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2020 Statutory Holidays

Monday May 18 Victoria Day	Monday September 7 Labor Day
Wednesday July 1 Canada Day	Monday October 12 Thanksgiving Day
Monday August 3 Heritage Day	Wednesday November 11 Remembrance Day

If you plan to take additional days off, you need to let families know in writing, at least two weeks in advance, of your planned absence. This allows back up care to be arranged.



Susan Jakab

Congratulations on 20 Years of Service

Susan has been a passionate and dedicated Educator with the Agency for the past 20 years. She implements many wonderful and unique ideas with the children in her care. She's made recyclable water walls in her back yard, and numerous sensory bins. Susan is very mindful of healthy and homemade food in her program. She often takes ideas from workshops and explores them with the children. Families have grown up in her home and value her family. Thank you Susan and Steve for 20 years of amazing service to families and the Agency,

NEW - Wage Top Up Eligibility

New guidelines that came into effect on April 1, 2020, states that an educator must hold at minimum a Child Development Assistant certificate (previously know as Level 1) in order to receive the wage top up funding.

To obtain a Child Development Assistant certificate an educator must successfully complete the free online Child Care Orientation Course and then apply for the certificate.

Wage top ups are allocated by the Alberta Government with the amount of the top up linked to your level of certification.

May 8th Provider Appreciation Day

Thank You.

Thank you for your dedication, compassion, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of young children.

Happy Provider Appreciation Day!

The staff of North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency, would like to take this opportunity to recognize your dedication and commitment to the field of early childhood.

We appreciate you for offering the child care in your home, an essential service, during these unprecedented times. Sharing your knowledge, understanding and love, with the children and families in your care is a gift.

Thank YOU for making a difference in the life of a child.

Administrative Fee Change

The agency has increased the administrative fee for NEW, full time families coming into care. The admin fee is now \$150.00.

Increasing the admin fee to new families was a hard decision, but a necessity, due to funding cuts the Government has recently imposed on agencies. The increase was done in a way not to impact families presently in care. If you are quoting fees to NEW FAMILIES please include the increase in your quote.



Steps to Cleaning & Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces, Equipment, Toys & Other Surfaces

1. **Wash with soap** and warm water.
2. **Rinse** with clean warm water.
3. **Wipe, spray, or immerse for 2 minutes** with a household chlorine/bleach and water solution or one of the approved sanitizers listed.

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/wf/eph/wf-eh-cleaning-sanitizing-food-contact-surfaces-equipment-toys.pdf>

4. Air-dry

How to Mix 100 ppm Chlorine for food contact surfaces, toys and other environmental surfaces.

2ml (1/2 teaspoon) household bleach per litre (4 cups) of water or 30ml (2 tablespoons) household bleach for 15 litres or ½ a domestic sink of water.

Unscented Chlorine/Bleach Solution needs to be made fresh everyday as light breaks down the effectiveness of the solution. Do NOT use when children are in the area as the solution is toxic when WET. Label your container with the contents.

****** Cleaning wipes like Lysol or Clorox are not recommended as they are not safe for food, food surfaces as well as toy surfaces and typically need to be rinsed after use. Always read manufactures instructions if used in other parts of your home.*



Hand Washing

To reduce the spread of germs, bacteria, and viruses, hand wash with soap and warm water.

Everyone requires their own towel (wash daily) or single use paper towel.

Do not use the sink in food preparation areas for hand washing.

It is important to supervise and assist hand washing when needed.

When to wash a child's hands.

- on arrival at to your home
- after using the washroom/diapers
- after coming inside from outside
- before and after food preparation
- before and after eating
- after contact with saliva or nasal secretions – wiping a nose

If the material used cannot be cleaned and sanitized each child should have their own container. For example play dough.

As an Educator, you have the responsibility to maintain the health and safety in your home through the practices YOU implement.

Teach health & safety practices to children and share information with families.

