

Preschool/Kindergarten



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INTRODUCTORY PRESCHOOL

Returning students need to register by Thursday, October 29 for winter classes. Registration for new students begins Friday, October 30. For more information on our preschool program, please call 778-7000.

PROG# 21371
AGES: 3–4 years old
DAYS/DATES: Mon & Tues, Nov 30 – March 2 (no class Dec 21 – Dec 29, Jan 18, Feb 15)
TIME: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte and Nancy Lawrence
COST: \$300/12-week session (optional 2-payment plan is available)

RECREATION PRESCHOOL

Returning students need to register by Thursday, October 29 for winter classes. Registration for new students begins Friday, October 30. For more information on our preschool program, please call 778-7000.

PROG# 21372
AGES: 4–5 years old
DAYS/DATES: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Dec. 2 – March 5 (no class Dec 23 – Jan 1, Feb 12)
TIME: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte and Nancy Lawrence
COST: \$400/12-week session (optional 2-payment plan is available)

TODDLER TIME & COFFEE BREAK

Fall is upon us and so is the weather, which makes it hard to get out of the house to play. That's what is so great about Toddler Time. The Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room is a large, dry, warm, and safe space for your child to play with their tricycle, scooter, or favorite active toy. Parents must supervise their children ages 0-3 at all times. Monthly schedules and Toddler Time rules are available at the gym. This is no longer a staffed program. For questions call 778-7000.

AGES: 0–3 with adult
DAYS/DATES: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 8 through the school year, following the school schedule. Monthly schedules available in program.
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room
COORDINATOR: Greg Hatch
COST: FREE!

KINDERGYM (2-5 year olds)

Spend quality time with your kids and make new friends during this structured and supervised play time. Activities include cooperative play, circle time, open free time, parachute games, dancing, singing and fun with a variety of equipment. Please Note: This is a parent participation class! Parents must accompany and supervise their child at all times. Monthly schedules and Kindergym rules are available at the program.

TIME CARD SYSTEM: In order to help make the program more convenient for participants, this program is offered on a drop-in basis for persons who have pre-purchased 'time' for the program. You may purchase cards on your first visit, if space is still available. We ask that you purchase a minimum of 5 classes per card, and you may attend whichever days best fit your own schedule. Fee is based on \$5.00 per child, per visit. You may purchase a new time card when your old card runs out. Your card expires two months from the purchase date. If your card expires, you may purchase a new card only if there is space in the class. For more information, stop by or call 778-7000.

FALL REGISTRATION: We will have an open house/registration day on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Cards will be sold on a first-come first-served basis starting at 10 a.m.

AGES: 2–5 years old with adult
DAYS/DATES: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Sept 9 through the school year, following the school schedule. Monthly schedules available in program.
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room
COST: \$5/session, \$25 min. purchase of timecard, timecards purchased at class
INSTRUCTOR: Jeva Morton

SENSATIONAL TODDLERS

This is an inclusive parent-child play program for children 18 to 36 months of age. You and your child can explore learning through a variety of motor, sensory and perceptual activities. See how creative those little hands can be as they 'get messy' with paint, play dough, glue, glitter and goop! The kid-friendly environment at Whatcom Center for Early Learning (WCEL) is just the thing to spark your child's imagination. Active parent participation, along with hands-on teaching by staff from WCEL will encourage skill building in all areas of your child's development. Wear an old T-shirt, bring a change of clothes, and get ready for some 'sense'-ational learning. Co-sponsored by Bellingham Parks and Recreation and the Whatcom Center for Early Learning.

