## **Getting Ready For School**

## Going to school for the first time is a family experience!

A fun introduction to school for families and their children with special needs.

## Locations/Dates/Times:

<u>St. Thomas</u> – John Wise Public School, 100 Parkside Dr. July 10-13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Register online at <u>https://grfsjuly102017st.eventbrite.ca</u> or <u>London</u> – Cleardale Public School, 780 Dulaney Dr., London July 17-20, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Register online at <u>https://grfsjuly172017.eventbrite.ca</u> or <u>London</u> – Cleardale Public School, 780 Dulaney Dr., London July 24-27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Register online at <u>https://grfsjuly242017.eventbrite.ca</u>



**Register**: Please express interest by registering adults and children online at the links provided above or call Carrie at 519-685-8700, ext 53367 by **May 5, 2017**. Spaces are limited; there will be a process to match client/family needs with this group.

**Question/Other Information:** Parents need to be onsite during the program and participate in the parent discussion group. There is no childcare for siblings during this group. If childcare is a barrier to participation, please contact Monique Van Kessel at 519 685-8700, ext 53391 or <u>monique.vankessel@tvcc.on.ca</u> by May 5, 2017 to discuss possible options.

**Children with special needs** will take a peek at typical kindergarten activities and routines each day. This program is designed for children who have not had a previous preschool experience. There will be opportunities for children to practice social, language, fine motor skills and gross motor skills that are connected to kindergarten activities. Support to enhance student success will be provided by TVCC clinicians and volunteers. **Parents** will participate in group discussions about kindergarten, preparation for transitions, school processes, parent/school relationships and curriculum. Parents will have an opportunity to view video tape of their child participating in the program. Guest speakers from the school boards and the TVCC school aged program will be available to share information and answer questions.

**Peers** will be included in this group to help support participant success. If you know a JK/SK student who might be interested in this leadership opportunity please contact Monique Van Kessel at 519 685-8700, ext 53391 or monique.vankessel@tvcc.on.ca.

