

SCHOOL VISITS

**GRADES
K—12**

**SEPTEMBER 2025
— JUNE 2026**

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Welcome!

The **School Visits** team is excited to welcome you and your students to another year of hands-on, inquiry-based learning at Harbourfront Centre. Our programs are designed to foster creativity and personal growth while connecting to the Ontario Curriculum all taught by our talented Educators. We remain committed to creating an inclusive and accessible community that explores contemporary arts and culture through experiential learning!

Did you know you can bring divisions, grade teams (even the whole school) all on the same day with just one registration? Many schools return year after year for divisional art days and student-selected activity days. It's an excellent opportunity to build community with other students. For more information, please reach out to our Registrar directly.

We look forward to hosting you and your students soon!

Sincerely,

Brittany
and the School Visits Team



Plan Your Trip

Before booking

- Know the grade level(s) and total number of students.
- Decide on the duration of your visit - full or half-day.

Please note half-day ONLY programs are available September to March.

- Check your school calendar and select two possible dates.
- Explore our website or brochure to select your program(s).

How to book

Complete the online registration form on our website:



After booking

- Return signed contract and media release form, if applicable.
- Pay the deposit or submit a Purchase Order number.
- Arrange transportation - School bus, TTC, Go Transit or walking.
- Check out the pre-visit activities posted on the website.
- Distribute and collect permission forms and fees.

Legend

CWS Canadian & World Studies

DAN The Arts - Dance

DRA The Arts - Drama

FNMI First Nations, Metis and Inuit Studies

GEO/HIS Geography/History

MUS The Arts - Music


SS Social Studies

SCI Science

VA The Arts - Visual Arts

FR This program is available in French (subject to teacher availability)

OFFSITE All or part of this program is taught at a location other than Harbourfront Centre

 Half-Day

 Full-Day



Core Programs

Our core programs take place onsite at Harbourfront Centre's 10-acre waterfront campus, giving your students the chance to explore **Visual Arts, Performing Arts or Urban Studies**.

These programs run from September to June, with both half-day and full-day options available.

KINDERGARTEN

All programs offered for kindergarten students are half-day programs. If you would like a full-day experience for your students, you can pair two half-day programs together.

NEW: As part of our Kindergarten Performing Arts and Urban Studies programs, all students will engage in a campus walk that will include the Craft & Design Studio and current exhibitions.

VISUAL ARTS

FR VA

- 🕒 Clay - Masks
- 🕒 Painting - Colour Explorations
- 🕒 Printmaking - Kinder Collograph

PERFORMING ARTS

FR DAN

- 🕒 Dance - Creative Movement
- 🕒 Dance - Primary Hip Hop

URBAN STUDIES

FR SS

- 🕒 Onsite - Harbourfront Centre Discovery Walk: Community Helpers Focus

GRADES 1-3

All programs offered in the primary/junior panel are half-day programs (approx. 90 minutes long). If you would like a full-day experience for your students, you can pair two half-day programs together.

VISUAL ARTS

FR SS VA

- 🕒 Clay - Masks
- 🕒 Mixed Media - Painted Creatures
- 🕒 Mixed Media - Storytelling
- 🕒 Printmaking - Young Collograph
- 🕒 Textile Arts - Family Portraits

PERFORMING ARTS

FR DAN SS

- 🕒 Dance - Creative Movement
- 🕒 Dance - Primary Hip Hop

URBAN STUDIES

FR SS SCI

- 🕒 Onsite - Harbourfront Centre Discovery Walk: The Waterfront Community



GRADES 4-8

For the junior/intermediate panel, you can concentrate on one artistic discipline for a full-day or pair two half-day programs to meet multiple curriculum connections.

VISUAL ARTS

FR SS VA

- Clay - Building Beasts
- Clay - Masks
- Clay - Sculptures (Grades 7-8) **NEW**
- Mixed Media - Explorations in Watercolour
- Mixed Media - Random Acts of Paint (Grades 4-6)
- Printmaking - Collagraph
- Printmaking - Lino
- Printmaking - Reduction Lino (Grades 7-8)
- Textile Arts - Community Activism (Grades 4-6)
- Textile Arts - Changing the Social Fabric (Grades 7-8)

PERFORMING ARTS

DAN DRA FR MUS SS

- Dance - Contemporary
- Dance - Latin
- Dance - Urban
- Drama - Improv
- Music - Body Percussion: Rhythms and Sounds - **REVISED**

URBAN STUDIES

SCI SS GEO/HIS

- On-site - Harbourfront Centre Discovery Walk: Aquatic Habitats and Biodiversity (Grades 4-6)
- On-site - Sustainable City (Grades 7-8)
- Off-site - Kensington Market & Chinatown

GRADES 9-12

Our programs offer an enriching experience for students across all disciplines. Do you have a specific focus or course you are interested in bringing to our programs? Be sure to ask when you submit your registration form.

VISUAL ARTS

FR SS VA

- Clay - Building Beasts
- Clay - Masks
- Clay - Sculptures **NEW**
- Mixed Media - Explorations in Watercolour
- Printmaking - Collagraph
- Printmaking - Lino
- Printmaking - Reduction Lino
- Textile Arts - Changing the Social Fabric

PERFORMING ARTS

DAN DRA

- Dance - Contemporary
- Dance - Latin
- Dance - Urban

URBAN STUDIES

CWS FNMI

- On-site - Sustainable City
- Off-site - Kensington Market/ Chinatown

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs

Our SHSM programs provide students with a certificate for participation in a three-hour workshop, meeting the requirements set by the Ontario Ministry of Education. Before your workshop, our team will collect information regarding your SHSM students and develop sector-specific content to ensure the workshop meets your students' learning goals. Please get in touch with our Registrar to discuss details.

\$25/student.



