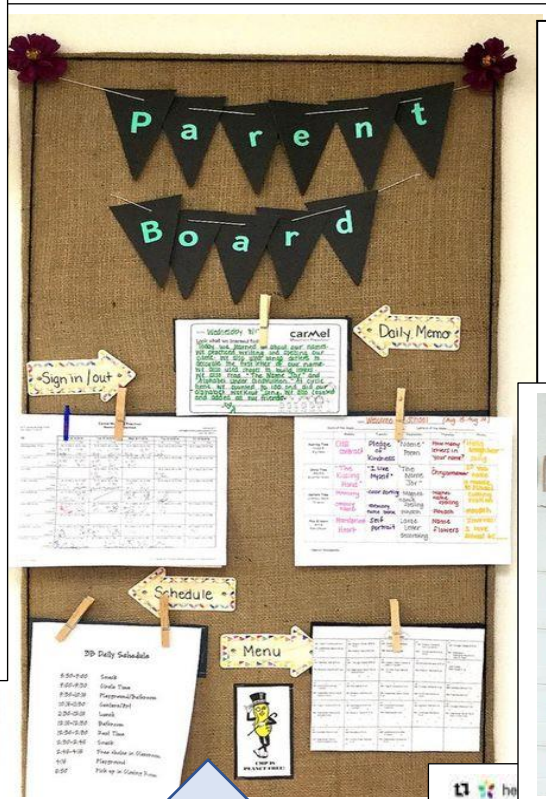
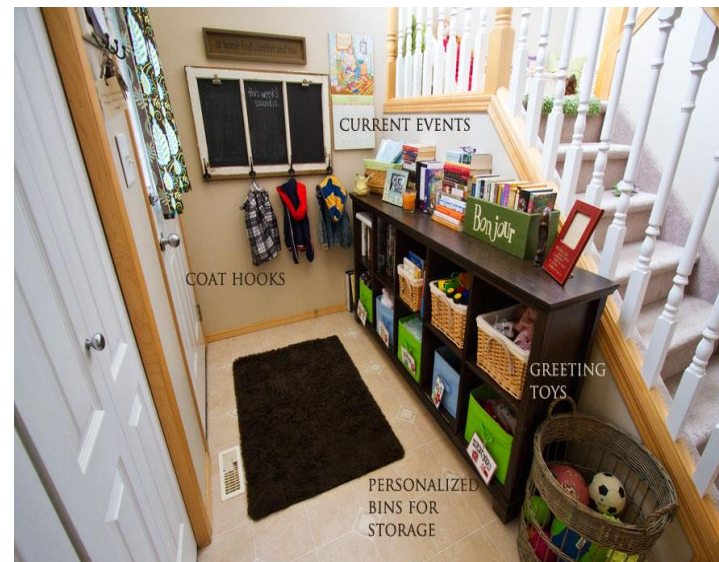


When families walk up to your front door and inside your home, what is the **first impression** that they get from your day home? **Does your entryway look inviting and organized?** Is information clearly displayed so that parents can see what is happening that week or month? If the answer is “no” then take some time this month to reorganize your day home areas. A great place to start is the front door and entry way, as a **few small changes can create a big impact for your business.** Start with a bulletin board that is free of clutter and clearly shows important information for the month like; meal plans, themes, important dates to remember and activity programming. To help keep the area tidy do you have a designated space for the children to keep their shoes, coats and bags? As the weather gets cooler the children will be arriving with more clothing, create cubbies or install hooks to keep the area organized. Label a spot for each child and that way they can help this area stay clean by hanging up and putting away their own items.



Drop off and pick up times can be a hectic period of the day, so use your bulletin board to assist in communicating with parents. In addition to the regular items posted try adding a white board or a question box so that parents can ask questions and you can respond later, without having to contend with little voices. *Accred. Standard 3.2 C "Promote regular communication between the family and program".*



If you hear of some exciting events for families in your community, please use your bulletin board to share with families. *Accred. Standard 3.3 D "Provide information to families about programs and services offered by other community and social organizations."*

CLEAN UP SONG
Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

★ Twinkle, twinkle little star,
time to clean up where you are.
Put the toys back in their place.
Keep a smile upon your face.
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
time to clean up where you are.

A photo is worth a thousand words as they say, so share with parents all the amazing learning moments that their children experience. The photo above is a simple display that can be easily switched up from week to week and the children can help create.

