

Artspace for children

'Artspace for Children,' offering developmental arts courses in theatre, dance, music, crafts and the visual arts will be available to the children of Fort St. John starting next September. The program, sponsored by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council will operate out of the Artspace and offer five six-week sessions from September 1983 to June, 1984. There will be classes

for children from preschool age to 12 year olds.

Various course offerings have been proposed and are currently being developed by community professionals with training and experience in their individual fields.

The courses are 'Theatre for Children' including Mime, improvisation, stagecraft and puppetry; pottery including introduction to clay, glazes,

progressing to a wheel; visual arts including six-week sessions in painting, fabric art, printmaking and more; music has various programs are under consideration, from a rhythm band where younger children make their own instruments, to choral programs; Dance is a variety of programs from Scottish Country dancing to Creative Music to

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'Happy Feet' the well-established and highly-successful program of music and movement for preschoolers, will continue as part of 'Artspace for Children.'

Registrations for classes will be held in September.

Do you have artistic training and experience, and a course you would like to teach within the framework of 'Artspace for Children?' We would appreciate your input and would like to hear from you by April 18.

Please phone us at the Artspace, phone 765-1983 or the co-ordinator 765-2758.

Happy feet at preschool

Creative movement workshops for three to five year old boys and girls will be held in June for five weeks. The workshops entitled 'Happy Feet' are the result of numerous requests to the Fort St. John Community Arts Council for activity which would interest preschoolers.

Four sessions will be held on Tuesday morning at Stage North from June 1 to June 29. Each session is one-half hour for a fee of \$8 for five sessions.

Registration is on Tuesday, May 25 at Stage North from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sheryl Ferguson, with the assistance of Barb Tontsch will conduct the 'Happy Feet.' Sheryl has had dance training and both are interested in providing activity for preschoolers. The ladies are designing a program geared to each age level for the maximum enjoyment for the children.

For further information please phone 785-5015 or 785-6214.

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THE HAPPY FEET MUSIC and movement for preschoolers has found a warmer place to practice. They have moved from Stage North to the Artspace downtown. Happy Feet is sponsored by FSJ Arts Council and taught by Sheryl Ferguson and Barb Tontsch.



HAPPY FEET, PRESCHOOL movement to music, had their performance sessions for the parents in the Artspace last week. Among the Christmasland decorations, the children danced to their favorite songs, making parents chuckle at the unique

actions to some old and new songs learned in this fall session of Jappy Feet. The program will be held again with registration in the last week of February. Over 50 children were enrolled in four classes held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Happy feet going again

A preschool program for movement to music has had two successful sessions last year and plans are under way to offer another

two months of the popular activity. Parents are welcome to attend a one-hour workshop on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. to

become familiar with the catchy tunes the youngsters learn at Happy Feet.

Organizer and instructor, Sheryl Ferguson, said in a recent interview that, "Parents have been asking us to teach them the songs and movements because

the kids like to do them at home and sometimes forget part of a song." The tunes are catchy songs written particularly for children by such popular performers as Raffi and Sharon, Lois and Bram.

Registration for the next two months of Happy Feet

will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 to 11:30 immediately following the tree workshop for parents. Another registration will be held on Wednesday Feb. 23 at 2 pm to 3 pm. Sessions will begin in March on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Phone 785-5015 or 785-3979 for additional information.



HAPPY FEET movement to music gets children used to listening to and keeping in time with music as well as singing. Several groups of children led by volunteer mothers meet in the Artspace Tuesdays and

Thursdays. Contact Sheryl Ferguson at 785-5015 for further details. A small fee is charged to cover expenses.

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