



# Surrey Early Speech & Language Program

Bright futures  
for Children

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## Spring & Summer



## 2014

### May-June

- May 16 - K-Kids Clinic
- May 19 - Victoria Day (closed)
- May 25 - Walk-a-thon
- Jun. 13 - K-Kids Clinic

### July-August

- Jul. 1 - Canada Day (closed)
- Jul. 7 - 'Playing with Sounds'  
speech group begins
- Jul. 8 - 'Communication Station'  
language group begins
- Jul. 11 - K-Kids Clinic
- Aug. 4 - BC Day (closed)

**Groups, classes and camps are by invitation. If you would like more information about a particular program, please don't hesitate to contact us.**

## Updates

### \*Walk-a-thon\*

Please join us in our 13th annual Elks and Royal Purple **Bright Futures Walk-a-Thon on May 25th** at Campbell Valley Regional Park in Langley. Help raise awareness of speech and hearing challenges, while helping to raise funds for the services and programs offered by the Society. This fun event will include a barbeque and activities for the whole family! Please visit our website, [www.seslp.org](http://www.seslp.org), for more information.

### A Welcoming Smile

The friendly face greeting you at SESLP is our newest addition to the team. We are thrilled to welcome Maggie Fan, who joins our team as our new Program Assistant. A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to Val Matthews, who worked as SESLP's previous Program Assistant for 25 years. Luckily, Val has not gone far and you can still say 'hello' to her at the Main building, where she continues as Program Assistant for the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre's program.

### Your SLPs

Megan MacLeod joined the SESLP team in the Spring of 2013, filling Alex Lay's position while she was away on maternity leave. Megan will be continuing on with the team as a permanent member. While Alex will not be returning to SESLP, we are happy to announce she will be continuing with the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre, at the Main building. Congratulations Megan, and thank you Alex for all your dedication and hard work!

### A Summer Visitor

SESLP is excited to announce an additional team member for the Summer. From June through July the Program will be joined by Sara Benetti, a student speech-language pathologist in her final placement. Welcome, Sara!

### Language Tip of the Season:

With the sunshine finally here, it's time to get out and about! Whether your plan is a day at the beach or a week away, family outings are a perfect time to enrich your child's language. Develop your child's language concepts related to time by talking about a trip in advance; talk about when you will go ('next month,' 'tomorrow') and show him/her on a calendar. Discuss your itinerary ('First, we'll take the bus to the beach. Then, we'll eat our picnic...etc.) Long trips by bus, car, or plane are a great time to play rhyme games, an important pre-literacy skill. When you arrive at your destination you are sure to see lots of things to talk about! Describe what you see and use a variety of vocabulary words ('Look at the crab's *sharp pincers!* It's shell is so *hard* and *bumpy*'...). Ask your SLP for more ideas or come up with your own!