

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency

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2017 Statutory Holidays

Monday	May 22	Victoria Day
Saturday	July 1	Canada Day - Day in lieu is MONDAY July 3rd
Monday	August 7	Heritage Day
Monday	September 4	Labour Day
Monday	October 9	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday	November 11	Remembrance Day - Observed on Saturday, no day in lieu
Monday	December 25	Christmas Day

Providers are entitled to statutory holidays off with pay. If you will be taking additional days off before or after these holidays, as a courtesy, please inform your provider well in advance of your planned holidays.

Provider Appreciation



May is Provider Appreciation Month with the Friday before Mother's Day, May 12th, being Provider Appreciation Day.

We encourage you to celebrate the hard work, dedication, commitment, compassion and support your provider provides you and your child.

Here are a few ideas on how you can show your appreciation.

Say Thank You - bake a special treat - bring her a tea or coffee - make her a handmade card with your child - make her a special gift with your child - bring her flowers - give her a hug!

Showing her a little love and appreciation will always make her day!

Celebrating Our Providers

We will be holding our Annual Provider Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday May 13th.

It is a special time set aside to celebrate our providers, recognize their successes and honor their dedication to the field of childcare.

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency is celebrating two of our providers on their very special anniversaries



Delores is celebrating 30 years



Twilligh is celebrating 25 years

All providers who are celebrating their fifth anniversary, followed by five year increments, are celebrated. Provider's who are celebrating their 20th and beyond anniversary, receive an extra special recognition from the agency. The provider is visited by Debi and their consultant where they are presented with flowers, and a gift certificate for dinner. All Providers celebrating a milestone anniversary are recognized at our Provider Appreciation luncheon and receive a certificate of service and a monetary gift.

With winter weather hopefully gone for a few months it is a good time to ensure your child is sent with appropriate clothing for the spring weather. Boots and splash pants can make outside time more enjoyable for your child as can having an extra change of clothing if they get a little muddy or wet while playing outside.



Sunscreen and sunglasses ensure sun safety year round.

Introducing Ages and Stages - ASQ-3

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency will be introducing a developmental screening program. Because your child's first five years of life are so important, we want to help you provide the best start for your child.

As part of this service, we will be providing the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3), to help you keep track of your child's development.

A questionnaire will be provided that is specific to your child's age grouping. You will be asked to answer questions regarding your child's development. The screening tool is tracking that your child is reaching developmental milestones for their age.

The questionnaire includes questions about your child's communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social skills.

In most cases the questionnaire will show that your child is developing without concerns. If the questionnaire shows possible concerns, we would contact you about getting a more involved assessment for your child.

Information from the Ages and Stages is a vital tool used by providers to help develop individual program plans for your child.

We look forward to our participation in our program.

Up Coming Parent & Child(ren) Activity

Register by calling the agency at 780-478-3376



June 11th 2017

Environmental Stewardship Family Activity - Tree Planting **Register YOUR family by May 12, 2017**



As parents and early childhood educators one of our many jobs is to be a constant source of education and enlightenment for our children. As we continue to grow more aware of the impact we have on our environment, the need for us to teach our children about stewardship of the environment has become increasingly important. The challenge of course, is to figure out how each of us can have an impact. One way is to plant trees or reforest in areas that is needed in our community.

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency is excited for the opportunity for us all to come together to make a difference in our environment by planting sapling trees.

We invite you and your family as well as your day home family's, to register and then come out on Sunday June 11th to help plant sapling trees in effort to make a difference in our community. This project is best suited for families with children three years of age and up.

Time: 10:00 – 12:00pm

Location: will be a park setting in St Albert

The plant site will be determined by, the number of people attending, and the number of trees we will be planting.

Refreshments, games and activities will be organized for the children attending.

For Fast Efficient Return of calls made to the office:

- Call once
- Leave your name and spell it for us
- Leave your number

When we are experiencing a high volume of calls, leaving one message is important in order for us to listen to messages and then return calls in a timely manner.

North Edmonton Family Day Homes had the highest number of providers attended the Annual Caring That Counts Conference, on April the 8th.

The day was filled with connecting, learning, and laughing. Participants came away inspired.





Community Events

Parent Workshop

Inspired Minds Community Workshops

Inspiredminds - <http://inspiredmindsecc.ca>

Know No No's: Understanding Positive Guidance Strategies Workshop Series. Cost 75.00 for the series or 30.00 per workshop.

Fridays; May 12, 19, 26

Location: Learning for Life Child Care

Part 1 Defining Behaviors and understanding Social Emotional Development

Part 2: Developing Effective Prevention Strategies

Part 3: Developing Effective intervention Strategies

<https://www.evensi.ca/community-workshop-positive-guidance-3-part-learning-series/208612943>



Mother's Day

May 14, Noon – 4pm

The Valley Zoo will be putting a spotlight on moms - animal and human - this Mother's Day! Our resident animal moms will be getting special enrichment treats throughout the afternoon! Enjoy a visit to our Canada 150 Tulip Garden or pick up a present for Mom at our Arts Market. Enjoy magic shows, airbrush tattoos, animal encounters, planting activities, live

music and more!



Mother's Day @ Muttart

Date: Sunday May 14, 2017

Time: 11am-3pm

Cost: **Regular Admission**

Make Mother's Day special by bringing Mom down to the Muttart for an afternoon of love and attention. Show Mom how much you love her by making a special keepsake, help her bring spring home by potting a plant, give her time to relax in one of the four pyramids and then take in a quick mini-massage with MaKami College! Mother's Day at the Muttart is sure to be memorable!

Do you know what to do if there was an emergency in our city? Learn about Emergency Preparedness in a fun (non-scary!) way at Get Ready in the Park. There will be equipment and vehicles on display so you and your kids can see up close what our lifesavers use when they work. Experts will be on hand to help Edmonton families:

- Become personally prepared for any emergency for up to one week
- Find out about crime prevention and community safety
- Learn how to prevent flooding in your home
- Develop your home fire escape plan
- Ride the CN Little Obie Train

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Hawrelak Park 9930 Groat Rd