Minimum must be met one week before first class

PROG# 21373
SESSION 1
DAY/DATES: Tuesdays, Sept 22 – Nov 10

PROG# 21374
SESSION 2
DAY/DATES: Thursdays, Sept 24 – Nov 12

AGES: 18–36 months old (please specify child's age in months)
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Whatcom Center for Early Learning, 2001 'H' Street (cross street is Girard, one block south of Broadway)
COST: \$99
INSTRUCTORS: WCEL staff
MIN: 8 **MAX:** 12

RAMBLING

Splat, poke, peek, dig, run, skip, jump, and climb. Look under rocks and in the trees to see what we can find! When we ramble we explore our vast and varied environment, learn about nature and meet new friends. This time we will bid adieu to the warm sunny days of summer and greet the great windy days of fall. Come and see the many bugs along Connelly Creek, the falls at Whatcom Falls Park and the beaver pond at the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve. All walks are easy to moderate and very kid friendly. We will meet at the trail head, driving directions and an itinerary are available upon registration. Bring a snack and dress for the weather, mud boots are always a good idea.

PROG# 21375
DAY/DATES: Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15
TIME: 10:30-noon
LOCATION: Locations vary
AGES: preschoolers with adult
COST: \$10 per child
COORDINATOR: Cori Kauk
MIN: 6 **MAX:** 10

Program Registration begins Tuesday, September 8 at 8 a.m.

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BOO! AT BLOEDEL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

For children Preschool through 2nd grade, this candy-free carnival has become a Bellingham favorite! Try your luck at over a dozen game booths like donut on a string, freaky fish-pond, pumpkin bowling, tombstone roll, and more! There is a prize for every game, and everybody is always a winner! Children and parents are encouraged to wear their costumes and you can get your face painted to complete your look. Bring your trick-or-treat container to collect prizes and come have a great time!

AGES: 2nd grade and younger
DAY/DATE: Saturday, October 31
TIME: 4:30–6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room
COST: \$2 per child, adults free
COORDINATOR: Cori Kauk

PUPPETS PLEASE MARIONETTES

This holiday show is sure to please as the puppets sing, dance, and laugh their way into your child's heart. This mother-daughter puppeteer team has been entertaining audiences for years with their show in the round. Come early for a front row seat.

AGES: Preschoolers with Adults
DAY/DATE: Thursday, December 10
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room
COST: \$2 per person at the door
COORDINATOR: Cori Kauk

Youth



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SKATEBOARDING INSTRUCTION

In this introductory skateboarding class students will learn how to push on their boards, hone in on balancing and the

basics in ollies. Youth will learn skateboarding etiquette, safety, and beginner level tricks. This class is recommended for youth who just got a board for the first time or who have little experience riding. Boarders of all ages need to gain confidence in a supportive environment to reach their full potential. There is a growing number of girl skaters, so for all you girls who want to learn to skate, sign up for one of these classes or check out the Skater Girl Class. Helmet and skateboard required; knee, elbow and wrist pads highly recommended.

PROG# 21367
AGES: 5–8 years old
(parental assistance recommended)
TIME: 9–10 a.m.

PROG# 21379
AGES: 9–12 years old
TIME: 10:15–11:15 a.m.
DAY/DATE: Saturday, September 26
LOCATION: Sehome High School Covered Shelter
COST: \$12
INSTRUCTOR: Troy Peterson
MIN: 2 **MAX:** 11

SKATER GIRL

In this introductory skateboarding class for GIRLS, we will learn how to push our boards, hone in on balancing and cover the basics in ollies. Girls will learn skateboarding etiquette, safety and beginner level tricks. This class is recommended for girls who just got a board for the first time or who have little experience riding. Girls, are you bummed that your brother is a good rider and he has tons of friends to ride with? Well, now is your chance to get out there and gain some skills and maybe meet some girls your age to ride with. Helmet and skateboard required; knee, elbow and wrist pads highly recommended. Group will be divided into appropriate age groups and abilities.

PROG# 21380
AGES: 5–12 years old (parental assistance recommended for 8 and under)
DAY/DATE: Saturday, September 26
TIME: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Sehome High School Covered Shelter
COST: \$12
INSTRUCTOR: Troy Peterson
MIN: 2 **MAX:** 11

For information call (360)778-7000 (or 778-7011 TDD) or visit www.cob.org/ezreg