

∞ July, August, September & October 2011 ∞

## PARENT APPRECIATION DAY



The pleasure was all ours as we celebrated another Parent Appreciation day in July! In order to express our appreciation to our parents, the Camrose Children Centre incurred all costs for this lovely event.



Fun was had by all Parents, Providers and Children as we enjoyed a evening of private swimming at the Camrose Aquatic Centre.



Afterwards we enjoyed a pizza supper with lots of finger foods, drinks and door prizes!

## WHAT DID ONE AUTUMN LEAF SAY TO ANOTHER?



*'I'm falling for you'*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Please review the parent handbook for all child illness regulations along with pick up, drop off and invoicing guidelines.

As fall is upon us, please remember to include the following in your child's pack:

- Warm sweater
- Extra pair of socks
- Gloves, hat & mittens
- Slippers
- Change of clothing

## MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM FOR MOTHERS AND CAREGIVERS:

Registration begins September 10<sup>th</sup> @10a.m. for age groups 0-6 years.

Throughout these sessions, parents and caregivers can learn new ways to tell stories, sing songs & have fun with rhymes.

Session H: Thursdays: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20

Session I: Thursdays: Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1

Registration is free and program takes place at the Camrose Public Library.

## NEW FAMILY DAY HOME STANDARDS ENHANCEMENT:

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, there is a new Family Day Home Standards Enhancement. From Standard 7A: ...Upon implementation of the standards, agencies will inform parents currently enrolled that this information is available.

### Standard 7A-

Agencies assist parent(s) in enrolling children with a suitable provider and resolving issues. At the time of enrolment, agencies will provide prospective parents with information about home visits, complaints received, and any incidents that may have occurred in the provider's day home program. Upon implementation of the standards, agencies will inform parents currently enrolled that this information is available. Now also newly revised Day Home standards manual as of September 1, 2011 with hand out enclosed.

## WELCOME...

On behalf of the staff and providers at the Camrose Children's Centre, we welcome all new parents into our dayhome program. We hope you enjoy your time with us!



## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

[www.camrosechildrencentre](http://www.camrosechildrencentre)

Our website is an excellent resource for parents to learn more about the centre, gather information about fees and subsidies as well as learn more about your child's nutrition. The website also has a link to print of our **monthly contract calendars** and many more forms! Please check us out.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our Centre is a "non-for-profit" organization made up of a volunteer board. People of all kinds volunteer their time each month (about an hour a month with child care provided!), to assist with the needs of the centre. Every year we are looking for new board members! Want to volunteer? Call 780-672-0131.

### HALLOWEEN RIDDLES:

Why wasn't there any food left after the monster party?

Why didn't Dracula have any friends?

What does a bird say at Halloween?

What do you call a skeleton that lies on its grave?

### ANSWERS

*(printed upside down)*

Lazy bones!

"Twick or Tweet"

He was a pain in the neck!

because everyone was a goblin

## THE LEAVES ON THE TREE SONG

(SUNG TO: "THE WHEELS ON THE  
BUS")

The leaves on the tree turn orange and brown, orange and brown, orange and brown. The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown, all through the town. The leaves on the trees come swirling down, swirling down, swirling down. The leaves on the trees come swirling down. All through the town. The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish, swish, swish. The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish, All through the town.

### AUTUM LEAVES POEM

Leaves on the ground are turning, yellow, brown and red. Smoke from the bonfire burning, climbing overhead. Here comes Autumn to bring the mist and rain. Summer has gone for another year, Autumn's here again.

### BANANA BUNCH FOR DAY HOME PROVIDERS:

Registration begins September 10<sup>th</sup> @10a.m. For Age groups: 0-6 years old.

Childcare providers along with the children in their care will experience songs, stories, simple crafts & More!

\$10/dayhome  
9:30a.m. - 11a.m.

Session A: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13 & 20<sup>+</sup>

Session B: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8 & 15

For more information:  
Phone: (780) 672-0141

## REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

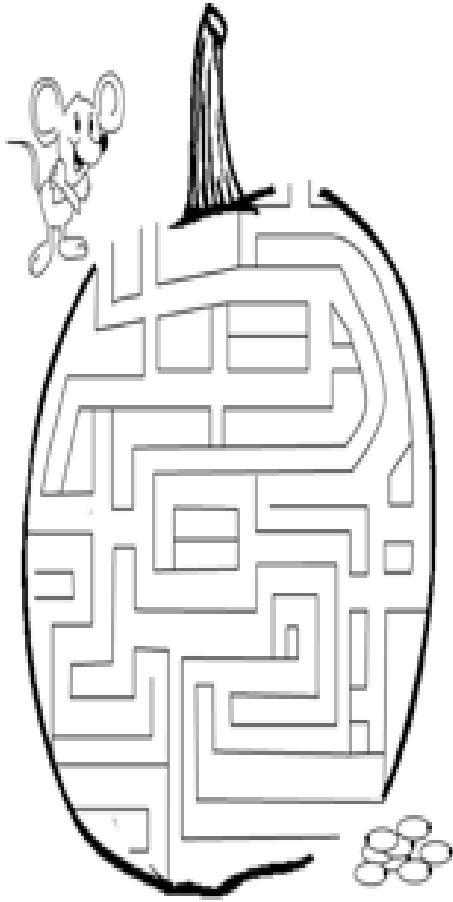
- ☺ Just a friendly reminder to all parents that a **two week notice** is required for all termination, vacation and change of childcare requirements
- ☺ A reminder for all parents to be aware of when their **subsidy is up for renewal** and to come to the centre for a renewal form or the subsidy could be discontinued causing some difficulties in re-establishing it.
- ☺ If there are any **questions, concerns** and or **accolades**, please do not hesitate to contact Tracy Maxwell, either by phone or email:  
**Phone:** 780-672-0131  
**Email:** [cccdh@telusplanet.net](mailto:cccdh@telusplanet.net)

