

October 2026 Newsletter

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

October 1, 2026

SPARK Wrap Up

We would like to take a moment to thank all the educators who participated in the SPARK culturally responsive child care project this past year! Your time and commitment to learning and sharing was greatly appreciated.

We see you all building vibrant, inclusive spaces for the children and families in your day home programs!

A special shout out to Imagine Institute, the Government of Alberta, and ARCQE for freely facilitating this program for our agency and supporting us in creating a space of discovery and conversation.

If you are an educator who did not have the opportunity to participate in the training but are interested in learning more, Policy Wise and Imagine Institute has made available a free online series that can be completed at your own pace: sparkguide.ca/training-resources/spark-guide-introductory-modules/



**SEPTEMBER
COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- PENHOLD FALL FESTIVAL PARADE
- INNISFAIL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fire Safety & Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is a nationally observed week in the United States and Canada that is held this year from October 5th to 11th.

The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2025 is **"Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."** This theme focuses on the importance of safely using, charging, and disposing of lithium-ion batteries, which are found in many common household electronics.

Key Fire Safety Lessons to Teach Young Children:

Fire is not a toy. Explain that matches, lighters, and candles

are tools for grown-ups and should never be touched or played with.

"Stop, Drop, and Roll." This is a simple, effective technique for a child to use if their clothing catches on fire. Practice this skill with them so they know to stop, drop to the ground, cover their face, and roll over to smother the flames.

Crawl low under smoke. In a fire, smoke and toxic gases rise. Teach children to get low to the floor and crawl to safety, as the air is cleaner and cooler near the ground.

Know the sound of a smoke

alarm. Make sure your children know what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear it: "Get out and stay out!"

Did you know?

As per Standard 10B: Home & Safety, all approved Family Day Home programs must:

- Have a written emergency plan for evacuation procedures and an evacuation route

- Practice and record monthly fire drills with children; all children who are developmentally able must know the designated outside meeting place.



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes

Society News

Reminders:

The Office is
Closed
October 12 for
Thanksgiving

Wishing everyone a
safe and spooky
Halloween!



Happy Work Anniversary to:

Reshann Butts
15 years in the Office
19 total years with
the agency

Ella Brekke
16 years in the Office
19 total years with
the agency

Lindsay Connors
5 years in the Office
11 total years with the
agency

Happy Work Anniversary to:

Emi Bruneau
1 year in the Office
4 total years with the
agency

Jessica Johnson
1 year

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

Parent / Child Profile Updates

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving an email to confirm and update your registration information. To ensure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information, we kindly ask you to review and update the following details when you receive that email from us:

- Contact information (phone, email, emergency contacts)
- School enrollment details
- Medical information and health considerations
- Changes to living arrangements (custody updates, primary residence)

Keeping this information current helps us provide the best possible care and ensures we can reach you in important situations.

The information provided also supports us in meeting our licensing expectations under the agency standard 6c and the educators standards 2 and 3.

“Children’s Information Records must include up-to-date information for each child that includes the following:

- Child’s name, date of birth and home address
- Completed enrolment/registration form and parent/program/agency contract
- Parent/guardian’s name, home address, work address, home telephone number and work telephone number
- Emergency contact name and telephone number(s)
- Evidence that child’s parent(s)

have been advised of any outings, including transportation and supervision arrangements

- Daily attendance details, including arrival and departure times
- Information about any health care provided to a child, including written consent of the child’s parent to provide or allow for health care
- Any other relevant health information about the child provided by the child’s parent(s), including immunization records and allergies”

We are committed to providing the best care and support for your child(ren) and we appreciate your time and attention to supporting us with this very important update.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Office Closed Remembrance Day	12	13	14
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