



NEWSLETTER

RAZZLE DAZZLE & KIDS KONNECTION



January 2019

Happy New Year 2019

What's Happening:

Thank you everyone for coming to our Christmas Hay Ride and Mini Market in Bentley on December 4th. It was a huge success. Thank you as well to the Town of Bentley for allowing us to use the community and everyone who participated in our mini market.



During the Christmas Hay Ride there was a children's bake sale with all proceeds going to the Central Alberta Humane Society. The bake sale raised \$212.00 and there was also a bin of supplies such as cat food, dog food, dog bed and blankets. The humane society was overwhelmed with the donation when it was dropped off to them.



During our hayride there were 4 tickets to Red Deer College's the Nutcracker Ballet generously donated. Names were entered in a draw and the winter was Katie Dyck of Blackfalds. Congratulations Katie, we hope you enjoyed the show!

Mission Statement: Provide quality childcare with an in-home, play based learning environment for every individual child. Recognizing each child is unique and he/she has different abilities, which enable every child to attain independence at their own rate of development.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Maximize 2019
 Sheraton Red Deer
 April 5th and 6th, 2019

Registration forms will be available soon!!



Dr. Jody Carrington:
 Connected Parenting
 St. Gregory the Great Catholic School
 105 Cottonwood Road,
 Blackfalds
 January 21st, 2019
 6:00-8:00 pm
 For more information contact
 FCSS @ 403-600-9066

Scholastic orders will be due by January 15th, 2019

Agency Events

Everyone Is Welcome!!
Please RSVP To Agency
Office Or To Miss Danita

Sylvan Lake

Toboggan Party

Tuesday, January 8th
10:00-11:00 am
Palo Park (45 Street Crescent)
Weather Depending

Bethany Visit with Residents

Thursday, January 24
10:00-11:00 am

Lacombe

Parent Link

Thursday, January 10
9:30-11:00 am

Before/After School Program

Monday, January 14
Pizza Lunch
10:00 am-1:00 pm

Blackfalds

Parent Link

Thursday, January 31
9:30-11:00 am

Intergenerational Event

Thursday, January 17
9:30-11:00 am
Blackfalds Community Centre
Theme: Beach Party

Ponoka

Ponoka Centennial Centre

Friday, January 25th
10:00-11:00 am



PROGRAMMING IDEA

Colored Ice Art: You will need a bundt pan, 5 different food colorings, ribbon and water.

- Fill the bundt pan halfway full of water.
- Place bundt pan in freezer for about an hour until there is a thin layer of ice on top.
- While still in the freezer place 1-2 drops of each food coloring around the ice.
- Continue to freeze until solid, then remove from freezer and run warm water under the pan until the ice will easily pop out.
- Tie the ribbon or string through the centre of the whole then hang outside for a beautiful display.





Referral Program

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WANTING TO WORK FROM HOME? PERHAPS THEY
WOULD LIKE TO OPEN A FAMILY DAY HOME.

HAVE THEM GIVE US A CALL AND IF THEY SCREEN YOU WILL ENJOY DINNER ON
US!! PHONE THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Community Events Information:

Rimbey Parent Link Centre

Visit their website and view the calendar for all
upcoming events.
centralparklandparentlink.ca

Lacombe Parent Link

Stay and Play Drop in program
Everyone Welcome
9:30-11:00 am Every Wednesday

Blackfalds Public Library

Visit the library for information about
Upcoming events or check their website:
www.blackfaldslibrary.ca

Sylvan Lake Library

New sessions beginning the
week of January 7th.
Visit our website for details on
programming such as:
-Tales for toddler
-Infant sensory play
-Sensory story time
sylvanlibrary.prl.ab.ca

Office Hours:

Razzle Dazzle

Sylvan Lake: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Kids Konnection

Blackfalds: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
Lacombe: Monday & Friday 9am-1pm
Wednesday Noon-4pm

MONTHLY STANDARDS REVIEW

Provincial Standards Review:

Standard 7B: Parent Involvement

Agencies must obtain written consent from the parent(s) for their children to participate in off-site program activities such as field trips or excursions to community playgrounds, etc. Agencies must also obtain written authorization for the family day home provider to administer children's medications, when applicable.

Agencies must provide parent(s) with a handbook outlining how parent(s) will be involved and how the family day home provider will use community services and resources. The handbook must outline:

- The program philosophy and the child guidance methods it employs; how parent(s) will be involved in decisions related to their children's care; and how parent(s) will be informed about scheduled activities.

