



KINDERLINKS Indoors

Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | December 2023

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All Kinder Links programs are offered at Bernie Wolfe School, 95 Bournais Dr., and Maple Leaf School, 251 McIvor Ave., unless otherwise noted.

Kinder Links programs provide young families—with children birth to age five—with the opportunity to play, learn, and connect with each other. These FREE parent-child programs feature fun, educational ways to explore literacy, numeracy, physical health and well-being, and creativity through art experiences, rhymes, stories, activities, and games. Kinder Links programs are an excellent way for young children to develop a lifelong passion for learning, develop their skills and self-confidence, and help prepare them for the adventure of school!



Santa Baby Sing-Along

Best enjoyed by families with babies

Enjoy quality time cuddling with your baby as we sing seasonal songs, rhymes, and carols! Sing along to your favourites while learning a few new lap songs, diapering songs, and lullabies that are sure to delight and stimulate your little one.

Monday, Dec. 4
1–2 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Friday, Dec. 8
10–11 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Jingle & Mingle
Best enjoyed by children birth to 5 years

Grab some jingle bells for a merry jamboree as we make music together! This holiday program features free play with toys, puzzles, and Play-Doh, and the opportunity

to make a holiday craft. Our time together will include seasonal stories, felt-board activities, and socializing with friends.

Saturday, Dec. 2
10:30–11:45 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Sunday, Dec. 3
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Thursday, Dec. 7
10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Tuesday, Dec. 12
5:45–6:45 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Candy Cane Crafters

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

You'll find that holiday crafting has never been more fun as your little artists create Christmas-themed collages and special keepsake art. Participants of all ages will enjoy seasonal stories, classic holiday carols, and educational games and activities.

Saturday, Dec. 2
9:30–10:45 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Wednesday, Dec. 6
10–11:15 a.m.
5:45–6:45 p.m.
Maple Leaf School

Friday, Dec. 15
10–11:15 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

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'Tis the Season Storytime

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

Cozy up and enjoy wonderful holiday books and illustrations featuring some of your favourite storybook characters. Participants will enjoy colourful felt-board activities, a few special songs and rhymes, and free play with toys.

Sunday, Dec. 3
9:30–10:45 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Monday, Dec. 4
10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Tuesday, Dec. 5
10–11:15 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Wednesday, Dec. 6
10–11 a.m.
River East Personal Care Home
1375 Molson St.

Gingerbread Friends

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Gingerbread Friends is the perfect recipe for family fun with sweet songs, active games, and stories about exciting gingerbread adventures! Decorating yummy cookies and crafting are sure to be highlights at this holiday-themed session.



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11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Monday, Dec. 4
10–11:15 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Tuesday, Dec. 5
10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Saturday, Dec. 9
9:30–10:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf School

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Lights

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Twinkling lights and festive glitter make this season pop with so much colour! Together, we'll spread holiday cheer as we sing and read about green trees, silver bells, red reindeer noses, and colourful candy treats. And get ready for a fun, colour-themed scavenger hunt around the classroom.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
10–11:15 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Wednesday, Dec. 13
10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Thursday, Dec. 14
5:45–6:45 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Reindeer Games & Dance Party

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Game for some jolly-good family fun? Holiday-inspired bingo, guessing “what’s in the stocking,” and reindeer training school are just a few of the activities planned for these special events. Participants will enjoy a lively circle time filled with reindeer songs, stories, and free play with toys.

Sunday, Dec. 3
9:30–10:45 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Friday, Dec. 8
10–11 a.m.
River East Personal Care Home
1375 Molson St.

Saturday, Dec. 9
10:30–11:45 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Monday, Dec. 11
10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Thursday, Dec. 14
5:45–6:45 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Holiday Yoga & Sing-Along

Best enjoyed by children ages 21 months to 5 years

Join us for a leisurely Sunday morning filled with holiday-themed yoga, storytelling, songs, and an art experience. Led by trained yoga instructor Cathy Spack, we'll stretch our bodies with favourite yoga moves, including the Christmas tree pose, reindeer pose, holiday star pose, and gingerbread pose, to name just a few. Participants are asked to bring their own mat or blanket to the program.

Sunday, Dec. 10
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Countdown in Santa's Workshop!

Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5 years

The countdown has started in Santa's busy workshop! In this holiday-themed math extravaganza, we'll sing, read, dance, and play. Get ready for holiday "I Spy," festive patterns and shapes, and lots of counting fun as we help load Santa's sack of presents.

Sunday, Dec. 3

11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 11

5:45–6:45 p.m.
Maple Leaf School

Tuesday, Dec. 12

10–11:15 a.m.
Maple Leaf School

Wednesday, Dec. 13

10–11:15 a.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Holiday Paint Party

Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5 years

Get into the holiday spirit, painting beautiful works of art to celebrate the festive season! Using fingers, feet, paintbrushes, and household items to create unique art, young artists will explore different textures and rich colours in their painting projects. This program also features a circle time filled with holiday-themed rhymes, stories, and interactive games.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

5:45–6:45 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe School

Sunday, Dec. 10

9:30–10:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf School

Wednesday Dec. 13

5:45–6:45 p.m.
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Registration begins immediately by completing the [Online Form](#), emailing us at kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca, or leaving a message at 204.669.4043. When registering, please provide the following information:

- Parent/caregiver name
- Names and ages of all children to attend the program
- Home/cellphone number
- Home address
- Email address where you wish to be contacted
- Program(s) you wish to register for (name of program, date, and time)

KINDER LINKS PEN PALS

Introduce your child—ages three to five—to the joys of reading and writing through RETSD's Kinder Links Pen Pals program. Our team of Kinder Links facilitators is looking forward to connecting with preschool families this year. As a Kinder Links Pen Pal, your child will receive a special package in the mail featuring a short letter, notes, songs or rhymes, a joke, stickers, and a seasonal activity to try. The best part of being a pen pal is writing back! We can hardly wait to start receiving letters or drawings from your child(ren). For every letter sent to the Kinder Links office, we'll reply with a special package filled with fun activities for your child. This is an excellent way to get your child excited about literacy while having fun practising their printing, drawing, and numeracy skills. Submissions can be mailed to:

Kelly Martino
Kinder Links Office
Maple Leaf School
251 McIvor Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R2G 0Z7

FREE BABY GIFT FOR NEW PARENTS

Did you just have a baby? River East Transcona School Division and the Early Childhood Matters Parent Child Coalitions in River East and Transcona would like to help you celebrate this wonderful event. We have a book, *I Love It When You*, which we'd love to give to you to keep and enjoy. To receive your FREE book, contact us at kmartino@retsd.mb.ca or 204.669.4043. Please leave us your mailing address, child's name, and date of birth.

KINDER LINKS ADVISORY GROUP

Are you interested in sharing your ideas to help shape Kinder Links parent-child programming? We are recruiting new members for our Kinder Links Advisory Group, which meets virtually to discuss and provide feedback on our free early learning programs. Contact Kinder Links at kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca or 204.669.4043 for more information.

THE EARLY LEARNING TEAM

We are pleased to provide early learning and family support to families living in River East Transcona. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about our preschool initiatives.

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