

POP UP PLAY

Everyone is welcome!



**Space where children can explore,
create, imagine and learn
IN THEIR OWN WAY!**

POP UP PLAY! is a mobile “loose parts” playground and a space for kids to rediscover creative and imaginative play! These playgrounds use a variety of materials and loose parts such as tires, tape, rope, sticks, stones, cardboard and fabric that children are free to use to build, demolish, create and change as they desire.

Onsite play facilitators are there to inspire play and keep the playground safe, but not directly supervise the children. Parents or caregivers must be present – this is not a drop-off program. Everyone is welcome!

The benefits of loose parts free play for children are endless!

Most traditional playgrounds encourage active, structured play that exercises the body through physical activity. Loose parts free play spaces have a positive impact on brain development in children, as well as emotional and social development. **They do so by:**

- Supporting the development of problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Encouraging imagination and creativity
- Allowing for self-directed, open-ended learning
- Encouraging team-work, sharing, negotiating and conflict resolution
- Learning self-advocacy skills
- And much more!

These playgrounds are “popping up” across Canada. They have been created as a result of many studies that found that children needed more “free” and unstructured play opportunities.



**POP UP PLAY! will be “popping up” at local parks
and community agencies across Middlesex County.**

Look for the purple flag featuring Fiona our Hippo friend!

This is a drop-in program. Registration is not required.

Everyone is welcome! For more information visit hkcc.middlesex.ca.

Below is a list of upcoming dates and locations.

Please note that the program is subject to cancellation pending weather.

Tuesday June 19th

North Meadows Public School, Strathroy
9 to 10 a.m. will be open to the community.
North Meadows students will follow a
schedule starting at 9a.m.

Thursday July 12th

Strathroy Conservation Area, Strathroy
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Head Street

Tuesday July 17th

Cenotaph Park, Mount Brydges
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Adelaide Road

Tuesday July 24th

Newbury Ball Park, Newbury
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Hagerty Road

Saturday July 28th

Middlesex EarlyON Centre, Ilderton
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. 40 Heritage Drive

Monday August 13th

Glencoe Ball Park, Glencoe
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Ewen St.

Tuesday August 14th

Cenotaph Park, Mount Brydges
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Adelaide Road

Friday August 17th

Coronation Park, Parkhill
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Broadway

Tuesday August 21st

Newbury Ball Park, Newbury
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Hagerty Road

Thursday August 30th

Strathroy Conservation Area, Strathroy
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Off of Head Street

Wednesday September 12th

Middlesex EarlyON Centre , Ilderton
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 40 Heritage Drive