



Newsletter – September



Walk-a-Thon

As announced on the site, we will be having a Walk-a-Thon for the Ronald McDonald House. On Sunday September 20th we will be walking the Hamilton Beach Trail together. It will be a FUN day with LOTS of excellent prizes to be won by participants.

Check out the main page of the site to download your pledge sheet. Please keep in mind that tax receipts will be available for larger donations. Just give me the person's name, address and donation amount along with your pledge sheet and the Ronald McDonald House will send them a receipt for their donation.

After our walk, we will be drawing a whole bunch of door prizes for participants! Some of these donations include:

Citizen Kid - \$25 gift certificate
Classy Bee Gifts – Baby gift set
Mapleview Mall – \$25 gift certificate
Chatters Indoor Playground – a \$60 play card
Hamilton's Children Museum – museum passes
Goodlife Fitness – gym bag and book
Friends in Fitness for Women – 3 month membership
AND MORE!!!!!!

Be sure to register for the Walk-a-Thon on our calendar so I know who to expect. Any amount you can raise would be amazing – one step closer to our goal!

Colder Weather and New Events

As the weather starts to get cooler, we will be having more indoor events. There are some new activities in the works that I will be adding to the calendar as they are set in stone.

If anyone has any suggestions, an event they would like to see, or would like to host an event themselves, please let me know! I'm always open to suggestions and want the site to work for every member ☺

Fall Picnic

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! The weather has worked with us for the most part – barely any of our events were cancelled due to rain! And although fall has seemed to come a bit earlier than usual, it's always a wonderful feeling for our pregnant friends to not have to bear that summer heat any longer.

We will be having a Social Mamas fall picnic at Bronte Creek Provincial Park on Sunday September 13th! This picnic can include any family members wanting to attend as well. Bronte Creek has lots to offer, including a play barn, animals to pet, nature centre, trails, and more! For more info on the day, check out the event calendar - and be sure to register!

Home for Dinner

We will be doing the Home for Dinner program at the Ronald McDonald House on September 15th this month. We still have two spots open, so sign up while you can!

Please note that if you do sign up, you are committed to this event. We have to feed 30 people and need your help! We need a full commitment, so please be sure you can make the event if you register.

MamaPreneur Group

For moms who own their own business or are interested in running their own business, join our fabulous MamaPreneur Group!

We meet once per month at the Fortinos next to Limeridge Mall where we discuss our businesses, focus on a business topic, listen to guest speakers and most importantly, NETWORK!

Come out and meet other moms doing the same thing you are – running a household and a business! For more info, check the Events Calendar for our next MamaPreneur Meeting.

Featured Business – Antz in Your Pantz

Hi fellow moms,

Have you ever gone to a play centre where the kids were having a blast, but as the parent, you couldn't do much beyond stand and watch them play? Well as a mom of two (Sophie is 3 and Jamie is almost 2), there's a really good chance I was standing there right beside you. I still clearly remember having yet another sleepless night I packed my then infant and toddler into the car and headed to a play centre. My daughter had so much fun. But there I stood wishing I had sprouted another arm so I could have brought some much needed coffee as I watched Sophie try to play on a structure that wasn't quite age appropriate. And then it happened, I soon discovered I had brought the diaper bag that was still a work in progress.... no snacks, no drinks, no diapers. I frantically scrounged and came up with six raisins, four cheerios and an odd sock. Needless to say by the time we left we were all cranky and in desperate need of a nap.

It was that night I began working on a business idea – an Indoor Play Centre that was ADULT friendly. After a year and a half of research, development and sleepless nights (but who doesn't have sleepless nights as a mom?), we proudly opened our doors.

Antz In Your Pantz is Oakville's newest Indoor Play Centre. We're 5500 square feet of fun and excitement and focus predominantly on younger children. We have a 32 foot structure specifically designed for little ones, look-out towers, a rock-climbing wall but also many toys that sparks a child's imagination. The best part is we pride ourselves on being adult friendly. We have ample of leather couches, complimentary coffee, healthy snack options, a big screen TV (that does not have to be on TreeHouse), toys that are cleaned daily and activities in house for both parents and children alike. For example, in September alone we're starting baby signing, toddler yoga and music classes. For parents we have an aesthetician, RMT, scrapbooking and a Small Business Trade Show.

It has been quite a steep learning curve but I have to say that I've finally found my passion. Since January we've had over 200 parties and we are thrilled to have won awards for Best Indoor Play Centre, Best Kids Parties and Best New Business in Oakville. I hope you can stop by and check us out. And don't worry if you realize that you accidentally brought your diaper bag that's a work in progress we're moms too and we've got you covered!!!



Antz In Your Pantz Inc. – It's Where Great Parties Happen!

SEPTEMBER CONTEST

Everyone LOVES a contest! To the winner of our September contest, we will be giving away **family pass to Antz in Your Pantz** – our featured business of the month!

Everyone who attends an event this month will be entered into our draw. The draw will take place through www.random.org to choose a random winner.

Congratulations to Ashley who won our August contest – a Greentainer, stainless steel food storage container and a 18oz Klean Kanteen stainless steel beverage bottle in black from *For Baby With Love!*

Monthly Quote

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around – and why his parents will always wave back.

~ William D. Tammeus

Events to look forward to this month

Picnic Bronte Creek Provincial Park – September 13th

Home for Dinner at RMH – September 15th

Trip to Safari Niagara – September 16th

Walk-a-Thon – September 20th

Cooking with the Kids – September 25th



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