Above is an example of an inviting entry way that is organized and provides spaces for each child to access their outdoor items from the baskets. On PINTREST there are lots of great ideas of how to create your own simple Cubbies.
<https://www.ellecherieblog.com/diy-kids-cubbies/>

When your day home area is organized it makes clean up time so quick and easy. Have the children help clean up in fun and inventive ways like signalling them with a song or enjoying fun music while tidying. Other ways to turn cleaning into a game could be; Making it a race and using a timer, have certain children clean items that are a specific color or pick up as many items determined by your age. Help the children transition by giving them 5-minute warnings before cleaning begins or if you have a visual timer this will help the children understand how much time they have left before cleaning starts.

November 2019 – This month take some time to educate and celebrate with the children - Remembrance Day on Nov. 11th as well as, National Child Day on Nov. 20th. The Rights of the Child were created with the belief that “all children everywhere deserve to live in dignity and to be treated according to their best interests”. November is also a good month to re-access what areas in your home are well organized and working effectively and what areas need to be adjusted. *Accred. Standard 3.2 Child care programs implement clear, simple practices that promote regular exchange of information for families. Accred. Standard 3.3 Child care programs support families through parental involvement, sharing of resources, and providing information regarding additional supports for their children.*

National Child Day November 20th, 2019
Celebrating 30 Years of Children’s Rights.

-Visit the **Edmonton Public Library** website for their list of city-wide locations that have Free events running that day (www.epl.ca)

-Play Day 2019 **Jamie Platz YMCA**, Edmonton, Sunday, November 17, 2019, 1 – 4 p.m., Fun, free family activities: crafts, games, bouncy castle and more!

-On Saturday, November 16, 2019 PSP will be offering a FREE Children’s Art Workshop at each Base and Wing across Canada in honour of National Child Day to highlight the impact recreation has on children of military families. Children will work together to create a larger work of art that will be displayed as of November 20, 2019. Our goal is to create a piece of art that reflects healthy child development through the symbol of a tree of hands.

<https://www.cafconnection.ca/National/Get-Involved/National-Child-Day.aspx>

-Celebrate in your day home with the children by;

-Inviting day home parents and friends for a celebration lunch or dinner.

- Have the children make posters or signs and display them in the window or front yard.

- Make a scrapbook with your day home children highlighting the fun times you have had together over the last month, season or year.

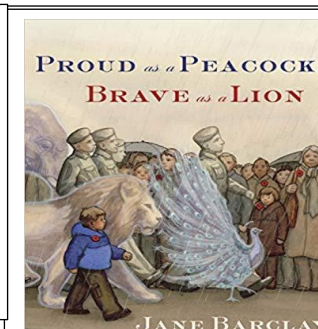
- Visit this website for activity ideas and printouts <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/childhood-adolescence/national-child-day/activity-kit.html>

Accred. Standard 3.2 D. Provide opportunities for families to be involved in programming for their children.”

Little Poppy
 Given to me,
 Help me keep Canada
 Safe and free.
 I’ll wear a little poppy
 As red as can be,
 To show that I remember
 Those who fought for me.



Poppy Suncatcher – You will need; Black construction paper, red and green tissue paper, sticky contact paper, scissors and tape. Start by visiting this website to print off a free poppy outline <https://www.redtedart.com/wpcontent/uploads/2016/10/Poppy-Suncatcher-download.pdf> Cut out the outline and then trace on to the black paper. Next cut your Poppy outlines out of the black paper. Using masking tape, tape down your contact paper – **sticky side facing up**. Make it as small or large as you like (each child can make their own or you could do a group collage) Get the children to tear or cut the red tissue paper – smaller squares are good. Once the squares are ready have the children press the squares onto the contact paper. If you really want to secure the tissue squares you can add a thin layer of glue to the tissue – this will make the tissue paper turn transparent though. Cut out your Poppy Suncatchers – either leave a small rim of contact paper (so it can stick directly to a window) or cut out exactly and secure with tape or hang near the window.



Books all about Remembrance Day and Children’s Rights

“Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion”

By Jane Barclay

“Bunny the Brave War Horse: Based on a True Story”

By Elizabeth MacLeod

“A Bear in War”

By Stephanie Innes

“I Have the Right to be a Child”

By Alain Serres

“What Does Peace Feel Like?”

By Vladimir Radmunsy

“This Child, Every Child”

By David J. Smith