

September 2026 Newsletter

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

September 1, 2026

Reconciliation - > ReconciliACTION

Getting to know the land as an act of ReconciliACTION

All of the communities we serve are located within the Treaty 7 Territory of Alberta. *"Treaties are the basic building blocks of the relationship between First Nations and the rest of Canada."* — Office of the Treaty Commissioner, Saskatchewan

From the perspective of First Nations, Treaties are built on respectful, cooperative and nation-to-nation relationships between First Nations and the Crown on behalf of present and future generations. Treaties outline the rights, obligations and benefits of the signing parties to each other. This was acknowledged through a ceremonial and sacred agreement that incorporated the spirit and intent for Treaties to last, *"as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and rivers flow."*

Reconciliation is about understanding the past and working together to build a new future. *"We are all Treaty people"* means that we all have rights and obligations with respect to this land and each other.

You can learn more:

teachers.ab.ca/professional-development/indigenous-education-and-walking-together/indigenous-education-resources

Join Us in the Community this Month!

September is here, and we are thrilled to step out and connect with our wonderful families across the region!

Active community involvement is a vital pillar of early learning. Alberta's FLIGHT: Early Learning and Care Framework reminds us that young children develop their sense of identity, belonging, and citizenship through meaningful interactions with the world around them.

By participating in local events, we weave rich community connections, model social participation, and celebrate the unique

culture of Central Alberta with everyone we serve. We hope to see you at these fun upcoming community events!

Innisfail Info Night
(Tuesday, September 1, 2026)

Details: Stop by our table to chat, ask questions, and learn more about we offer for early learning and child care in the Town of Innisfail

Three Hills Discovery Night (Wednesday, September 2, 2026)

Details: Connect with our Educator Amanda to learn how we support early learning within the Three Hills community.

Penhold Fall Festival Parade

(Saturday, September 12, 2026 | Starts at 11:00 AM)

Details: Wave hello and catch us along the parade route as we join in on the festive community spirit!

Innisfail Harvest Festival Scarecrow Competition
(September 19–20, 2026)

Details: Pop by for a weekend filled with free family fun and see if you and your children can spot our agency's custom scarecrow design!

For more details about the Discovery Nights, check the official Town of Innisfail and Town of Three Hills websites and social media pages.

Summer Wrap Up & A School Storybook

This summer, Lindsay hosted a series of Summer Play Dates, including Puppet Picnics.

The turnout was remarkable—25 Educators participated across our communities, bringing approximately 150 children together to experience the magic of puppetry. The children enjoyed rich

storytelling, shared laughter, and nurtured new friendships, while Educators had the valuable opportunity to connect and collaborate.

By popular demand, Lindsay has created the newest addition to the *Chuckie's Adventure* series:

"Chuckie & Missy's BIG School Adventure."

Going to school for the time is a milestone moment filled with big emotions. This new story captures Chuckie's experience entering the classroom for the first time, offering a comforting, relatable tool to help children navigate this exciting—and sometimes scary—childhood transition with confidence and joy.



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes

Society News

Advisory Board
Meeting
September 28th
7:00pm

Reminders:

The Office is
Closed September
7th for Labour Day

Welcome to:

Iryna Rozdorozhniuk
Olds

*We are happy to have
you join our team!*

Happy Work Anniversary to:

Rebecca Levy
4 years

*Thank you for making a
difference in the lives of
the children and families
you work for!*

Shout Out to our Educators!

As annual sponsors of the Innisfail Lantern Festival, it always brings us great joy when our educators and day home children participate in creating lanterns! Thank you for being amazing Community Builders!



Orange Shirt Day



Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope, reconciliation, and commitment to a better future. By wearing an orange shirt on September 30th, you make a statement to support truth & reconciliation and commit to the

enduring truth that

“Every Child Matters”

Inspired by Phyllis Webstad’s story of having her orange shirt taken away on her first day at Indian residential school, we uplift the voices of Survivors and invite all people in Canada to walk the path of truth & reconciliation together.

The Orange Shirt Society was established in 2015 to:

- * Support Indian residential school reconciliation
- * Create awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of Indian residential schools through Orange Shirt Society activities

- * Create awareness of the concept of “Every Child Matters”

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for education, reflection, truth-telling and taking action. We encourage you to commit to honouring residential school survivors and their families and supporting the legacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission by reading the [94 Calls to Action](#) and identifying ways you can contribute to reconciliation. Children can participate by reading [Spirit Bear's child-friendly guide to the TRC's Calls to Action](#) and choosing an action to work on with others.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office Closed Labour Day	8 Educator Team Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Month End Paperwork Due	26
27	28 Advisory Board Meeting 7pm	29	30 <i>National Day for Truth & Reconciliation</i>	Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shaw.ca www.ifdhs.com 		

Happy
Thanksgiving



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11	12 Thanksgiving Office Close	13	14	15 AFCCA Consultant Conference Office Closed	16 AFCCA Consultant Conference Office Closed	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Month End Paperwork Due	28	29	30	31 Halloween