

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency Parent E-News November 2017



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2017 Statutory Holidays

Saturday	November 11	Remembrance Day – <i>Observed on Saturday, no day in lieu</i>
Monday	December 25	Christmas Day – Day Homes and Office Closed

**Tuesday December 26
The Office will be Closed**

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.



Ages and Stages - ASQ-3

Providers completed an ASQ-3 developmental screening form on children that were in care in August.

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

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

If you have not had the opportunity to review the ASQ-3 with your provider set up a convenient time that you could sit down and review it together.

When Calling the Office

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

Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Accreditation Preparation

In September and October parents/guardians were asked to sign consent forms as we begin preparation for the Agency's re-accreditation.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Accreditation and Agency surveys.

If you have not submitted the surveys you still may do so. Fill out the survey, seal it in the envelope provided and return to your day home provider. You may also drop it off at the office. Your responses will assist the agency in developing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

If you did not receive the surveys, please let your day home provider know so that one can be provided for you.

About Alberta Child Care Accreditation

Accreditation promotes excellence in child care settings. It is based on the accreditation standards of excellence that reflect current research and leading practices to provide high quality child care in addition to the provincial licensing regulations and family day home standards for children birth to 12 years of age.

The accreditation process is based on completing a comprehensive self- assessment and quality enhancement activities through which child care programs achieve and maintain high quality of care for children in Alberta. ~ aelcs.ca

Providers will be working on the Accreditation Standards as part of their planned monthly training. They may ask for your assistance in providing the evidence that is required to meet goals.

workshops

Parents are invited to register for the November workshop the agency is offering to both parents and providers. (no children)
Register by calling the agency at 780-478-3376

Sensory Play



DATE: Saturday November 18th, 2017

TIME: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
LOCATION: Sejong Multicultural Centre

2503- Ellwood Drive (Southside off of the Henday, between 91 street and Parsons Rd.)

Sensory play has an important role in a child's development. Sensory exploration is a child's way of exploring their world.

November 11th Remembrance Day



Canadians recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every November 11th at 11 a.m. This marks the end of hostilities during the First World War. Remembrance Day is also an opportunity to recall all those who have served our country and who continue to serve.

Dressing your Children for the Weather

With a definite chill in the air it is time to consider what fall/winter items need to be sent with your child to the day home, so outside play can occur daily. Provider's are required to take the children outside in all kinds of weather.

The agency does have a cold weather policy that also considers the wind factor. In winter it is minus twenty or colder, including wind chill.

A winter coat, a neck warmer instead of a scarf (scarves are a strangulation hazard) a hat, mittens, snow pants, and warm winter boots will all soon be needed. It is recommended to dress in layers.

Having extra clothing for your child to change into, just in case they get wet. Socks, slippers, pants, and a top will help keep them cozy warm.



NOVEMBER 20, 2017

National Child Day is celebrated annually in Canada on November 20th in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children. In 1959 Canada signed the United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and in 1999, it was endorsed by Alberta. The UNCRC sets out the rights of children with 54 articles that provide us with a solid road map of what is needed to raise healthy and happy children and youth.

The 2017 theme is a child's right to be safe.

It is important that we take time to celebrate Canada's most valuable resource – our children. We need to ensure that they get the love and respect they need to grow to their full potential. We need to celebrate their uniqueness, and take time to reflect on how we affect their development.

On November 20th Wear Dark Blue to show your support.

Sunday November 5, 2017 **Daylight-saving time ends**

- Turn your clock back one hour before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Safety Note: Infants being pulled in a sled or pushed in a stroller need extra bundling as they are not moving around to generate body heat like a playing child can.

Source: [Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care](#) (3rd edition revised)



On September 30th NEFDHA and the North Central Coalition celebrated Orange Shirt Day by hosting a Culture Diversity and Inclusion Workshop.

Presentations were delivered by Tammy from NEFDHA and Terry from Outloud.

Everyone had the chance to share about their own cultural experiences and come away with an appreciation for how culturally rich a community we live in.

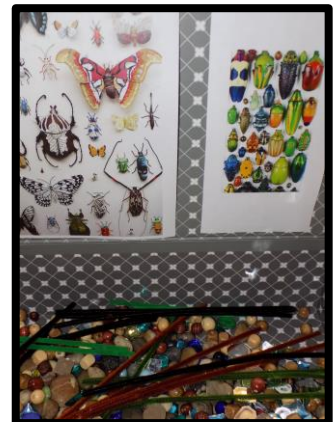
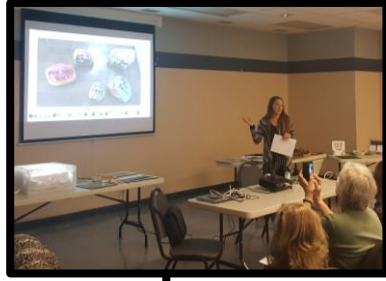


Loose Parts Workshop

October 28

Providers had the opportunity to hear a fantastic presentation by one of our providers Amanda. Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials.

Loose parts can be used anyway children choose. Loose parts encourages creativity and imagination. It develops more skill and competence than most modern plastic toys





Community Events

November 11: Remembrance Day Free - Many ceremonies around the city including events at the the Legislative Grounds, the Butterdome and the Beverly Cenotaph

edmonton.ca/attractions_events/city_hall/remembrance-day-service.aspx



November 18, 2017 – Parade starts at 5:30 pm – Jasper Avenue – see website for parade route.

Santa Parade of Lights is a *FREE* outdoor parade

Santa's Parade of Lights

Christmas season is upon us, the wonder of winter is near,
Celebrate the glow of lights and express your Christmas cheer.

The arrival of Santa Claus and his bright, sparkly sleigh,
Is sure to bring smiles to everyone's day.

Bundle up tight and gather downtown,
To see the magic of Christmas erase any frowns.
The more the merrier, so bring everyone you know,
To stand under the lights and the fresh fallen snow!

<http://www.edmontonsantaparade.com/#santaparade-section>

November 25: All is Bright The businesses of 124 Street and High Street invite you to our annual light up festival, a unique event that celebrates the coming of the winter season in Edmonton and lighting up the night through illumination, fun, and live entertainment to patrons of all ages.

On Saturday, November 25, 2017, we kick off another exciting edition of the All is Bright Festival on 124 Street. The event is from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, and the Light Up The Night Ceremony takes place at 5 p.m. Join us as we countdown to the official turning on and unveiling of the holiday lights in the area!

<https://exploreedmonton.com/festivals-and-events/all-is-bright-festival>

