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## November 2018 Parent Newsletter



November is here – less than 2 months until Christmas! We have had a lovely Autumn after all – now we can look forward to snow and winter fun! Please be sure you bring appropriate winter clothing each day with your child so that they are ready for outdoor play every day, even in the wet snow. Snow pants, and extra change of clothing, winter boots, hats and mitts are all necessary to explore and play outside each day!

**Allowable days for November – 22**  
**Child Care fees are due on Nov. 2 to avoid late fees**

**Please Note the following Office Closures:**



**The office will be CLOSED AT NOON on Friday, Nov. 9th for the Remembrance Day Long Weekend. We will re-open Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> with regular hours.**

**\*\*\*\*\*The Office will also be CLOSED THURSDAY, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for Staff Training\*\*\*\*\***

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** –

Our Social Committee is busy planning our annual Children's Christmas Party, and all of our families are invited! It will be held at the Dawe Centre, Wed. Nov. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join other Providers and children with our agency for some fun, friendship....and of course, our special guest, SANTA will be there! Please ensure you rsvp to the office at 403-346-0888, if you will be attending with your child.

### **Illness**

**Our agency is bound by the Family Day Home Standards Manual for Alberta. Standard 10C outlines the requirements we must follow when it comes to children that are ill.**

**It is not an option for us to allow children to remain in care in any of the following instances:**

- New, unexplained rash or cough
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- A child requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of other children
- A child having or displaying any illness or symptom the staff or provider believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.

In the case of any of the above, the Provider MUST contact the child's parent to arrange for the immediate removal of the child from the day home, and the child may not return until the Provider is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk (ie. Doctor's return to care note, parent indicates in writing that the child has been symptom free for at least 24 hours).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you wish to read any of the Standards we follow, please go to <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/family-day-home-standards-manual.pdf>.



Our WOW Award this month goes to Tabatha! Congratulations!

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS/DAY HOME CLOSURES**

Please be sure to discuss any time off you or your Provider will be taking in December. If your Provider will be off, please be sure to sign a subcare form, whether or not you will be using care – this constitutes a temporary change for your contract, but we must have it in writing. Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns!

**Sharing Corner – Family Time**

The following ideas were found at <https://www.todayparent.com/toddler/10-no-snow-winter-activities/#gallery/10-no-snow-winter-activities/2> accessed Oct. 31, 2018.

- Go on a Bingo Hike! Give each child a blank bingo card with 9 squares on it, and as you walk, have them draw pictures of things you find while you walk – pine cones, leaves, twigs, etc.
- Go for an early evening walk – notice the stars, crisp air – or, if it's too cold, take a city bus ride!
- Have your child plan a "Family Fun Night". Ask them to pick a movie or game to play, make "tickets" and popcorn vouchers, and decorate the tv room with pillows and blankets!



**Did you know...?**

Upcoming Events in and around Red Deer!

- Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Red Deer Lights The Night; City Hall Park

- Remembrance Day ceremonies are happening at Servus Arena and Veterans' Park at 10:30 a.m. on November 11, 2018.
- CFR Red Deer Oct 30-Nov 4-**2018** at Westerner Park – for more information go to [cfrreddeer.ca](http://cfrreddeer.ca)
- CP Holiday Train Schedule – here is a local list for Providers – more stops can be found at <https://www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/schedule-canada>

Blackfalds	CP Tracks at Gregg Street between Broadway Ave and East Ave	2018-12-9	12:45 PM	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott
Lacombe	The Len Thompson Fish Pond	2018-12-9	2:00 PM	2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott
Innisfail	52 Avenue and 50 Street (the FasGas crossing)	2018-12-11	1:15 PM	1:25 PM - 1:55 PM	Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott
Olds	50th Street level crossing	2018-12-11	2:35 PM	2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott
Didsbury	20 Street and 18 Avenue	2018-12-11	3:50 PM	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott