

October 2024 Newsletter

October 1, 2024

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society



Fire Safety & Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is happening October 6th to 12th in communities across North America. This year's focus is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You" to bring awareness to the important actions you can take to keep yourself & those around you safe. Here are some important facts about Smoke Alarms:

- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members including those with sensory or physical limitations.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home & outside of each sleeping area.
- For best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Taking a few minutes each month to test your smoke alarms could save a life!



Did You Know? As per Standard 10B: Home & Safety, all approved Family Day Home programs must:

- Have a written emergency plan for evacuation procedures & an evacuation route
- Practice & record monthly fire drills with children; all children who are developmentally able must know the designated outside meeting place



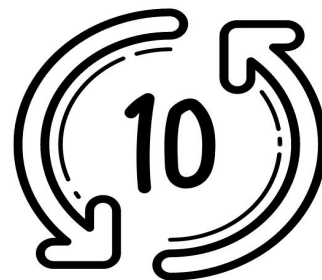
INSTALL

Smoke Alarms on **all** levels of your home



TEST

Test Smoke Alarms a minimum of once per month



REPLACE

Replace Smoke Alarms when they are 10 years old or no longer respond

Adapted from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Society News



**Office will be Closed
October 14th
for
Thanksgiving**

Happy Anniversary:

Donna Brower
4 years

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and families!

Welcome to

Kayla Beaudin
Penhold

Innisfail Multicultural Festival



On October 5, Innisfail Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Committee will host a Cultural Festival that will have the residents of Innisfail travel the world without getting on a plane. There will be music, food, dance, games, and family friendly activities from around the world.

The festival will have tables that will represent different countries. Each table will be sharing art, history, information, music, food and stories.

Dancers and musical performances will happen throughout the event, and food will be served for all guests that attend.

Come visit us, and many others, on October 5th at the Innisfail Library Learning Centre, from 11am — 4pm

This event is free and fun for the whole family!

Meet Our Licensing Officers



October, Q & A with our Licensing Team— Educators, Come out and meet our licensing inspectors and familiarize yourself with all things licensing for family day homes.

October 11, 2024 at 7pm in the Standing Stones Meeting Room, Innisfail.

Licensing officers should be out on inspections visits in the next few months, this gives you a chance to meet them before they come see you

and ask any questions you have about the visitation process.



Reminder: Too Sick for Care Policy

If a program educator notices that a child exhibits any of the signs or symptoms listed below, the educator must ensure:

- ✓ the child's parent(s) arranges for the immediate removal of the child from the program premises; and
- ✓ the child does not return to the program premises until the educator is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to others in the program

Day homes must also follow the most recent guidelines set out by Alberta Health.

Signs or symptoms of illness exhibited by a child include:

- ✓ a child vomiting, having a fever, diarrhea or a new unexplained rash or cough;
- ✓ a child requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program; or
- ✓ a child having or displaying any other illness or symptom the educator knows or believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.

A family day home program must be temporarily closed if an educator's own child's symptoms fit the criteria described in the Family Day Home Standards Manual, or per AHS guidance.

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ae5d6de9-3a2b-4fb5-abd1-7ad4582a709d/resource/fd7124fe-a3bd-4e08-ac4d-05c1147ec386/download/cs-family-day-home-standards-manual-for-alberta-2022-10.pdf>

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4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning

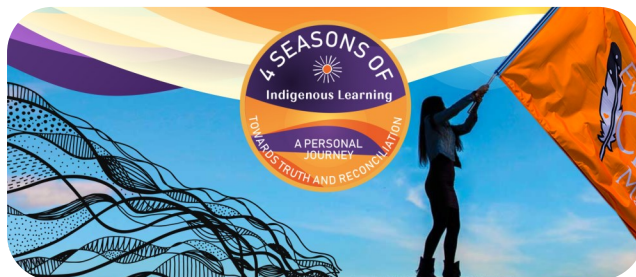
Beginning at the end of October and running until the end of May, this course is offered in partnership with over 50 non-profit organizations. It serves to support participants in deepening their understanding of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives while

strengthening connections with the local Land and supporting more respectful, reciprocal relationships.

The Journey: October 24, 2024 – May 31, 2025
1.5 - 2 Hours of Learning
Each Month: Includes 1 hour Virtual Presentation

Register by the End of October, \$140.00

outdoorlearning.com/4-seasons/





INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



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Family
Day Homes



Thank You

Thank you to this years Innisfail Harvest Festival committee for providing us the opportunity to participate in this years Scarecrow Competition!



Curriculum Corner: Noticing the Positioning Schema



What is a schema? Schemas are patterns of repetitive behaviour that provide children with opportunities to investigate emerging thoughts & ideas through play to make meaning. The Positioning Schema is described as:

"Children can be seen positioning, ordering and arranging objects or themselves. At times children may be obsessive in placing items in the exact place (e.g. on top, next to, in front of, around the edge, beside, behind) of an object or person. The children may be observed lining up objects in order of size, colour or shape. It can also be noted that some children may not wish their food to be mixed together on the same plate" (Flying Start UK).

Activities to Support the Positioning Schema

- Stacking/Unstacking/Balancing items
- Lining up toys or other items

Key Words

Inside On Top Under
Behind Between Next to In Front

Happy
Thanksgiving



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Innisfail Cultural Festival 11am-4pm</i>
6	7	8	9 <i>Educator Team Meeting 7pm</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Month End Paperwork Due Due by 8:30am</i>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	<div data-bbox="1465 1328 1953 1507" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com</p>  </div>	



November 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  Fall Back Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Sunday.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Office Closed <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
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