### INFORMATION & RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PARENTS:

**Region 5 East Central Health  
Alberta Child & Family Services  
Authority:**

- ☺ **Killiam Office:**  
Box 70, 5203-49 Avenue  
Killiam, AB T0B 2L0  
Office: 1-877-385-7163
- ☺ **Camrose Office:**  
Aspen Business Park  
4911-47 Street  
Camrose, AB T4V 1J9  
  
Office: 780-608-1800

## CAN YOU HELP THE MOUSE FIND THE PUMPKIN SEEDS?



### EASY CARAMEL CORN RECIPE:

- 3 quarts popping corn
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1 stick of butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Put popcorn in a heavy paper bag. Melt butter in a saucepan and mix together sugar, syrup, and salt. Add 1/2 teaspoon baking soda and stir well. Pour into paper bag and stir with a wooden spoon.

Put bag in microwave and cook on high for 1 1/2 minutes. Take out and shake well. Cook for another 1 1/2 minutes. Shake bag again and pour into a large container. Serve in paper baggies that kids can decorate

## CAMROSE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE "A PARENT LINK CENTRE"

The Camrose Family Resource Centre Association is a non-profit organization that provides family supports and resources for the community of Camrose and surrounding rural areas. The focus is to strengthen and empower families, enhance the capacity of parenting, and foster the optimal development of children.

The Centre provides services in the following five key areas:

- ❁ Parent education including literacy programs.
- ❁ Early childhood development and care.
- ❁ Family support.
- ❁ Information and referrals.
- ❁ ASQ and ASQ-SE screening (Ages and Stages Questionnaire).

The **Camrose Family Resource Centre** is located 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
4516-54 Street Camrose  
Alberta

[cdss8@telus.net](mailto:cdss8@telus.net)

Call: (780) 672-0141 for  
more information.



### AUTUM CRAFT: (Autumn Leaf Mobile)



#### YOU WILL NEED:

- ❖ Dark brown cardstock
- ❖ Yellow, orange, red, brown tissue paper
- ❖ 2 sticks of glue
- ❖ Cotton or thin string (to hang up the finished mobile)
- ❖ A collection of leaves

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- ❖ Using your own leaf design, draw around each shape & cut out the leaf frames from the brown card.
- ❖ For a neater finish you could cut out 2 frames per leaf so that the glued tissue paper edges are hidden between the two frames.
- ❖ Once the frames have been cut out, choose the piece of coloured tissue paper for each leaf & cut out a shape larger than the frame.
- ❖ Put glue around the frame, and then carefully lay the tissue paper on top.
- ❖ Let the glue dry before trimming off the spare tissue. If adding a second frame this can be done now.
- ❖ When the leaves are dry, attach varying lengths of string & hang them from a couple of sticks tied together.

## **PUMPKIN CARVING TIPS:**

First draw your design on the pumpkin with pencil, crayon, or a water-based marker.

Use a sharp, straight-edged knife to carve the top and make a "lid" (adult supervision and/or assistance advised). Cut at an inward angle so the lid won't fall in later when the pumpkin begins to shrivel.

Always cut away from yourself and carve with slow, steady saw-like motion.

Use a solid spoon or ice cream scooper to scoop out seeds and stringy parts. You can also buy a pumpkin scooper that works well.

Carve the nose first, then the eyes and mouth.

Add a few holes around the pumpkin for ventilation for the candle.

Carve a flat spot on the bottom of the inside of the pumpkin and carefully place the candle there.

Use a long match to light the candle by sticking it through the jack-o-lantern's mouth (adult supervision and/or assistance advised).

Spread some petroleum jelly or vegetable oil around the outside of the pumpkin to help it last longer.

## **MULTI-CULTURAL PARTY ANOTHER SUCCESS!**

Another great event in June was our Multi-Cultural Party. The children enjoyed a variety of finger licking foods from different cultural backgrounds.

## **JAYWALKERS JAMBOREE**

A big thanks goes out to all that donated their time and goodies for the Jaywalkers event. Total raised was \$271.00!

A special thank you to **PAT FORSYTH** for donating your gazebo tent and for setting up and taking it down! You made our Jaywalkers experience extra special.

## **FARWELL TOO...**



**Thank you to Kylee Warkus and Lori Davis for your hard work and dedication to the Camrose Children Centre. We wish you all the best in the future.**

## **JACK-O-LANTERN FACES: (LEARNING DIFFERENT FACIAL FEATURES)**



- ★ Cut two pumpkin shapes out of orange craft paper.
- ★ Make different noses, mouths, and eyes.
- ★ Let children create some different facial features.
- ★ Talk about the feelings of each jack-o'-lantern.
- ★ Instruct children to make big circles around their heads using their arms.

### **Recite the Rhyme:**

This is Jack-O-Happy. (Children smile.)  
This is Jack-O-Sad. (Children frown.)  
This is Jack-O-Scared. (Children make frightened expression.)  
This is Jack-O-Mad. (Children make angry expression.)  
This is Jack-O-Silly. (Children make silly expression.)  
This is Jack-O-Glad. (Children smile again.)

## **CAMROSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS:**

Please consider yourself or someone you know to join the Camrose Children's Centre Boards of Director's. If you are a Day Care Provider, Day Home Provider or Community Member, and are interested in volunteering for our board of directors, please call the Centre. We are looking for dedicated participants to ensure the reputation of the Centre remains up to standard. To be a board member requires only one evening a month for meetings and some additional time to help with Centre activities.

