

November 2023 Newsletter

November 1, 2023

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

November 20th is National Child Day

#NATIONALCHILDDAY



This years theme is “Every Child, Every Right”

What is National Child Day? Each year, National Child Day is observed on November 20th. Please consider wearing **BLUE** to recognize & celebrate the rights of children! The significance of this date reflects when the United Nations officially adopted the “United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child” (UNCRC) on November 20th, 1989.

Canada signed onto the “United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child” (UNCRC) in 1991 & made the commitment to ensure all children & youth are treated with dignity, respect & have every opportunity to reach their full potential. This commitment includes:

- Children have opportunities to have a voice (speak & be heard)
- Protecting all children from harm
- Ensuring all children have their basic needs met



“Children and youth make up a quarter of our population and 100% of our future. They are the next generation of business leaders, teachers, doctors, activists and politicians. But they’re not just *future* leaders – they are leaders right *now* – in their schools, communities and even at a national level” (Children First Canada).

For the first time ever, Children First Canada will be offering unique virtual programming for children & youth of all ages including a sing along with Raffi & book readings from special guests!

For more information & to register please visit: <https://nationalchildday.org/events/>

Show your support of National Child Day by wearing **BLUE** & share a picture on your social channels!

@NatChildDay #NationalChildDay #EveryChildEveryRight

Society News



Professional Development

Advisory Board Meeting
November 27, 2023
7pm

Educator Team Meeting & Program Planning Training
November 21, 2023
7pm



The office will be
CLOSED
November 13th for
Remembrance Day

Happy Anniversary to:

[Crystal Heck](#)
6 Years

[Amanda McColl](#)
1 Year

[Marilou Manangan](#)
1 Year

*Thank you for your dedication,
and making a difference in the
lives of children and families!*

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Talking to Children About Remembrance Day

The age of your children will ultimately dictate how you discuss Remembrance Day. While a 3-year-old may wonder what the day is about and why people are wearing poppies, older children can learn more about the history behind the great wars and other present day conflicts. How much detail you go into will depend on your child's maturity level.

Ways to Help Children Remember

There are a number of ways that you can help children learn about the significance of the day:

Have a conversation

One of the simplest and most effective ways to help your children learn more about the day is to set aside some time to talk about it and answer their questions.

Wear a poppy

Wearing a poppy is important, but also explaining the reasons why you are wearing it will help children gain a deeper understanding and respect.



Attend a Remembrance Day ceremony

Make it a point to attend your local Remembrance Day ceremony. Giving the children a first-hand chance to see veterans and be part of the celebration will encourage them to ask questions and learn more.

Talk about the contributions of women and minorities

The Veterans Affairs Canada website offers great information on some of the often overlooked contributions of Indigenous Canadians, Women, Asian Canadians, and Black Canadians.



Educator Spotlight

Celebrating Families

In August Donna M arranged a family event for all her day home families with bouncy castles, a BBQ, face painting, and ol' fashioned games, providing an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate the end of summer.

Donna is doing a wonderful job of creating what the [Flight Curriculum](#) calls a “Place of Vitality”, where the families can connect with one another and build memories together.

Meeting the Flight Curriculum

- ⇒ **Belonging:** This opportunity provided the children and families with a chance to make connections and build relationships with others who attend the day home. It also supports children develop a sense of place and enables them to make cherished friendships.
- ⇒ **Democratic Practices:** When children participate in public life such as attending family events and gatherings, it provides them with an opportunity to practice being responsible members of the community through sharing the materials, equipment, and spaces with others.
- ⇒ **A Practice of Relationships:** By organizing this event for the all the families to attend, Donna was supporting the children as social learners and citizens of the community.
- ⇒ **Environment as the Third Teacher:** Where a child learns has just as much impact as who the child is learning from. This learning environment supports the children in being Mighty Learners by engaging all their senses as they explored, celebrated, and played together.



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Curriculum Corner: Every Right, Every Child

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

IN CHILD-FRIENDLY LANGUAGE

ARTICLE 1
Everyone under 18 has special rights as children.

ARTICLE 2
All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

ARTICLE 3
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

ARTICLE 4
The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.

ARTICLE 5
Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

ARTICLE 6
You have the right to be alive.

ARTICLE 7
You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognized by the government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).

ARTICLE 8
You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.

ARTICLE 9
You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.

ARTICLE 10
If you live in a different country than your parents do, you have the right to be together in the same place.

ARTICLE 11
You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

ARTICLE 12
You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

ARTICLE 13
You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

ARTICLE 14
You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

ARTICLE 15
You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

ARTICLE 16
You have the right to privacy.

ARTICLE 17
You have the right to get information that is important to your wellbeing, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

ARTICLE 18
You have the right to be raised by your parent(s) if possible.

ARTICLE 19
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

ARTICLE 20
You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.

ARTICLE 21
You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.

ARTICLE 22
You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.

ARTICLE 23
You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life.

ARTICLE 24
You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

ARTICLE 25
If you live in care or in other situations away from home, you have the right to have these living arrangements looked at regularly to see if they are the most appropriate.

ARTICLE 26
You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.

ARTICLE 27
You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.

ARTICLE 28
You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

ARTICLE 29
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

ARTICLE 30
You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

ARTICLE 31
You have the right to play and rest.

ARTICLE 32
You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

ARTICLE 33
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

ARTICLE 34
You have the right to be free from sexual abuse.

ARTICLE 35
No one is allowed to kidnap or sell you.

ARTICLE 36
You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).

ARTICLE 37
No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way.

ARTICLE 38
You have the right to protection and freedom from war. Children under 15 cannot be forced to go into the army or take part in war.

ARTICLE 39
You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

ARTICLE 40
You have the right to legal help and fair treatment in the justice system that respects your rights.

ARTICLE 41
If the laws of your country provide better protection of your rights than the articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.

ARTICLE 42
You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too.

ARTICLES 43 TO 54
These articles explain how governments and other organizations will work to ensure children are protected with their rights.



EVERY CHILD HAS SOMETHING IN COMMON - THEIR RIGHTS!

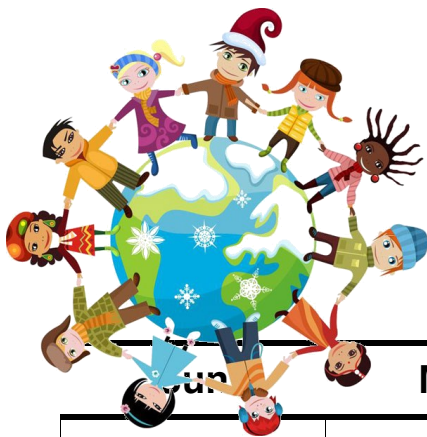
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REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5  Fall Back Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Sunday. <i>Fall Time Change</i>	6	7	8 <i>Office Closed at 3pm</i>	9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>
12	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14	15 <i>Office Closed at 3pm</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Educator Training Evening 7pm</i>	22 <i>Office Closed at 3pm</i>	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Month End Paperwork Due by 8:30 am</i>	28	29 <i>Office Closed at 3pm</i>	30	<div data-bbox="1465 1323 1953 1502" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com</p>  </div>	



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