



Bluewater Health Nurses Milly Helps and Laurie Simpson were on hand with Best Start blankets and certificates for two of Lambton's newest citizens. Left: Parents Andrea & Dallas Urquhart show off baby girl Harper with her Best Start blanket and purple hat promoting the infant abuse prevention program, Period of Purple Crying. Below: Parents Tailona and Mike Elliott prepare to take little Maddox home, along with his Best Start blanket.

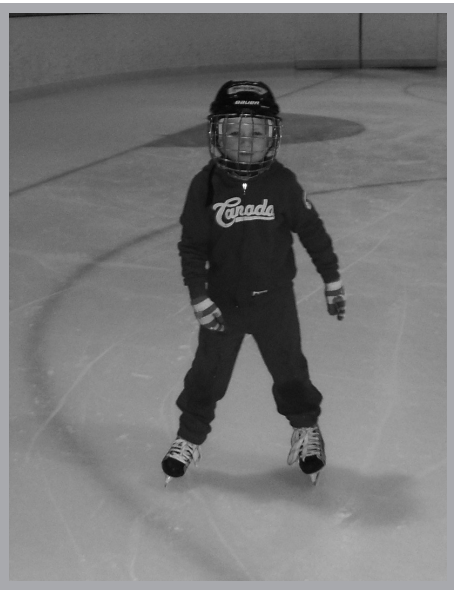


Randi McLachlan, Kiana Charlton and Katie Brandon-Wheeler had the opportunity to not only skate with members of the Sarnia Sting, but to also have a photo taken with Reid Boucher #14 at the Sarnia Sting Team Family Skate. The skate took place after the Friday, November 18 game when the Sting took on Saginaw. Parents and children laced up their skates and skated alongside the Sting.



Stephanie Sumner greeted visitors at the Jerry McCaw Family Centre YMCA in Sarnia where a family swim took place.

Lucie Krohn and daughter Eve took advantage of the free skate and swim at the Mooretown Spots Complex on November 6. While they were there, Eve entered for a chance to win an RESP.



The Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre was a popular place to be on Saturday, November 19 as families took to the ice for a free skate from 3 pm - 5 pm. Hayden Duncan was just one of the many participants.

Learn more about the Children's Charter of Rights and Best Start. Visit www.ourbeststart.ca.

Celebrating National Child Day
Sunday, November 20, 2011

The County of Lambton Children's Services Department, along with its Best Start Partners, celebrated National Child Day for the entire month of November. A variety of special family events took place throughout Lambton County to acknowledge our precious gifts - our children. Here's a look at some of the month's events.



Visitors to the Alvinston Library were treated to an Interactive Story Program, complete with puppets, costumes and crafts on November 18! Visitors talked about the rights of children everywhere. Children's Services Assistant, Lambton County Library, Marilyn Walsh read, "Love and Roast Chicken" by Barbara Knutson, while children from the audience acted out the story. In this trickster tale from the Andes Mountains, a clever guinea pig repeatedly outsmarts the fox that wants to eat him for dinner. The plot twists and turns energetically; in the end, Cuy saves himself from becoming dinner by fooling Tio Antonio yet again. Audience members proved "Love and Roast Chicken" is an all-round laugh-out-loud delight. Afterwards, twenty children made the characters from the story, Cuy (guinea pig) and Tio Antonio (Uncle Fox), to take home with them and retell the story in their own words.



Every child who voted for their favourite right from the County of Lambton / Chatham-Kent Children's Charter of Rights was entered into a draw to win three RESP's valued at \$200 each from TD Canada Trust and one RESP valued at \$200 from Scotia Bank. Above: TD Canada Trust representative Susan Doughty congratulates little Teodora and her mother Olivera Pesic-Jovicvic after selecting their winning ballot. Right: Jackie Major-Daamen from Scotia Bank presents Rileigh Helps with her winning RESP.



One hundred and ten parents and children attended the annual National Child Day Concert at the Sarnia Library Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the My Turn Committee, a group of children's service professionals that promote positive interactions between parents and children. This year's entertainment was "Picks and Sticks", a trio from St. Mary's. They had parents and children dancing in the aisles to tunes like "Dishwasher Boogie, Simon Says and The Na, Na, Na song. Each child received a book to read at home with their family. Thank you to Katherine McCahill for starting the concert with the reading of the Children's Charter of Rights.



Thank You!

Lambton's Best Start Partners thank the following organizations for their contributions that helped make National Child Day a success: Mooretown Sports Complex, the Alvinston and Sarnia Libraries, the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre, the Sarnia Sting and the RBC Centre, Bluewater Health, My Turn Committee, the Jerry McCaw Family Centre YMCA, TD Canada Trust, Scotia Bank.