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Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society



November 20th is National Child Day!

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

National Child Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate children as active participants in their own lives & within their community. As well as active citizens who can & should valuably contribute to the decisions that affect their lives.

Show your support of National Child Day by wearing BLUE & share a picture on your social channels!
@NatChildDay #NationalChildDay #childrenhaverights



“We are strong,
resourceful,
capable learners &
citizens!”



Why is the “United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child” needed?

- Children begin life as dependant beings. The overall actions of Governments typically affect children & youth more than any other group in society.
- The voices of children & youth are seldom heard or considered in political processes.
- The UN recognizes that all children & youth as a group require special care & attention as they are more vulnerable than other groups in society.
- The health of all children & youth is vital to the future well-being of all communities.

Society News

Happy Birthday!!

Hudson K	Charlie H
Emilia Y	Brynlee F
Kayson R	Jaxon A
Brody R	Hudson B
Aria L	Charlie T
Casey S	Mara L
Cody C	Deacon M
Abby B	Nathaniel A
Ryker K	Destiny H
Vanessa R	



The office will be
CLOSED
November 11th for
Remembrance Day



The office will be
CLOSED
November 4th for
staff training

Welcome To:

Amanda McColl
Three Hills

Happy Anniversary to:

[Amanda Di Castri](#)
8 years

[Crystal Heck](#)
5 years

Thank you for all you do!

Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education



The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education have recognized outstanding early childhood educators since 2002, with over 300 educators honoured to date.

Recipients are celebrated for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life.

Consider nominating your early childhood educator for this award!

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Virtual Program Tours



Professional Development

We invite our educators to join us for a team mentoring night on November 1st, to share their expertise and experience in setting up their family day home environment.

The third teacher is the environment—a setting designed to be not only functional but also beautiful and reflective of the child's learning. It is the child's relationship with the parents, teacher, and the environment that ignites learning.

We hope that everyone who attends, leaves inspired and full of new ideas to refresh and revitalize their day home spaces.

Every Child has Something in Common - Their Rights!



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS?

Communities are responsible for creating safe and child-friendly spaces to ensure children can develop to their full potential; take time learn about this on November 20th, National Child Day!

Advocating for children's rights means demanding the dignity of every child and recognizing children as rights holders and citizens equal to adults under the law.

Here's how you can support children's rights:

- ◇ Learn about the UNCRC and teach

- ◇ children about their rights.
- ◇ Be a role model for respecting the dignity and integrity of all children.
- ◇ Help ensure children and youth participate in matters that are affecting them.
- ◇ Join an organization that supports Children's Rights.
- ◇ Engage others through dialogue and raising awareness about children's rights.



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.

Resources:

- ⇒ www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/take-time-to-remember
- ⇒ www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/tales-of-animals-in-war/2022
- ⇒ www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/canada-remembers-times/2022

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



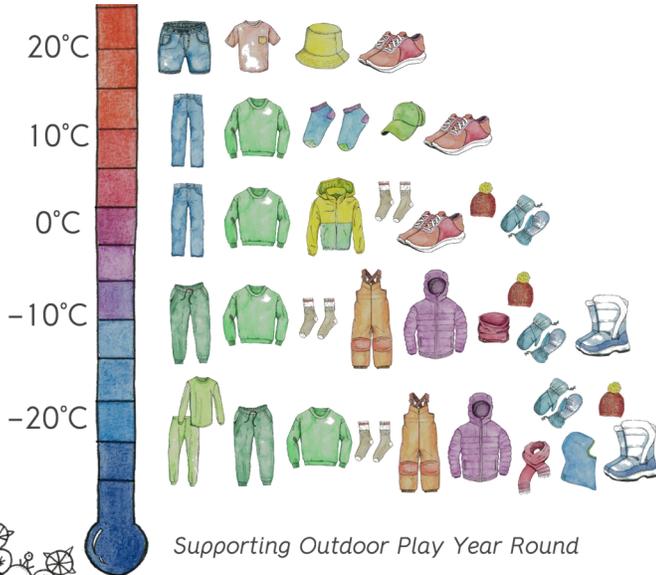
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FAMILY
DAY HOME
SOCIETY**

— Established in 1983 —



**Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes**

Dress for the Weather—Play Outside All Year Round!



Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round




www.getoutsideandplay.ca


www.befitforlife.ca

Curriculum Corner:

2022 National Child Day Theme is: **The Right To Participate!**



Important Facts

- Children have the right to participate in day-to-day activities such as playing, learning, engaging with family & culture.
- Provide children with opportunities to express themselves & have their voice heard.
- Empower all children to play a part in decision-making to support their voice & self-confidence.

Ideas to Celebrate National Child Day

- Ask a child for advice
- Raise awareness to children's issues in your community
- Support a local children's fundraiser
- Attend an event with a child
- Start a scrapbook for your child
- Reflect back on childhood memories

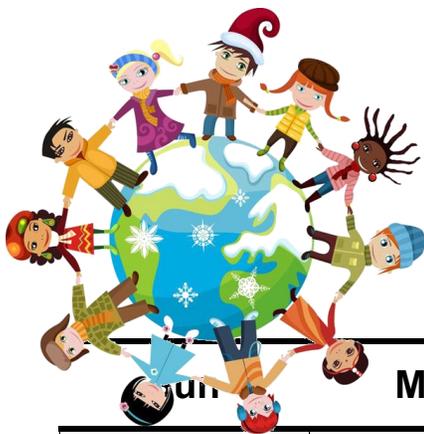
National Child Care Day Activity Guide: www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/health-promotion/childhood-adolescence/national-child-day/children-s-rights-activity-guide/National_Child_Day_Activity_Guide-EN-10.pdf



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Office Open until 6:30pm</i> <i>Team Meeting 7pm</i>	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Staff Training</i>	5
6 <i>Fall Time Change</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>No School</i>	11 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>No school</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Month End</i> <i>Paperwork Due by 8:30 am</i> <i>No School</i>	26
27	28	29	30	<div 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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18	19 <i>Hanukkah</i>	20	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22 <i>Month End Paperwork Due by 8:30 am if you are closed Dec 24-31st</i>	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Christmas Break No School Dec 26-Jan 6</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Kwanza</i> <i>Boxing Day</i>	27 <i>Office open 8:30-noon</i> <i>Month End Paperwork Due by 8:30am</i>	28 <i>Office open 8:30-noon</i>	29 <i>Office open 8:30-noon</i>	30 <i>Office open 8:30-noon</i>	31

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