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## News Around The Pond

Hello **dragonfly** families,

Summer is almost upon us, and we are excited for the warm weather! As the end of the school year approaches please be sure to notify your family's provider about any vacation days, and discuss alternative summer care needs.

**Dragonfly** Family Day Home Agency will be sending out an online survey link to the email address on file. We would love to hear from you on a variety of topics, including StoryPark, Scholastics Book Orders, newsletter frequency, and the best time for a special event (such as a possible **dragonfly** family picnic).



On June 21, National Aboriginal Peoples Day, celebrate the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis! Are you not sure where to start? Reading is a great way to introduce ideas, concepts, and culture to your child. Visit CBC Parents for a list of [10 Beautiful Indigenous Children's Books to Add to Your Library](#). Or, visit the Drayton Valley Rotary Children's Library at 5749 -45 Ave (780.511.2528) to browse their collection! The librarians are happy to assist you in locating anything you might be looking for.

**Is Your Child Ready for Preschool or Kindergarten?**

Community Parenting Coalition in partnership with Wild Rose School Division is supporting a free Wellness Check up for 4 and 5 year old children on

**Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am and 2:00pm**  
**5115-50 Avenue in Drayton Valley**

- A Speech and Language Therapist will be available to check children's speech, communication and hearing skills
- An Occupational Therapist will be available to check children's motor skills.
- There will also be a variety of local organizations on hand who provide services for families in Drayton Valley and Breton
- Childcare and fun activities will be provided
- Free hotdogs, drinks and child friendly snacks will be available

**We hope to see you all there!**

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Baraniuk at Eldorado School at 780-542-5544



**Reminder**

Please ensure your child comes prepared with weather appropriate clothing each day. This might include pants/shorts, shirt, socks, underwear, and a jacket. Also, each day home has sunscreen and bug spray available for use, however if your child has sensitivities, or you have brand

**Accreditation Standards Briefs**

**Standard Four:**

“Child care programs create a supportive work environment to maintain a team of qualified child care professionals and assist them in providing high quality child care services through program philosophy, policies, procedures and practices.

A few examples of indicators that agencies and educators show to support Standard Four are:

- i) provide a thorough orientation for child care professionals before they begin working with children.
- ii) complete annual performance reviews and consult with child care professionals to develop individualized training plans and support the movement towards a higher level of education, especially for child care professionals not certified as Child Development Workers or Child Development Supervisors.
- iii) ensure child care professionals have access to resources and time to implement program planning

**Accreditation Q&A**

Q: Who benefits from a program’s accreditation?

A: Everyone! Accredited programs meet outcomes for children, families, staff, and the community, promoting excellence in all aspects of child care settings.

**Dad Rocks! Paperweight for Fathers Day**

Celebrate the fantastic men in your child’s life by creating and gifting this Father’s Day paperweight/garden stone. Have your child use acrylic paints to decorate a rock of their choosing, let dry and write a message with a sharpie. \*Note: if this craft will be used outside as a garden stone, you will need to use a spray sealant to help it last!



For this and other ideas visit: <https://www.frugalcouponliving.com/fathers-day-crafts/>



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