

# April 2023 Newsletter

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

## Celebrating NAEYC's "The Week of the Young Child"

The "Week of the Young Child" is celebrated annually & sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) which is currently the world's biggest early childhood education association. The purpose of WOYC is to highlight the crucial needs of young children along with their families by acknowledging & connecting people to available related programs & services. WOYC also brings focus to how vital the early years of a child's life is to creating a strong foundation for their learning & development.

**Lets celebrate! Here are some ideas to commemorate "The Week of the Young Child" with your family**

### Music Monday

Music not only provides children the opportunities to develop rhythm, it also nurtures math, language & literacy skills! Turn on your child's favourite song(s) & connect to the music by clapping, stomping & dancing!

### Tasty Tuesday

This day is all about recognizing the benefits of preparing wholesome food with family while connecting cooking to developing numeracy, science & literacy skills. Try cooking a traditional meal or a favourite family meal together! Yum!

### Work Together Wednesday

When children build together, they have opportunities to explore math & science concepts while developing their social & literacy skills. Try venturing outdoors to construct a fort using both manmade & materials from nature.

### Artsy Thursday

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. It's not just a box! Try providing your child with boxes & an assortment of art supplies. What will they create?

### Family Friday

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers. Try updating your family picture! Head to your favourite outdoor location, grab a selfie stick & smile!



Check out the NAEYC for more  
[www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-](http://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-)



## Society News



Our office will  
be closed Good  
Friday & Easter  
Monday

Happy Easter!

### NOTICE

Innisfail & Area Family  
Day Home Society  
AGM  
Will be held  
June 26, 2023  
7:30pm  
@  
The Day Home Office  
RSVP for attendance is  
requested.

### Welcome to:

Colleen & Hanna  
*Olds*

Arlene  
*Three Hills*

Airene  
*Olds*

## Celebrating 40 Years of Business on May 13, 2023

It is our goal to work in partnership with early learning and child care professionals, families, and the community to support children's development and learning.



### ITINERARY

9:30-10:00am - Welcome, Coffee & Tea

10:00am-noon - Aynsley Graham

Noon-1:00pm - Lunch

1:00-3:00pm - Tina Geers

3:00-3:30pm - Door Prizes



### AYNSLEY GRAHAM

Have you ever been so frustrated with a child's behaviour that you don't know whether to scream or cry? You are not alone! Why won't they listen and do the things you ask them to do? Why do they lick every surface they walk past, no matter how many times you ask them to stop and explain how disgusting it is? Why do they hit, bite, scream, and roll on the floor when angry?

The Behaviour Wayfinding Framework not only provides insights into why children often struggle, but provides concrete straightforward strategies that can be put into practice by ECE's of all skillsets and experience.



### TINA GEERS

Tinkering and Toying with STEM, STEAM, & STREAM

This workshop is hands-on and interactive ... so get ready to learn through **play**, spend some time reflecting on your own practices, and learn some key strategies of how you can continue on your learning journey!!

It will provide practical strategies that go 'Beyond the Basics' and can be quickly and easily incorporated into your program on Monday morning.

## Earth Day

Celebrated every year on April 22, Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians—including nearly every school-aged child—participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities.

Founded in 1990, Earth Day Canada is a national

environmental charity. They offer free, year-round, award-winning programs to educate and inspire Canadians of all ages, backgrounds and sectors to reach local environmental solutions. Their mission is to foster and celebrate environmental respect,

action and behavior change that lessens our impact on the earth.

Started in 1994, EcoKids offers free learning activities and resources for Canadian teachers, students, parents and communities to engage in environmental action. EcoKids is designed to inspire

children to become life-long environmental stewards through nature connection and play.

For more information check out: [ecokids.ca](http://ecokids.ca) & [earthday.ca](http://earthday.ca)



## Sustainable Futures—Flight Curriculum

Children's affinity to nature, of which they are part, provides a basis for understanding and questioning the place of humankind in nature and for developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to contribute to the development of sustainable futures. This learning requires children's

involvement with caring, compassionate, and courageous role models who actively support their first-hand engagement with the natural and constructed world and their participation in environmentally and socially responsible communities.

Holistic play-based goals that can be seen when children engage in nature are:

- ◆ Children develop a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world
- ◆ Children learn to recognize and record patterns and relationships in nature

- ◆ Children develop a sense of appreciation for human creativity and innovation
- ◆ Children learn about natural resource development and manufacturing
- ◆ Children learn environmentally and socially responsible practices

## Sustainable Futures—Reflective Practice

How are children supported in exploring natural and wild spaces? Think about how to ensure access, celebrate the joy of being outdoors, and help children focus all their senses. In what ways do your policies and practices contribute to sustainable futures? Think

about energy and waste reduction, recycling, composting, and environmentally safe cleaning products.

How can you support children in the creation of their own sustainable futures? Think about their influence and control; for example, taking care of

animals and plants, planting vegetable and flower gardens in their own playgrounds and communities, or exploring possible solutions to environmental problems in their imaginations—in literature or at play.

How do you provide children with opportunities for first-hand learning about natural resource development and manufacturing? Think about crafts, farming, fishing, forestry, mining, tourism, and manufacturing operations.

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



## INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta  
Approved  
Family  
Day Homes

### Community Events!






Now that Spring is finally here, that typically means cooler mornings & warmer afternoons. Please remember to ensure your child is equipped with the following items each day of care so they can comfortably enjoy all their outdoor play experiences & adventures.

- Warm Jacket or a Light Jacket with a Hoodie
- Waterproof Pants or “Muddy Buddy”
- Mittens or Gloves
- Toque or Hat (for warmer temperatures)
- Rubber Boots
- Spare Socks
- A Complete Change of Clothes
- Any other requests from your child’s Family Day Home Educator





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	8 <i>No School April 7-14</i> <i>Spring Break</i>
9  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>End of Ramadan</i>	22 
23	24	25 <i>Month End</i> <i>Paperwork Due</i>	26	27	28	29
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Celebrating 40 Years!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>May the Fourth be With you! Star Wars Day</i>	5 <i>No School</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Agency 40 Year Celebration &amp; Mini Conference</i>
14  <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day</i>  <i>No School</i>	20
21	22 <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Victoria Day No School</i>	23	24	25	26  <i>Month End Paperwork Due</i>	27
28	29  <i>No School</i>	30	31		<div> <p><b>Innisfail &amp; Area Family Day Home Society</b>                      5713—51 Avenue                      Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4                      403-227-2767                      innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca                      www.ifdhs.com</p>  </div>	