

# Toddler, Junior, and Senior Preschool Room Newsletter

## April 2020



### Important Dates!

- April 8 – 16 – Passover
- April 10 – Good Friday
- April 12 – Easter
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 23 – Start of Ramadan

- ◆ **Please Note** - Matthew John's *Swing Into Summer Mingler* originally scheduled for the end of May will now be postponed until Fall of 2020 (date TBD) given the current situation with COVID-19 and our concern for the safety of our parents, sponsors, staff, and community. Parents who have already purchased their tickets will be able to use them for the rescheduled event date in the fall. More details to follow over the course of the next couple of months.
- ◆ We have compiled a list of resources and online tools that we wanted to share. We hope you will find some of these helpful during this time at home. They are as follows:
- ◆ Stimola Live is live streaming events for kids, tweens, and teens by professional authors and illustrators - <https://www.stimolalive.com>
- ◆ Real Food For Real Kids is now offering home delivery - <https://delivery.rfrk.com/>. Enter the code **TRYUS10** at checkout for a 10% discount on your order.

- ◆ Rob Joy is offering 2 online music programs for children while we are all sequestered at home during the COVID-19 virus outbreak. These are a great tool for learning and entertainment. The programs are as follows:

- **ONLINE SINGALONG CLUB 4 KIDS**

For those of you who are looking for a fun stay-at-home activity for your children during these challenging times, Rob is offering a weekly online sing-along club for kids. Join him for a guitar-strummin', toe-tappin' musical extravaganza that is fun for children 3 to 6 years of age and their families. This engaging sing-along with guitar is sure to include an appearance from Rob's puppet sidekick "Sluggo".

<https://youtu.be/BBqamxdffME>

*Dates:* Tuesdays – from April 7 to May 12 at 11 a.m. (40 minutes)  
Thursdays – from April 9 to May 14 at 11 a.m. (40 minutes)

*Pricing:*

- \$90 per household

- Group is capped at 12 people to keep the vibe mellow, personal and friendly.

*Contact:* **[snazzy943@aol.com](mailto:snazzy943@aol.com) to sign-up today!**

Space is Limited!!!

- **ONLINE UKULELE LESSONS FOR KIDS**

Looking for a fun stay-at-home activity for your children during these challenging times? Rob is offering online private ukulele lessons for beginners. Music is a creative way to lift spirits, focus the mind and expel boredom and loneliness. By the end of the first lesson Rob guarantees that your child will be able to play their first song! From there, they will learn the chords, play the classics, figure out the favourites and maybe even write a song or two of their own.

The program is open to 5 to 12 year olds and available in the facetime format of your choice including zoom, messenger, skype or hangouts.

*Pricing:* \$40 per 30 minute private lesson payable through e-transfer.

*Contact:* If you are interested in online lessons for your children, send Rob an e-mail at **[snazzy943@aol.com](mailto:snazzy943@aol.com)**.

- ◆ The Canadian Museum of Nature is offering colouring pages for children - <https://nature.ca/en/explore-nature/blogs-videos-more/colouring-pages>
- ◆ The Toronto Zoo is offering live virtual learning and resources for parents. Virtual learning is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., you can join one of the amazing keepers on Facebook Live to learn more about the 5,000 animals at the zoo - <http://www.torontozoo.com/zootoyou>

Similarly, the San Diego Zoo also offers virtual tours and other learning resources - <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

- ◆ The Louvre Museum is also offering online tours - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- ◆ Mad Science offers some great at home experiments and activities to do with your kids - <https://www.madsciencepromo.com/athomeexperiments>
- ◆ Scholastic is offering a number of resources for parents to use while the kids are at home - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/articles/resources/scholastic-learn-at-home--free-resources-for-school-closures.html>
- ◆ Appleseed yoga has online yoga programs for kids - <https://www.appleseedyoga.com/>
- ◆ Some activities for the busy toddler - [https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/?fbclid=IwAR3tYXAqw7tJRAzLExpPcJo4rApLsKtgL0AwghzxgnhwOajc4auX6o12\\_xw](https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/?fbclid=IwAR3tYXAqw7tJRAzLExpPcJo4rApLsKtgL0AwghzxgnhwOajc4auX6o12_xw)
- ◆ There are a number of resources available through Hi Mama – they are as follows:
  - Young Innovators Academy <https://www.younginnovatorsacademy.com/my-programs-page>
  - Buffalo Zoo - [https://www.facebook.com/pg/BufaloZoo/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/BufaloZoo/videos/?ref=page_internal)
  - Books for children:
    - Appropriate and fun stories for young children with embedded lessons: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
    - “Something Strange Happened in my City” by Dr. Yen – This book is available in different languages - <https://sandybabaeece.wixsite.com/covid19referencelist>
- ◆ Free online dance parties for kids – email: [info@getlowdanceco.com](mailto:info@getlowdanceco.com); follow on Instagram to view a live workshop every day at 11 a.m. - [@getlowdanceco](https://www.instagram.com/getlowdanceco)
- ◆ YMCA Live Streaming - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/YMCAAGTA/posts/>