

April 2018

Special points of interest:

- **Closure Day April 2—Easter Monday**
- **Provider Meeting is on Child Stress**
- **Activity Plan is on weather.**
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Office hours are 8:30am—4:30pm M-F and until 6:30pm on the 15th and last day of the month or the Friday before.

Parent Newsletter

Illness Policy

Standard 10C – Illness (Taken from Family Day Home Standards Manual for Alberta)

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

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 providers is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to others in the program (e.g. the parents provide a physician's note, the parents declare that the child has been symptom free for at least 24 hours.)

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.

A child having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff knows or believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.

Notes

Illness Policy

We have received numerous questions on the illness policy. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts were completed in January and all parents should have received them. They would have been given to parents either by their provider in a sealed envelop

or mailed out. We have had a few come back so if you have not received it please ensure we have the current address and we will get them out to you.



*“Spring is when
you feel like
whistling even with
a shoe full of
slush.”*

– Doug Larson

Taken from: huffingtonpost.ca



Back up Packages

We have had more instances with subbing where the parents are showing up without the back up package. Providers have been instructed to refuse care to any family that shows up without this package. The agency has ensured that all families have

these packages and the alternate providers **MUST** have them or they are in non-compliance. Please ensure you are diligent in bringing these to alternate care arrangements set up by the agency. If you have any questions please contact the office.

If you have misplaced your package please let us know ASAP and we can make one more for you.

Forms

Just a quick overview of forms.

Attendance Sheets are the forms that parents sign their children in and out on. This must be done at drop off and pick up and sign at the end of the week.

Offsite permission is the form that the parents will sign giving permission for

the providers to take the children to any location that is not the home environment. This includes walking destinations, as well as vehicle and school transportation.

Medication forms must be filled out at the office before any medication can be left at the day home and before it can be adminis-

tered by the provider.

Alternate care form is what gets signed giving permission for another Odyssey approved person to be left with the children if the provider needs to leave the home for an appointment.

Waiver forms are signed if your provider is closed and you **DO NOT** want alternate care or a credit on your account.

Community Events

April 28 the Enmax Center is hosting Traxxas Monster Truck Tour, starting at 130pm. For tickets you can call 403-327-3620 or visit visitlethbridge.com and click on the ‘get tickets’ icon.

Over Easter Break from April 2-6 the Nature Center is hosting Coulee and Culture. This is geared for children from 6-9 years old. Cost is \$120.00 per child per week. Children will explore history and nature through the Galt Museum, Helen Schuler Nature Center,

New West Theater and Southern Alberta Art Gallery. Contact the Nature Center for more information at 403-320-3064.



