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Rock'n'Rainbow Puts Their "Hands Together Hands Apart" in their latest video!

Rock'n'Rainbow has another new video from their new **Let's Boogie** Album. "Hands Together Hands Apart" may be an old favourite, but you haven't heard it like this - with a funky calypso beat! Join Lady Red as she takes you up, down, and through a little dance to the rhythm of the islands.



Rock'n'Rainbow videos have over 100K views - see them all at rocknrainbow.com

Let's Boogie CD Wins 2015 Parents' Choice Recommended Award

"With a driving, percussive beat and an anti-couch potato theme, the Rock 'n' Rainbow band rock 'n rolls through songs that extol the joys of riding bikes and scooters and invites participation." Read more at www.parents-choice.org.

Get your copy at the Rainbow Songs shop, Amazon.ca, or iTunes. **Let's Boogie** can now also be selected as a free bonus CD for early bird registrants.

Howdytoons Debuts on Youtube

Check out youtube.com/howdytoons - it's a great place to find all your favourite Youtube videos from Rock'nRainbow, Dinostory and Rainbow Songs. You can even see how videos like Baby Shark or T Rex were made!



Keep the jam going between classes! Visit the relaunched **Rainbow Songs Shop** for all your CD, ukulele and rhythm instrument needs! For teens and adults on the go, why not try a Xootr this spring? <http://toronto.rainbowsongs.com/shop/>

Welcome David and Nancy!

We're pleased to welcome our newest instructors, David Lewis and Nancy Bourassa, to Rainbow Songs!

After 8 years as a camp counsellor, leading songs around the campfire, David is excited to join the Rainbow Songs team. David, whom many of you met during Winter session training, will be teaching this Spring at our Bathurst and Eglinton, Danforth Village and Roncesvalles locations.

Nancy comes with 10 years of experience as a performer and artist educator. She will be training with our experienced instructors throughout the Spring session. Please feel free to say "Hi!" if you get to meet her in your class.



Tax Receipts Now Available Online

As you may know, Rainbow Songs enrollment is eligible for both the **Ontario Children's Activity Tax Credit** and the **federal Children's Arts Tax Credit**. You can download a single tax receipt with information for all your children by logging into your account at www.rainbowsongs.com. Tax receipts are available for classes attended in 2014 or in previous years.

For all the latest Rainbow news, plus fun links and useful family resources, be sure to **Like us on Facebook** and **follow us on Twitter** (@RainbowSongs)!

Summer Registration Now Open

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our **Summer 2015** session starts on July 6 - schedule available now on our website. You can register online - visit www.rainbowsongs.com and select "Enroll" at the top of the screen. Classes fill up **very** quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment!

Sickness Policy

Spring is here, and with it a range of coughs and colds. If your child has a **fever, rash, is vomiting, or has pink eye**, please **do not bring them to class**. These are signs that your child is probably contagious and could infect others in the class.

For other ailments, please use your discretion when deciding whether to attend class. If you are sick and potentially contagious, but your child is fine, please consider either missing the class, or arranging for another caregiver to bring your child. We also encourage people to **use the hand sanitizers** we provide at each location. Good hand hygiene drastically reduces the spread of illness.

Our sickness policy is available at: <http://www.rainbowsongs.com/sickness-policy>

Thanks for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

Special Theme Weeks

Earth Week: April 20-27

With Earth Day being too short to really do justice to our planet, Rainbow Songs is happy to have an entire Earth Week of classes. Songs with eco-friendly themes will help us welcome spring and celebrate the Earth.

Animal Week: May 25-30

During Animal Week we will be singing songs about our favourite animals. You are encouraged to come to class dressed in your best animal gear or perhaps with a favourite stuffed animal.



Rainbow Songs Foundation Updates & Programs

Meet Willow, our latest ECHOage birthday party hero!

Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) is a proud partner of ECHOage – an online birthday party planning tool with a charity-giving twist that allows children to receive a gift they want, while supporting a charity of their choice!

This month, we want to highlight our newest ECHOage hero, Willow! Willow is an amazing little girl who supported the Rainbow Songs Foundation as part of her 5th birthday party. Below she tells us a bit about her birthday!

Why did you choose to support the Rainbow Songs Foundation?

“Because my sister goes there for music class and I went there too when I was little. I wanted to help kids who couldn’t get music to enjoy Rainbow Songs classes. I really love to sing and dance and that’s why I think music is important.”

Why did you chose an American Girl doll as your gift?

“Because that’s a really expensive doll and that’s the best doll ever, so I really wanted it. I love her so much, she has blond hair, a nice hairbrush, and her name is Charlotte. I really love brushing her hair.”

Happy Birthday Willow!

To learn more about ECHOage, please visit www.ECHOage.com.

To learn more about RSF or to make a donation in support of providing high-quality, interactive music programs to families with young children living in shelters cross the GTA, please visit us at <http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com>

