



FEBRUARY 2018

Provider Newsletter



Note Worthy

Activity Plan:

THE OLYMPICS

Closure Days:

Monday, February 19 2018

Meeting:

Outdoor Play Workshop

Wednesday February 21 2018

6:30 pm at the Library

Changes to the Criminal Record Check renewal process:

There has been a change with the Licensing requirement for criminal record renewals. Previously we could accept a copy of your receipt to evidence you had applied for your criminal record and that was satisfactory to Licensing, this is no longer the case.

For the day home provider or any approved back up person the criminal record must not expire. If the primary provider's criminal record expires; the day home **MUST** be closed until the provider's new criminal record is back in place. When an approved back up criminal record expires they cannot care for the children unsupervised.

Criminal records take approximately 4-6 weeks to get back in the mail, so please make sure you are applying in time or you may have to pay an extra fee to get your renewal processed faster if you don't want to be closed. They still need to be renewed every 3 years.

We have an email reminder system in place to help keep everyone up to date! Your consultant will also be bringing out an expiry list for you to post on your bulletin board, so there will be a double system in place! If you have any questions please let your consultant or the office know!

REMINDERS

- 1. Our Licensing Officer still has 2 more day homes to review. Remember to make sure that all of your documentation and health and safety are in place DAILY.**
2. Provider T4As will be ready for pick up by the end of the month. \$15 will be deducted from your March 15th paycheck to cover the cost of your T4A.
3. Please email in any upcoming days off even if you don't need subbing. We need to know when Providers are closed and we need to let Licensing know which Providers are closed as well.
4. We are always looking for meeting ideas from the Providers. Please send in any ideas to odysseychildcare@outlook.com.
5. The website is odysseychildcare.com and the password is SD2458.
6. February first aid recertification course is scheduled for Saturday, February 10 2018 from 9 am to 4 pm. It will be held at the University of Lethbridge. Serena will send out the specific room # to those Providers that are registered in the course when she gets the information from the instructor.
7. OUTDOOR PLAY WORKSHOP- FEB 21 @ 630 pm at the Public Library Main Branch. The meeting is on outdoor play and physical literacy. It will provide you with information on outdoor nature play for children 0-6. Outdoor planning is something that we will need to start evidencing for Accreditation so it will be beneficial to come and get ideas for outdoor play activities. This workshop is a summary of the theme of the Lethbridge Early Childhood Education Conference this year so if you weren't planning on attending the conference we want to see you at this workshop. We realize that this is during reading week, but the presenter had very limited availability. Please email odysseychildcare@outlook.com telling us the topic of the workshop and you will be entered in the draw for a book on outdoor play activities. (Value \$25)

ROVING SUBS

We just wanted to give everyone a reminder of the roving sub Mackenzie Ginther! If you need time off for appointments you are welcome to book her into your home. Her availability isn't wide open, so please just check with her directly! With that we have had 2 of our current providers who have come to us to offer roving subbing time as well. They have set time slots that they would be available. You are welcome to contact them directly or call us at the office and we can contact them.

Michelle Menard is available M-TH 8:45am-11:00am
Christine Coolen is available Tues and Thurs 9am-11am

Please remember with all roving subbing you need to have a **parent acknowledgement of alternate caregiver form** signed by all the parents prior to leaving the home. The form is available on the website and I have attached a copy to this email. **Please make sure you are notifying the agency when you have booked the roving sub** in so we know when you will be out of the home.

Thank You!!!

We just want to say "Thank You" to everyone that came to the Provider Appreciation Dinner. The Mexican Fiesta was a fun night!!!



Lethbridge Early Childhood Education Conference

Date(s) and Time(s)

Mar. 23, 2018 - 2:00PM - Mar. 23, 2018 - 4:00PM

Mar. 24, 2018 - 8:00AM - Mar. 24, 2018 - 3:30PM

Location

Lethbridge College

**The Incomparable Learning Environment, Outdoor Play:
There's Nothing Else Like It**

Presented by: Child Care Directors' Association of Southwest Alberta. Fees: \$125

<https://sapdc.ca/conference/preview/32>

CITY OF LETHBRIDGE EVENTS

Brain Zone! Saturday February 3 2018. Starts: 1:00 PM - Ends: 4:00 PM. Location: Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Come down to the Nature Centre and test your engineering skills through a series of construction challenges! DROP-IN | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Daily! (Closed Mondays). Website: <https://www.lethbridge.ca/Things-To-Do/Nature-Centre/Pages/Whats-New.aspx>. Contact: Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Phone: 403-320-3064. Email: hsnc@lethbridge.ca.

Memory Boxes Wednesday February 14 2018 Starts: 10:30 AM- Ends: 12:00 PM. Location: Galt Museum & Archives. Découpage a small box for storing special treasures and find out more about the museum. Daytime Galt Workshops | hands-on history | admission applies | free to annual pass holders | adults & seniors Website: http://galtmuseum.com/programs_-_adult-and-family?p=0&action=event&subaction=view&ID=536 Contact: Graham Ruttan. Phone: 4033203898. Email: graham.ruttan@galtmuseum.com.

Lethbridge Astronomy Society FREE Public Observing. Saturday February 24 2018. Starts: 7:30 PM-Ends: 9:00 PM. Location: Oldman River Observatory, Popson Park, West Lethbridge. Come join us for an evening of stargazing! We can show you deep sky objects through our telescopes and give you a laser guided tour of the night sky. This is a drop in event - please join us for a few minutes or for the entire event. Please remember to dress warm! The temperature can drop after the sun has gone down. Note that this event is weather permitting. If the skies are cloudy we will not be able to offer any star viewing, but many members will be available to chat about telescopes and general astronomy if you are interested. Website: <http://www.lethbridgeastronomysociety.ca>. Contact: Lesley Wihnan. Phone: 403-381-7827 (STAR) Email: lethbridgeastronomy@gmail.com