

April 2019 Newsletter

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

NAEYC's The Week of the Young Child™

April 8–12, 2019

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.

Music Monday

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills - All while having fun and being active!

TRY THIS: Find the beat to connect music, movement, and math. Practice clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.

Tasty Tuesday

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills,

science, and more.

TRY THIS: Measure your ingredients while making your snacks! Ask children if they'd like the same or different amounts of each ingredient.

Work Together Wednesday

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home.

TRY THIS: Practice organizing blocks by size! Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!

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. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making.

TRY THIS: Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of the day and night sky!

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 THIS: Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!

Check out the NAEYC for more ideas <https://bit.ly/2G8AK7M>

Week
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Society News

Happy Birthday!

Alexander U	Corvin B
Magni M	Easton R
Ephraim G	Tristan H-T
Rhett H	Oliver J
Kira A	Xavier P
Inara P	Arianna A
Carter B	

Happy Birthday to you ... 🎵



NOTICE

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society AGM
 Will be held
 June 24th 2019
 7:00pm
 @
 The Day Home Office
 RSVP for attendance is requested.

Congratulations to Katrina Peake For Completing her Certificate in Early Learning & Child Care and Receiving her Child Development Worker Certification!

When Educators take the time to attend professional development opportunities, they are demonstrating that they are committed to the Accreditation best practices outlined in Standard 4.

Take Care of your Instructional Health!

The Early Learning and Care Conferences as well as other Professional Development Workshops are always energizing and inspiring events.

To be together with a large group of early childhood educators —

all committed to teaching, all wanting new and better ideas to promote learning, and all willing to share their expertise is refreshing for the mind.

Conferences are exactly what early childhood

educators need to refill empty tanks with the energy required to teach!



Maximize Early Learning & Care Conference

Sheraton Hotel Red Deer

Friday, April 5th

Leadership Session 1:00—4:00pm

General Conference Registration 5:30-7:00pm

Opening Remarks & Banquet 7:00—8:30pm

Keynote - Meg Soper

Door Prize Draws During the Banquet!

Saturday, April 6th

General Conference Registration & Breakfast 7:00—8:30am

Keynote— Jody Urquhart

Morning Sessions 9:45—11:45am

Lunch (*Grand Prize Draw*) 11:45—1:00pm

Afternoon Sessions 1:15—3:15pm

Afternoon Keynote—

Jo(e) Social Media 3:30—4:15pm

Families are invited to attend the afternoon keynote, sponsored by the Sylvan Lake ECD Coalition!

Brochure —> <https://bit.ly/2UzHpvK>



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 & earthday.ca



Traditional Easter Food from Around the World

Pashka, Russia. This pyramid-shaped dessert made from cheese is served at Easter. The dish is often decorated with religious symbols.

Colomba di Pasqua, Italy. Colomba di Pasqua is a candied peel-stuffed cake that is often shaped like a dove.

Pinca, Eastern Europe. Pinca is a sweet bread marked with the sign of the cross that is eaten to celebrate the end of Lent in Slovenia and Croatia.

Mona de Pascua, Spain. A popular Easter cake traditionally cooked during Semana Santa

(holy week). It resembles a large doughnut topped with a hardboiled egg.

Chervil soup, Germany. Maundy Thursday is known as Gründonnerstag or "Green Thursday" in Germany, when Germans traditionally eat green-coloured foods.

Paçoca de Amendoim, Brazil. Made from peanuts, sugar and cassava flour, this Brazilian treat is served in honour of the Easter festival.

Pulla, Finland. Pulla is a braided, cardamom-spiced bread that is a common Easter treat in Finland.

Celebrating April Fools Day Around the World

Many countries have adopted the April Fools' tradition of playing jokes on people every year on April 1. It is unknown exactly how this foolish holiday began, but it's the one day of the year that people can be unabashedly silly.



