

## July 2017 Parent Newsletter



Happy Summertime! It's so nice to see all the green grass, crops in the fields and flowers everywhere! How will you incorporate Canada 150 in your summer family activities? Please pass along your ideas!

What a great time to teach children about the great country we live in!!

Please note – child care fees are due July 5<sup>th</sup>, late fees apply July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the letter to Parents you will receive with your news letter from your Provider this month. After review of our annual budget, and the results of the survey we did with Providers a few months ago, we are increasing our child care rates effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. Let us know if you have any questions!

**July Park Days – Please join your Provider and child if you are able!**  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - Inclusive Playground at Parkland Class School (just before Kerrywood Nature Centre)

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.– Splash Park and playground at Kin Canyon



**For future park days this summer, please feel free to suggest a park that you like to go, and we will include it in a future month's newsletter!**

Don't forget to recognize YOUR Provider through our **WOW!** Offering quality child care is rewarding and challenging – when you acknowledge your Provider for the great job they do for your family, everybody wins! You can email us at [nd@newdimensionsfamilydayhome.com](mailto:nd@newdimensionsfamilydayhome.com), or simply call us at 403-346-0888 to let us know what your Provider has done for you!

Our WOW! Award draw this month goes to Karpagam! Congratulations!

All submissions are returned to Providers at the end of each month 😊

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ACCREDITATION!

This year, we are re-accrediting our program! Every three years, Validators come to visit each accredited child care program to validate the goals and standards set out in a "Quality Enhancement Plan". Accreditation means that your child is in a program that demonstrates that they go above and beyond minimum standards in child care. It is a long and thorough process, and means your child is benefiting from well-trained, caring and committed caregivers that are dedicated to your child's optimal growth and development. Your Provider also benefits from the extra work they do through Provider Support Funding from the Alberta Government, among other incentives.

### Accreditation Consent Forms:

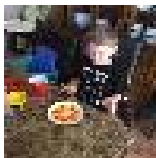
As part of this process, you will be asked to sign an Accreditation Consent form by your Provider this month. These forms will be used by the Validators to contact a random number of parents about their experience with the agency. This is needed for our site visit which will occur any time between September 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 27th. This is your chance to discuss why you chose this agency and Provider for your child care and what quality child care means to you!

**Parent Sharing Corner-** Great experiment suggested by Provider Stephanie! Thanks for the submission!!

You take a small plate with a bit of a dip in it so it will hold water. And make a pattern with the colours you choose. Once you have made a complete circle pour enough warm water on the plate to cover the skittles. Within seconds you will see the colours running and creating a perfect design and pattern.

I found it a great project as it took very little time for the kids to see results and they could do it over and over again if they wanted.

It helped them practice their patterns and counting. Also great sensory activity, because once the skittles get warm you can squish them and stretch them.



***Please ensure that you have signed all necessary Field Trip Forms prior to your Provider taking your child on outings! This is one more way***

*that we endeavor to keep you informed of what is happening in your child's day. If you are able to join your Provider on any outings, please do! If you have any questions about any part of your child's daily care and activities, please feel free to talk to your Provider, or any office staff!*

### Parent Information:

There is a great local conference coming up later this year! Please be sure to mark your calendars, and let us know if you have any questions!

*Mini-Maximize* This exciting, one day event, on October 21<sup>st</sup> is open to ELCC Educators and parents, here in North Red Deer! Fantastic speakers Stephanie Staples and Cheryl-Ann Webster will be here to help motivate and bring fresh perspectives to your work and life! Watch Your Provider's Parent Board for details, but feel free to Google these great speakers! You won't want to miss it!



Westerner Days Parade is July 19<sup>th</sup>!

Please Note: Our office will be CLOSED until 12:30 p.m. on Parade Day!



### **Did you know??**

Have you heard about the Early Learning and Child Care Multilateral Framework between the Federal and Provincial governments? This is great information for parents and professionals concerned with accessible, affordable, quality child care! Check out the report at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/early-learning-child-care/reports/2017-multilateral-framework.html>.