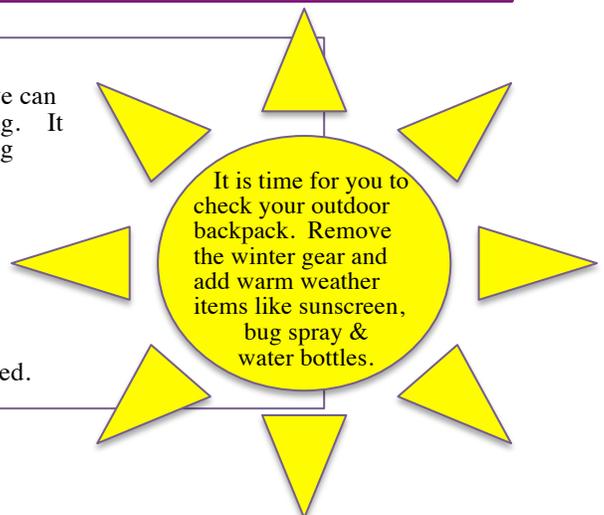


Spring has Sprung!

It is that time of year again where we can see three seasons morning to evening. It can be Winter in the morning, Spring around noon and Summer after 2 pm. Footwear is challenging too as the puddles are starting to dry up but boots are still needed.

Time to ask parents to provide the items needed for your bag.

When outside maintain social distancing & remember parks are closed.



workshops

Postponed

until further notice

The Agency has postponed all in person workshops until further notice.

FREE TRAINING - AHS Food Basic Safety Home Study Course - Online

Find this course online _

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/page3151.aspx>

(While currently not mandatory it is a great online home study course for food safety.)

Family Day Home Standards



Standard 1: Insurance Coverage

- All providers must have current insurance policies.
- All providers must be covered by liability in the amount of not less than \$2 million per occurrence.
- Where the provider transports children, automobile liability insurance coverage must be obtained by the provider at a minimum \$1 million per occurrence.

Congratulations!

The following providers are celebrating their anniversaries with NEFDHA in May.

Thank you for your gift of CARE.

Twiligh Locke	28 Years
Noshaba Iram	11 Years
Christina Myers	11 Years
Gagandeep Baweja	8 Years
Jaspreet Kaloti	8 Years
Sita Singh	7 Years
Roshini Kumar	6 Years
Memona Gul	4 Years
Patricia Flores	3 Years
Melrose Ligasan	3 Years
Luwam Weldeyesus	1 Year
Rajwinder Kaur	1 Year



Witness the miracle of metamorphosis with a Butterfly Raising Kit!



Check out the Education Station website to book your butterfly kit. The Kits sell out fast so book today.

The process from **Larvae to Butterfly** takes approximately 3 weeks and is probably one of the coolest things that you can do with your children this spring.

https://www.educationstation.ca/catalogue/butterfly-life-cycle-raising-kit_215482/?fbclid=IwAR1BKXhvbGcG2rsEe6y_uutKUF97aogT_oPv-BY-d8YH7D6IF5NkBxnp0

Mother's Day Around the World

By Carrie Anton Thebump.com May 2017



Mother's Day around the world doesn't always look the same. From the date to the festivities, Mother's Day celebrations around the world are a testament to moms everywhere .

Mexican Mother's Day - Cue the mariachi music, which is the soundtrack of Mexican Mother's Day, also known as Día de la Madre. Families hire bands to come perform at their homes on May 10 when the holiday is celebrated annually. Moms request their favourite songs and are treated to serenades (like "Amor de Madre") that are about—who else?—mom. Mothers eat well, too; Mexican Mother's Day history dictates a traditional breakfast of tamales and atole, which is a hot drink made from corn.

Mother's Day UK - The United Kingdom reigns supreme in the history of Mother's Day, with dedicated days dating back to the 17th century. Held on "Mothering Sunday," which takes place the fourth Sunday of Lent, Mother's Day UK honours not only British mums but also the Virgin Mary. Mothering Sunday began centuries ago as a day when Christians traveled to their mother church (the main church or cathedral of the area) to worship, and children working away from home were given a day off to visit their mothers. Today, moms are pampered much like those on this side of the pond, but the day often includes a traditional simnel cake—a spiced cake made with dried fruit and topped with marzipan balls.