Scotland
In Scotland the day is known as Hunt the Gowk Day. Scotland is unique in that the people celebrate April Fools' Day for the first two days of April. The first day is celebrated by pranking and hoaxing people, while the second is known as Tailie Day and people place tails on each other's backs.

France
Throughout France April Fools' Day is observed by sneakily sticking a paper fish to someone's back. When the hapless victim discovers the prank, the successful prankster will yell out "Poisson d'Avril!"—which means "April fish!"

Greece
In Greece there are several beliefs around April Fools' pranks, the first being that if you can trick someone, you'll have good luck all year long. Other beliefs are that successful tricksters will enjoy a good year of crops, and that the water from rainfall on April 1 has healing abilities.

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



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



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ACCREDITATION OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Standard 5:

Child care programs collaborate with community organizations and services to respond to the needs of children and families they serve.

5.1 Child care programs are responsive to the diverse needs of the children and families they serve.

5.2 Child care programs establish working relationships with organizations and services within the community.

5.3 Child care programs have a clearly defined process for involving community stakeholders.

Standard 6:

Continuous quality improvement is demonstrated through ongoing self-monitoring and evaluation processes.

6.1 Child care programs engage in ongoing monitoring and evaluation processes involving administrative staff, families, child care professionals, and other stakeholders to support continuous quality improvement.

6.2 Child care programs use a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to set program goals annually.

6.3 Child care programs have sound administrative policies and procedures in place to support quality services.

How Do We Meet the Accreditation Standard?

The Agency Staff work hard to maintain the Accreditation Standards, we believe that quality child care programs engage in positive relationships with community organizations.

Standard 5:

The Agency maintains a list of Community resources in Penhold, Innisfail, and Olds including:

- Day Cares
- Out of School Care Programs
- Preschools
- Emergency Services
- Support Services (Parent Link, FCSS, Speech, Subsidy)
- Libraries, CHIP's, SEEDs

The Agency Staff participate as volunteers, have memberships with, and attend meetings for:

- Innisfail Envision Children First – ECD Coalition

- Innisfail Interagency Meetings
- Innisfail FCSS Advisory Board
- Central Alberta Family Day Home Association
- Central Alberta's Early Learning and Care "Maximize", Conference Committee
- Alberta Family Child Care Association
- Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta

Providers, Parents, & Community members have input into the society via:

- Advisory Board: two providers, two parents & three community members are appointed to the Board.
- All providers and parents are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting held in June.
- Provider and parent input through

the annual evaluations helps us plan for the upcoming year & develop our QEP.

- One on one discussion with staff.

Standard 6:

Annual Reviews are completed and documented for all Staff members and Contracted Providers.

Resources and training are made available to Staff, so that they can implement Agency goals and strategies; Resources and training are offered to Providers, so they can implement goals in their day homes.

Adherence to policy is monitored through direct supervision of staff and monthly monitoring of providers - through evaluation of compliance through home visits, discussion, observation, performance evaluations and assessments.



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 <i>Office Open til 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Provider Pay Day & Meeting</i></p>	2	3	<p>4 <i>Carla O'Reilly</i> <i>Turn on the Switch</i> <i>7-9pm</i> <i>Innisfail LLC</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Maximize Banquet</i> <i>Red Deer</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Maximize</i> <i>Conference Red Deer</i></p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	<p>16 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Staff Training</i></p>	17	18	<p>19 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Good Friday</i></p>	20
<p>21 <i>No school</i> <i>April 19-26th</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Easter Monday</i></p>	23	24	25	26	<p>27 <i>AECEA Conference</i> <i>Calgary</i></p>
28	<p>29 <i>Month End</i> <i>Paperwork Due</i></p>	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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<p>Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com</p> 			<p>1 <i>Dr. Jody Carrington Red Deer Memorial Centre 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Office Open til 6:30pm Provider Pay Day</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 <i>First Day of Ramadan</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>Office Closed Victoria Day</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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