Seasonal Programs

Don't miss out on a chance to take part in one of our Seasonal Programs – available for a limited time each school year. Spots fill up quickly, so be sure to book in advance to secure your spot.

Exploring Truth and Reconciliation

SEP 2025 – JAN 2026

GRADES 4–8

● **FULL-DAY**

Harbourfront Centre is committed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. To this end, we continue to provide various educational opportunities to support you and your students in building connections to the cultural and artistic expression of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures. Students will explore different forms of governance and what that means in the history of treaty-making between Indigenous and settler groups in the Great Lakes region. Students will have discussions surrounding land rights and make a personal commitment to reconciliation through the creation of a visual art piece.

This program will be co-facilitated by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Educators and is suitable both as introductory content and for those with more extensive knowledge.

Please note this program has a limit of one class per day.

Regular School Visits rates apply.

Block Printing

NOV – DEC 2025

GRADES 4-8

● **HALF-DAY**

In this half-day program, students will learn how block printmaking artists draw inspiration from the world around them. In class, students will design a printing plate using foam and print it using a repeat pattern to create their artwork, perfect for cards or gift wrapping.

Regular School Visits rates apply.



Screen Printing

JAN – MAR 2026

GRADES 4-12

● **FULL-DAY**

In this full-day program, students will explore how textile arts have impacted social change across diverse communities. They will use this as inspiration to design and screen-print their own wearable patch, bringing awareness to a social justice issue that is of importance to them.

Please note that this program has a limit of one class per day.

Regular School Visits rates apply.



Building Connections to the Land NEW

FEB – JUN 2026

GRADES 1-3

● **FULL-DAY**

Students will gain an understanding of Indigenous connections to land and place, while engaging in an experiential learning opportunity as they explore the waterfront community. Following a community walk, students will create an artwork in response to their personal connections to land and place; experimenting with shapes, colours, lines and textures to express their reflections.

Please note that this program has a limit of two classes per day. This program will be facilitated by non-Indigenous Educators.

Regular School Visits rates apply.



Waterfront Explorations

MAY – JUN 2026

GRADES K–6

● **FULL-DAY**

● **HALF-DAY**

Take your classroom outdoors with our seasonal Waterfront Explorations program! Set against the scenic backdrop of our 10-acre campus, students will learn about the habitats, biodiversity and ecosystems surrounding us. Pair any two half-day programs to enjoy a full-day experience. Half-Day ONLY programs are available upon request. Choose from the following:

VISUAL ARTS

VA SS SCI

- Clay – Fish (Grades K–6)
- Clay – Underwater Creatures (Grades 4–8)

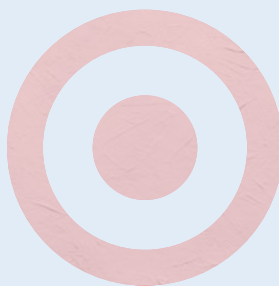
URBAN STUDIES

SS GEO/HIS CWS SCI

- On-site – Discover the Waterfront Community Walk (Grades K–3)
- On-site – Discover the Waterfront Habitat Walk (Grades 4–6)

Please note you cannot combine Waterfront Explorations programs with School Visits Core Programs when booking.

Regular School Visits rates apply.



Special Programs

Special Programs are limited-time offerings that take advantage of partner organizations, special exhibitions in our galleries, performances, festivals and other events at Harbourfront Centre.

Dance Days

In Partnership with DanceWorks

OCT 20-24, 2025 AND APR 27-MAY 1, 2026

GRADES 7-12

● **FULL-DAY**

Let's celebrate dance! Students will have the opportunity to explore three different dance styles throughout the day. Each dance style will be a 60-minute session with a scheduled 30-minute lunch break. It's a fun, active and engaging way for students to experience the art of dance, brought to you in collaboration with DanceWorks!

Please note different dance styles will be offered in October and April. Check our website for further details.

\$25/student

Forest of Reading

In Partnership with Ontario Library Association

MAY 2026

GRADES K-12

● **FULL-DAY**

Join us for the Forest of Reading® Festival, co-produced by Harbourfront Centre and the Ontario Library Association! Forest of Reading® is Canada's largest recreational reading program. Celebrate your favourite authors, participate in workshops, get an autograph and celebrate the magic of reading!



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

General Information

Booking Confirmation

To confirm your booking, please return your signed booking contract and your deposit within 14 days of receiving confirmation.

A \$250 deposit is required for all non-TDSB bookings.

For TDSB schools paying through the Purchase Order process, no deposit is required. Purchase Orders should be made in the full amount owing to confirm your visit.

Changes to your Booking

If a booking needs to be rescheduled, a minimum of 14 days' notice is required.

The deposit will be applied to the new booking date. Once bookings have been made, additional changes to the visit date or program choice are subject to an administration fee of \$50 per change.

Cancellations

Cancellations requested in writing 14 days before the visit date will be cancelled at no charge and any deposit made will be refunded. If the booking is cancelled within 14 days of the original visit date, the deposit will be forfeit and a new deposit will be required for any future bookings.

Failure to confirm your booking is not considered a cancellation, and groups will be charged our minimum fee.

Program Times

Full-Day 10AM–2PM
(unless otherwise requested)

Half-Day 10–11:30AM
(unless otherwise requested)

Half-day options are only available September to March.

Program Fees

Full-Day \$17 per student

Combine Two Half-Days \$17 per student

Half-Day only \$14 per student
(indoor lunch space is NOT guaranteed)

SHSM \$25 per student

For groups of 15 or less, our flat rate will apply

Full-Day Flat Rate \$260

Half-Day Flat Rate \$210

School Visits programs are tax-free.

Subsidies

Subsidies are available on a case-by-case basis for schools in demonstrated financial need. Please contact the Registrar for information regarding eligibility.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



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