to the families of the volunteers and students on placement, their teachers, school staff and media. We look forward to celebrating the volunteers and students on placement in your child(ren)'s school!



In February, PLASP was excited to launch PLASP 2.0 – a new mobile-friendly version of the website. Now, parents can do everything on their mobile device - from new registrations, program changes, additions and cancellations to editing their profile information and emergency contacts.

“More than 50% of the visitors to our website use a tablet or a mobile device to do so,” says Lynn Hiebert, PLASP CEO. “It was important to create an online experience that’s easy to navigate. Parents wanted a site that works well for them on every device. And PLASP 2.0 does.”

We designed the new features of PLASP 2.0 as a direct result of parent feedback. The PLASP website offers full online registration for more than 12,000 families and 1600 programs across the GTA and has evolved to allow parents to have information at their finger tips. With online registration and the mobile-friendly version of the website, parents can now register for programs from the comfort of their homes, using their phones.

As always, we'd love to hear feedback from our PLASP parents about their experience using the website. Send us an email at [communications@plasp.com](mailto:communications@plasp.com) and let us know your thoughts!

## Fees for the 2018/2019 school year coming soon

The fees for the 2018/2019 school year will be



## Bread and Honey Festival 2018 - we'll BEE there!



*Bread & Honey Festival June 2-3, 2018*  
*"Save the Bees, Save the Planet"*

PLASP will be once again participating in the Bread and Honey festival in Streetsville on June 2-3, 2018. This year's festival theme is Save the Bees, Save the Planet. Come and visit the PLASP booth on the Busy Bee Island - take part in our crafts, receive some free promotional items and get information on our childcare services. Our booth will be open on the Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 6 pm. Hope to see you there!

## Follow us online



available online at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com) in early May. An email notification will be sent to all families. Parent fees are approved annually by the PLASP Board of Directors. These fees will be effective as of July 1, 2018. Should you have any questions about the new fees, please call Parent Services at 647-484-4372 during regular business hours.

Be sure to follow us on our [PLASP blog](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) where we'll be sharing updates and photos from PLASP special events and program visits throughout the school year.



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