

March 2018

Parent Newsletter



Admin News

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families that have started over the last few months.

Please phone or email if you have any questions on the policies or what happens in the day homes. If you need to meet with us please phone in and we will set aside time for an appointment.

Reminder payments are due on the first of the month unless prior arrangements have been made with the agency.

Tax receipts have been mailed or picked up by the providers in sealed envelopes. If you have not received your receipt please let us know.

If there are any workshops or training families think would be

beneficial for our providers and agency please let us know and we will try to facilitate these.

If there are any traditions or customs your family celebrates and you would like to share them with us we will do our best to reflect them in the homes. This is a great way for the children to learn about other cultures.

Special points of interest:

- Closure Day is March 30 and April 1. Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- Provider workshop is on open ended and interest based activities.
- Activity Plan is on dinosaurs
- andrea-odyssey@shaw.ca/
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- www.odysseychildcare.ca

Alternative care/Credits to Account

Unless a provider has a holiday clause Odyssey will set up alternative care for families when their provider closes. Parents can request credits to their accounts if they choose not to use alter-

nate care when their provider closes. This can only be applied if childcare has not been set up or if there has been 12 hour cancellation notice to the alternate provider and the agency. A credit

cannot be administered if your provider has a holiday clause. Please inquire with your provider if you are unsure if your provider has one.

Checks will not be written to parents for credits on the account. Credits will not be applied to the account if it is the last month of care for a family. Please contact office with any questions.

Notifying Families of Incidents

WHEN A CHILD IS INJURED AT THE DAY HOME, NO MATTER WHAT THE INJURY IS THE PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE INJURY WHEN IT HAPPENS. IN SOME CASES THE PARENTS MAY NEED TO COME TO THE DAY HOME TO ASSESS THE INJURY THEMSELVES. THIS WILL BE TO DE-

TERMINE IF THEY NEED TO GO HOME OR TO THE DOCTOR. IF WE CANNOT GET A HOLD OF A PARENT WE WILL TRY THE EMERGENCY CONTACT IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS IT. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO THIS. IT IS PART OF OUR POLICIES THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN.

Families Welcome....

We would like to remind families they are welcome to speak to their provider about attending any field trips they would like on or visiting the day home to observe.

St Patrick's Day—Pot of Gold

There are many different ways to spend this day or activities to make. Here is a simple one the children will have lots of fun with.

Put out many different types of media and craft supplies. Allow

the children to make their own pot for gold. It can be anyway they desire.

Once they have their pot made allow them to search all over for chocolate coins you have previously hidden.

"WE GET STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM WATCHING CHILDREN."

Hayao Miyazaki

Taken from:

<https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/hayaomiyaz501510.html>

Community Events

Beautiful Royal Birthdays is celebrating with a snow sister sing a long. This will be held on Sunday, March 4 from 2-4pm at CASA (230 8 St S). There will be stories, songs and singing. Cost is \$10.00.

For more information visit www.eventbrite.ca/e/snow-sister-sing-a-long

The annual home and garden show will be held at Exhibition park (3401 South Parkside Dr). It takes place March 21-23 from 1-8pm and March 24 from 10-5pm. Cost is \$7 per person, under 10 is free and \$5 per vehicle to park.

Visit www.exploresouthwestalberta.ca for more information





