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May 2021 Parent Newsletter



Happy May! We have a lot to celebrate this month – it's Spring, Mother's Day and Educator Appreciation Day! Please take a few moments to appreciate YOUR family day home Educator on May 7 for the incredible work they do for your child and family everyday!

It will also be May Long Weekend before we know it! Take some time this month to slow down, relax, and enjoy some fresh Spring air!

The number of allowable days in May is 20.

Parent fees are due by May 4th to avoid late payment fees.

In order to do our part to stay healthy and safe, office staff will continue working from home until revised direction is received from the province regarding working in public offices. Please be sure to check your email frequently for new information! You can continue to call in at any time during regular office hours. If you wish to speak to the office, please call us at 403-346-0888, leave a message, and it will automatically be routed to our email. We will get your message, and if you have requested a call back, we will call back within the hour in most cases.

Our virtual office hours are:

Mondays – Thursdays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Fridays 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

May Long Weekend:



CLOSED Friday May 21 at noon for the Victoria Day Long Weekend
We will re-open, and calls and emails will be returned on Tuesday, May 25

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Be sure you inform your family day home educator if you, or a family member, is experiencing COVID symptoms, if anyone is going for testing, or if anyone has been a close contact with a positive diagnosis.

By ensuring we stay informed, we are able to make the best decisions to protect against the spread of COVID-19 in our family day homes.

If you want to know more about our guidelines for covid protocols, please visit

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/3fcd93d6-3060-4db4-850d-e0263b0e5ff6/resource/3ecb1f84-cea5-47b5-848e-eb263d60dc08/download/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-family-day-homes-2021-04.pdf>

Our WOW Award winner is Tammy! Congratulations!

Does your child have a favorite snack, meal or smoothie? We'd love to hear about it! New Dimensions would like to create a "Favorite Cuisine for Kids" cookbook, that we can share electronically at the end of June. Please share your recipe with us by emailing srobb@newdimensionsfamilydayhome.com !

Policy Review

The following excerpt is from the Parent Handbook you received when your family first joined New Dimensions. Each month we will highlight one aspect of what goes in to providing high quality care for your child!

Parents can support their educator and smooth administration by:

Provide up to date information on each child. Please assist us by notifying us when changes occur, such as:

- Your telephone number (including cell phone) changes
- Change of address
- Your work place, phone number and change of address
- When the emergency contact person and/or their phone number changes
- When your working hours change

Parents are encouraged to:

- Review educator profiles
- Maintain a professional relationship with their provider,
- Work co-operatively with their provider in all matters concerning the care of their children.

Parents are asked to communicate with their provider by:

- Maintaining an effective partnership of mutual respect and trust,
- Openly communicating on a regular basis to ensure that when problems arise they can be handled in a positive and constructive manner,
- Setting a time to discuss their children's progress, preferably when the children are not present,
- Establishing a method of communication such as daily informal talks, phone calls, notes, or a communication book.

Parents are required to supply:

- Diapers, wipes, creams, and a non- porous change pad,

If your child is in diapers, you are responsible for an adequate supply for necessary diaper changes. For convenience, a bag of diapers may be left at the Family Day Home. Each provider has preferences, so please discuss this issue fully with your provider.

Please change diapers and wash children in the morning before taking them to their Family Day Home.

- Baby food, formula, or any other special dietary needs,
- Car seats or booster seats
- A change of clothing and clothing appropriate for the season i.e.: toques, mitts, snow pants, hats, sunscreen, etc.

Please send your children dressed in clothing that is comfortable, washable and suitable for childcare activities! An additional set of clothing is required as you never know when accidents will happen or the weather might change. Children will participate in daily outdoor play and are expected to have clothing suitable for that day's weather.



DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever wondered how other countries manage their child care? Have a look at this quick comparison! Hopefully soon, Canada will join the list of family supportive child care policy!

<https://www.countriesnow.com/child-care/>