Accreditation Standards Review:

1.2 Child care programs demonstrate respectful, positive interactions and communications with children.

Indicators:

- a. Talk to children at a developmental level they understand.
- b. Engage in active listening with children.
- c. Value each child's right to have their feelings and belongings respected.
- d. Model respectful interactions with other adults.

Office Locations:

Razzle Dazzle
#220 5028 50A Street
Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 2N5

Kids Konnection
5016 Waghorn Street
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Kids Konnection
5021 50th Avenue
Lacombe, AB T4L 1K4

2018 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Provider and staff training continue to be a priority for the agency. Our children/family activities are well attended and supported by providers and parents. Our community connections, partnerships and committee work help us build capacity for families, staff, children and our communities. Thank you for your continued commitment to QUALITY!!

PROVIDER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES

Monthly Inservice Training Packages:

- **Value of meaningful family relationships; the planning cycle; learning stories; community of support; documenting children's work; nurturing creativity: extending thinking with materials, why is play important to creativity, educator's role, characteristics of creativity, environments that inspire creativity, understanding the creative process and Creativity & cognition**

Provider/Community Workshops:

- **Teacher Tom – Discipline & conflict in preschool**
- **Michele Kambolis (MA) – Empowering Kids in the Face of Stress**
- **Fundamentals of Gender Diversity**

Conferences:

- **Maximize 2018 Early Learning and Care Conference (Red Deer)**
- **Breath of Fresh Air Consultant Training 2018**

Activities:

- **Children's Halloween parties, Carnival Cinema movie morning, Multi-cultural pot luck, Pizza party, Family Christmas Weiner Roast and Hay Wagon Ride, Summer BBQ, Ice Cream socials, Art Day, Preschool summer games, Charlotte Diamond Children's Concert**

AGENCY INITIATIVES/TRAINING/ACTIVITIES

Committee Work:

EC Mapping (Sylvan Lake & Blackfalds) - Central Alberta Maximize Early Learning and Child Care Conference - AFCCA Breath of Fresh Air Conference - Sylvan Lake and Blackfalds Interagency - Alberta Child Care Association membership - CAFDHA executive & membership - AFCCA executive & membership - Curriculum Framework Community of Practice

Partnerships:

- **With Bentley Community Services to facilitate the weekly Stay and Play program in Gull Lake & Bentley (January to June 2018) & Breakfast with Santa**
- **Sylvan Lake and Area EC Map Coalition & Lacombe Before and After School Program**
- **Razzle Dazzle FDH, Kids Konnection FDH, Kimmotion FDH, Innisfail FDH, Red Deer Child Care Society and New Dimensions FDH**
- **Blackfalds Senior Center & Centennial Center Ponoka**
- **Bethany Senior Center Sylvan Lake**
- **Parent Link – Blackfalds, Lacombe, Sylvan Lake & Blackfalds FCSS**

Staff Training:

- **Reasonable Cause Supervisor Training**
- **Leadership training with MGI group**
- **Intergenerational sensitivity Training**
- **Mental Health First aid – Basic 2 day course**
- **Developmental Assets**
- **Collaboration Essentials with Ready to Raise**

AND WE OPENED A NEW SATELITE OFFICE IN LACOMBE



Cold Weather Safety Tips for Parents

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, it's a good idea to talk with your children about cold weather safety. Extra care is needed, especially in younger children, to be sure that frostbite does not occur.

It's important to check your children's, even teens', outerwear everyday during extreme weather conditions. Warm jackets, hats, scarves, boots and an extra pair of dry gloves will protect them during extremely cold temperatures.

Develop an **emergency plan** and teach your children your emergency plan in case you are not home before the bus comes to pick them up. If a bus is delayed, they need to know **where, when and how to get help** if they think they are waiting outside for a bus longer than they should or if they sense danger.



Tell your child that if you are not home while they are waiting outside for the bus, how long they may wait outside, where to go in the event the bus is delayed and what the dangers and risks of extreme weather are.

EXPLAIN DANGER SIGNS & RISKS OF WHEN TO SEEK HELP:

- The child gets cold or wet, especially boots or gloves.
- The child feels pain or numbness anywhere, especially hands, feet, ears or nose.
- The child senses they have waited longer than five minutes when you have alerted them temperatures have dipped into the teens, especially on a windy day.
- The child thinks they may have frostbite, which behaves like a burn and requires medical attention.

Teach your child about your cold weather plan, even if you are not there to help them. Be sure they know:

WHEN to ask for help • WHERE to find safe shelter in an emergency • HOW to protect themselves with proper winter clothing and an understanding of danger signs.