July 2023 Newsletter

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Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

What is Canada Day?

Beginning on July 1st, 1867- the British North American Act (now referred to as the Constitution Act) officially established Canada as a country. Did you know? Prior to October 27th, 1982, Canada Day was known as "Dominion Day".

Canada Day is a wonderful opportunity for its citizens young & old to reflect on what it means to be Canadian & share what makes us proud. As we celebrate on July 1st, take a moment to take pride in the diversity of our land, cultures & all our fellow Canadians across our amazing country.

Many communities across our country will honor & celebrate Canada Day by hosting outdoor events, festivals, parades, cultural displays, barbeques, music concerts & fireworks.

How will you & your family celebrate Canada Day this year?

More information: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/canada-day-history.html</u>

Community Canada Day Celebrations

Festivities begin on the evening of June 30 with a fireworks display at the Innisfail Arena (weather permitting).

On July 1, a Canada Day celebration - including a pancake breakfast - is planned at the Innisfail Historical Village.

In the afternoon, the celebrations move to Centennial Park, with live performances, food trucks, and more! Please Note: If weather issues arise, celebrations will move to the Innisfail Twin Arena

For more information about Canada Day celebrations, visit https://bit.ly/42CnGOr





We hope to see you this Saturday at Lincoln Street Rec! Pancake Breakfast is 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Activities are 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Wishing You A

Canada Day

Happy •



For more information, visit:

- Town of Innisfail
- Town of Penhold
- Town of Olds

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Your Advisory Board Representatives are

Ron King

Donna Arnold

Cheryl Thompson

Vanessa Ruppert

Nicky Stagg

Calene Daines

Brittany McAllister

Reminder

The office is closed July 3rd in lieu of Canada Day!

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful Day!



Happy Anniversary:

Destiny Hartel 2 years

Sheila Lindsay 1 year



Summer 2023 School Age Subsidy Increase—July & August Only

For the months of July and August 2023, subsidy rates will increase to help offset the full-time program fees for eligible school-age children enrolled in licensed child care programs over the summer. The rate increase will occur automatically and is applicable to children who attended Grades 1 to 6 during the 2022-23 school year. The subsidy rates will return to regular subsidy rates in September.

This table shows the summer school-age rates based on the type of program your child attends and your income:

Income	Current School-age Subsidy Rate	Summer School-age Subsidy Rate (Grades 1-6)*		
	(Grades 1-6)	Out-of-school care	Day home and group family	
\$0 - \$49,999	\$366	\$644	\$516	
\$50,000 - \$54,999	\$348	\$612	\$490	
\$55,000 - \$59,999	55,000 - \$59,999 \$311		\$439	
\$60,000 - \$64,999	\$275	\$483	\$387	
\$65,000 - \$69,999	\$238	\$419	\$335	
\$70,000 - \$74,999	\$201	\$354	\$284	
\$75,000 - \$79,999	\$165	\$290	\$232	
\$80,000 - 84,999	\$128	\$225	\$181	
\$85,000 - 89,999	\$92	\$161	\$129	
	Current rates reflect attendance of 50+ hours	Summer rates reflect attendance of 100+ hours		

Please visit the child care subsidy website, at <u>www.alberta.ca/</u> <u>child-care-</u> <u>subsidy.aspx</u>, for more information.

If you have any questions about child care subsidy or schoolage summer rates for 2023, please contact the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

* School-age rates increase for July and August 2023

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Field Trip Safety

Field trips provide a wide variety of learning opportunities for children, and expand the children's experiences and their understanding of the world around them. The success of any field trip depends on caregivers planning activities ahead of time.

Planning not only includes selecting the activity and destination, it also includes determining how the group will get there and how caregivers will keep children safe during the entire trip. This involves being aware of potential risks and taking preventive actions to reduce those risks, and prevent serious incidents from occurring.

Here are a number of issues to be considered in planning a field trip:

- ✓ Obtain a signed consent from parents for activities away from the day home outside of the normal routine. The consent should include the date of the field trip, time of departure and return, destination, and purpose of the field trip.
- ✓ Update emergency cards, ensuring parents' emergency (home, cell, and work) numbers are correct.
- ✓ Prescreen all unfamiliar areas where you might like to take children, to note any potential hazards and decide how to deal with potential risks.
- ✓ Make sure your first aid kit is fully stocked, including emergency cards and/or records.
- ✓ Ensure that emergency

and non-emergency medications for children are appropriate stored.

- ✓ Bring extra clothing, fluids, sunscreen, food, snacks, etc.
- ✓ Discuss rules for appropriate conduct with the children before the trip, and again on the day of the trip.
- ✓ Weight the risk of the activity with the size of the group and the number of adults present.



Summer Fun—Staying Safe Around Water

Drowning is one of the leading causes of injuryrelated death for children under 5 years of age in Canada. Children can drown in as little as 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water.

Regardless of whether found in nature or a in a backyard, caution needs to be practiced around water.

Take the following essential precautions to help protect your children:

 ✓ Babies who can't sit without support and are too young to wear a portable flotation device (PFD) should always be held by an adult.

- ✓ Toddlers should always be within arm's reach of an adult when they are in or around water. This includes pools, beaches, and other water sources.
- ✓ All children should be supervised by an adult when they are in or around water and should never be left alone. The presence of other children or teens does not prevent drowning, as they may not recognize the signs of drowning, or react

quickly enough to get help immediately.

- ✓ The Lifesaving Society recommends a supervision ratio of at least 1 adult for every 3 young children, and 1 adult for every baby.
- ✓ In Canada, approved lifejackets and PFDs are not available for infants who weigh less than 9 kg (20 lb). There is no safety standard for smaller infants.
- ✓ PFDs or lifejackets should be worn by all infants who weigh at least 9 kg (20 lb) and by

toddlers who are swimming or playing near or in the water. It should be the right size for your child's weight. Make sure it stays buckled. Keep **all** safety straps fastened, including the crotch strap.

✓ Remember that water wings, neck rings, bathing suits with flotation devices in them, and other swim toys are not safety devices.

Making a difference in the lives of children and families since 1983!



Curriculum Corner: Canada Day Frozen Yogurt Popsicles



Celebrate Canada Day with Canadian Flag popsicles!



Celebrate Canada Day by enjoying a cool & healthy treat that your child can help prepare too! All you need is 3 ingredients & popsicle molds.

Ingredients

- 2 cups raspberries or strawberries
- 4 to 6 tbsp. honey or maple syrup
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt

Directions

- Blend fruit & honey or maple syrup in blender
- Fill molds as desired with the fruit puree
- Put molds into freezer for 20 minutes
- Remove from freezer & add yogurt. Refreeze for a minimal of 4 hours. Enjoy!





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