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In partnership with the South Region Children's Services

Staying Strong During Pandemic

We have seen so many creative ideas on how to engage families during this challenging time. Some ideas are shared here but if you would like to be featured next month, email us at mjusher@telus.net. We have seen:

- Videos of ECEs reading stories to the children
- Videos of a director doing dances for the children
- ECEs dropping off care packages and easter gifts to the children at home
 - Storypark connections being made
 - See next page for more...



Nature's Way Learning Centre organized a parade with the parents. ECEs held up signs as the families drove by saying how much they missed them.

UPCOMING PD: GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR WITH JOANNE KEILTY

REGISTER TODAY!: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1674275140258626573>

In this professional learning session we will look at the difference between punishment and guidance and why we want to use positive child guidance with young children (infants, toddlers and preschoolers). We will discuss situations which cause adults to feel frustrated, concerned, and sometimes angry. How we help children build citizenship skills will be a part of our conversation. Come prepared to engage in the conversation, share your personal stories of guiding behaviour and listen to a variety of perspectives on how to best support children in learning to be good community members.



The MHDCCA's members have been showing us such strength during the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether it be a licensed child care centre, preschool or out of school care program that is closed OR an approved day home that is still operating OR a child care centre that has been re-opened to care for essential services, all of you are showing how much you care for the children and families you serve. You are resilient and we hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. The MHDCCA is still working hard for you, especially on advocacy efforts for supports that are desperately needed. We are in this together and we are proud to be a part of the amazing child care community here in Southeast Alberta.



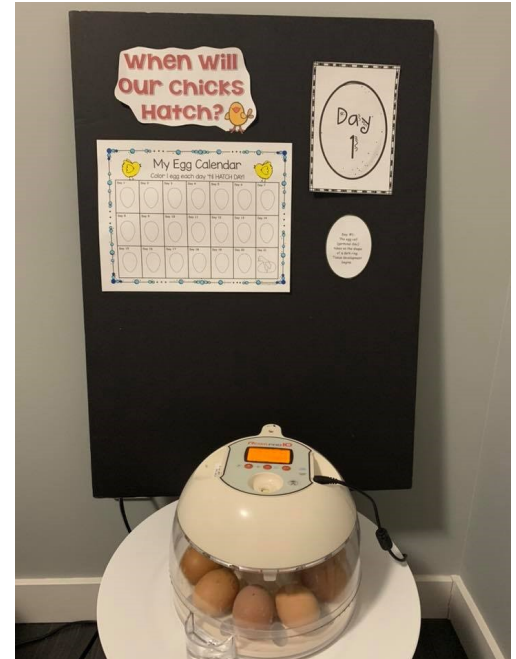


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More Ideas on How to Connect...

KidsPlay Preschool: Hatching Chicks ~ Every day, the director is posting updates on how the chick hatching project is going. For e.g. Day One, an update was posted that said "Our eggs arrived (a little earlier than expected) and have been placed in our chick brooder. I sent out an email for all our preschool families tonight that includes a printable "egg calendar" countdown for your kiddos to

Dragons & Butterflies Creative Preschool: Every spring at the preschool they learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. They have ordered kits to help teach this process. They will be sharing this with the children, sending pictures daily of the transformation from the egg state all the way to the beautiful butterfly!! The grand finale will be a butterfly release, they will catch the release live on video for all the children to watch.



Please join AECEA for their second AECEA Connect Event this Saturday April 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. People want to connect, to feel less alone in their struggles and to hear about new and innovative things that are happening in ECE in this unprecedented time. AECEA will be hosting another AECEA Connect session to make space for this sharing, and to provide some di-

rection regarding questions we have been getting. For all ECEs in all types of programs (member and non-member).

Register ASAP at:

<https://aecea.ca/aecea-connect-educators>

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Next month's online PD will be with Carolina Hall at Creative Minds Consulting, Inc. Psychological Services. More information out soon!