

May & June 2009



OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Closure

We will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:
May 18-Victoria Day
June 16, 17, 18,19

This Child Care Resource & Referral is a Program of South Peace
Community Resources Society
Provided with funding from the Province of British Columbia

Extended Office Hours

Weekend Openings

10:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday, May 30th
Saturday, June 27th

Open



Late Night Openings

9:00am - 8:30pm

Tuesday, May 12th
Tuesday, June 9th

Important Dates to Remember

Mother's Day—May 10th

Father's Day—June 21st

First Day of Summer—June 21st



ECEBC Meeting

May 12, 2009
6:30 pm at CCRR

\$5 membership

This will be Theresa Craigdallie's last meeting before retirement. Come celebrate her childcare career with us!

New Ministry Website

The Ministry of Children and Family Development has a newly revised website that is very user friendly! Check out www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/index.htm for great child care provider information.

Have you heard of the Child Care Operation Funding Program?

The Child Care Operating Funding Program assists eligible licensed group and family child care providers with the cost of providing child care. Funding amounts are based on enrollment. Application packages are available online with step-by-step instructions to help you with the process; or you can contact CCR for more information.

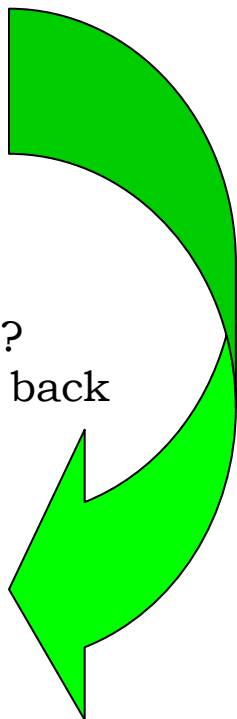


Support Group for Parents with Spirited Toddlers

Going through the terrible 2's? Terrifically stressful 3's?
Need some other parents to vent/share/debrief or just kick back
and listen to?

First get together: Wednesday, April 29th 8pm
Canalta School Library

For more information call Patti at 250-843-7813



INTERACTIVE PLAYTIME

May Interactive Playtime

Come out to CCRR and have some fun with us!!

Who: Licensed Family Daycares

When: Wednesday, May 27th

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Where: CCRR Office

Cost: \$2.00 per child

Theme: SAFE KIDS WEEK!



Please R.S.V.P by May 13th as we need to know how many will be in attendance!

June Interactive Playtime

Come out to CCRR and have some fun with us!!

Who: Licensed Family Daycares

When: Wednesday, June 24th

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Where: Kitchen Park on 17th Street

Cost: \$2.00 per child

Theme: SUMMER FUN!



Please R.S.V.P by June 10th as we need to know how many will be in attendance!

SAFE KIDS WEEK

MAY 25TH—31ST

HOME PRODUCT SAFETY

Safe Kids Week is Safe Kids Canada's largest-scale annual public awareness program designed to help reduce the frequency and severity of preventable childhood injuries, the leading cause of death and disability of Canadian children. This year Safe Kids Week will be held from May 25th to May 31st, 2009 and the focus will be on home product safety.

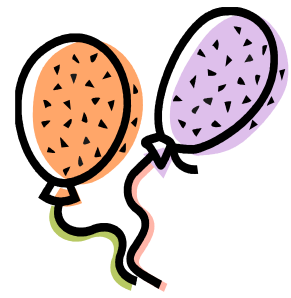
Check out their awesome website full of information at: www.safekidscanada.ca

Call Carmen at 250-782-1138 ext 221 if you are wanting an information booklet regarding Home Product Safety for Safe Kids Week. Information sheets for Safe Kids Week will be available at Child Care Resource and Referral explaining the following Safety Topics: Playground, Riding In Cars, Poisoning, Rural and much more!! Stop in and pick up copies.

As well, we have a brand new **TRAFFIC SAFETY** theme box that we will be lending out for a 2 week period only. You can also call Raelene at 250-782-1138 ext 222 and she can come to your daycare and do a presentation on Traffic Safety.



May is....



CHILD CARE MONTH

COME JOIN US FOR OUR:

Child Day Celebration

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

When: Saturday, May 30th
Where: Northern Lights College Gym
next to Campus Kids Daycare,
Dawson Creek
Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm
Cost: *FREE*

**FUN FOR
ALL
AGES!!**

Bubbles

WOW BUS WILL BE ON SITE

Parachute games

HULA HOOPS

PLAYDOUGH

CRAFTS/GAMES

Climbing Tunnels



May is....

CHILD CARE MONTH

Every May, the provincial government, along with child care providers around the province acknowledges Child Care Month. Child Care Month is a time to recognize the importance of child care to families, and to honor the exceptional work of Child Care providers around our province.

The Child Care Resource and Referral program would like to request that the City of Dawson Creek proclaim May as Child Care Month and advocate public awareness about the role that quality child care plays in building a healthy and strong community. **Honor the work of those that care for our children.**

The Child Care Resource and Referral program will be honoring our Licensed Family and Group Daycare Providers with a family Bar-b-que, outdoor games and appreciation gifts for the daycare providers.

Caregiver Appreciation BBQ

We are inviting care providers and their families to come out for an afternoon of FUN!

When: Saturday, May 23rd
Where: Pouce Coupe Park
Time: 11:00am-2:00pm
Who: Licensed Family/Group Daycare Providers & their Family.



**Please R.S.V.P. by May 13 so we know how many will be attending!

Awesome playground for the kids!

Make and Take

NETWORKING NIGHT

When: Tuesday, MAY 12th
Where: CCRR Office in the CO-OP Mall
Time: 7pm-8:30pm
Cost: \$2 for members/\$5 for non-members



Come and make more than one KID-FRIENDLY craft to take back to your home/daycare with you. As well, you'll be taking home with you a booklet of summer fun crafts/activities and ideas!

Snack Ideas

CRUNCHY TRAIL MIX

Preparation Time: 15 minutes/Yield: 16 servings

2 cups Cheerios
2 cups Shreddies
2 cups Corn Bran
1 cup Raisins
1/2 cup Dried Cranberries

1. In a large bowl, measure together all of the ingredients.
2. Divide into resealable plastic bags or serving dishes. Shake to mix it up.

Reference: Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors. Food Flair for Child Care 2007.

Carrot Cookies

Preparation Time: 30 minutes/Yield: 24 cookies

1 cup Whole wheat flour
3/4 cup Quick cooking rolled oats
1/2 cup Ground flaxseed
1 tsp Ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp Baking soda
1 egg
3/4 cup Brown sugar
1/2 cup Margarine, non hydrogenated
1 tsp Vanilla extract
1 cup Grated carrots

1. In a medium bowl, combine flour, oats, flaxseed, cinnamon and baking soda.
 2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat egg, brown sugar, margarine and vanilla until smooth
 3. Fold in flour mixture. Stir in carrots.
 4. Drop dough by tablespoons full onto a lightly greased baking sheet.
 5. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 F for about 10-12 minutes or until lightly brown.
 6. Let cool onto a baking sheet or wire rack for 5 minutes.
- Reference: Unknown

Toy Lending

The following toys can be borrowed from our Toy Lending Library for a maximum period of 2 weeks unless otherwise arranged with our Resource Educator. Check out some of our great toys!



TY 113- Small Lego Building Set



TY 116-Tinker toys 57pc



TY 127-Super Sand Pit Kit 29 pc



TY 177-Water Play Kit 36pc



TY 144-Sift & Find Number Shells



TY 130-Stack and Nest Sensory toys 16pc

MAY 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Child Care Month					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	8	9
10 Mother's Day! 	11	12 Late Opening Make & Take Night	13	14 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day CLOSED	19	20	21 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	22	23 Caregiver Appreciation BBQ 
24	25	26	27 Interactive Playtime 10am-11am	28	29	30 OPEN 10-12 Child Day Celebration 2-4pm
31	Safe Kids week					

JUNE 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	5	6
7	8	9 Late Opening	10	11 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		CLOSED				
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Interactive Playtime 10am-11am @ Kitchen Park!	25 Parent/ Child Interaction Group 10:30am-Noon	26	27 Open 10-12
28	29	30				