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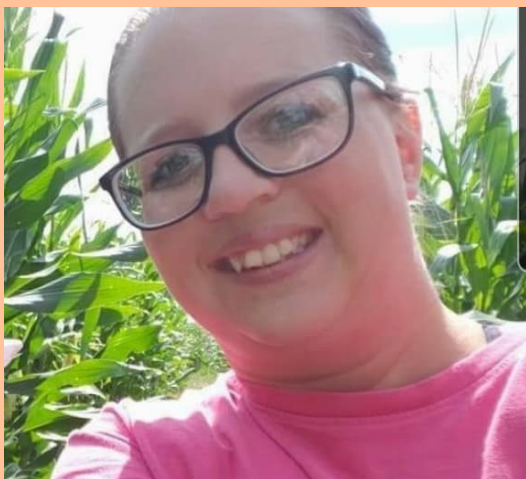
National Child Day

We are excited to celebrate National Child Day on November 20, 2020. The MHDCCA is organizing an art display at the Good Samaritans Southridge Village senior's home. We look forward to hearing from more programs about their participation in this event. Please email our coordinator at mjusher@telus.net to learn more. Also, we ask you to share pictures from your own program's NCD celebrations with us at the MHDCCA!



MEET OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

This is Ashby Pflughaupt! She is one of the best early childhood educators you will find out there! Ashby has been with Rising Stars



Learning Centre Inc since we first opened in 2016. All the children of our centre love Ashby. We sometimes don't know who is having more fun... Ashby or the children with the amount of laughter and giggles that make their way from the classroom. Ashby is a very hands on and dedicated teacher with such love and compassion for all of those that take a part of her life!

When Ashby is not working you can find her either with her dogs Bear and Mosquito, with her three boys out adventuring at various sports throughout the city, or volunteering at the Bingo Hall. Ashby always has a smile on her face and the most contagious laugh! We absolutely adore her to pieces!



**WE ARE
WARRIORS
FEBRUARY 24
7 - 9 P.M.**

In an age where we are inundated with research of how to build better brains and create smarter children, we may be forgetting that a child is much more than a cognitive system; they are a whole human being. We forget that our duty is to be one of the many people in their life that will help guide them in their journey towards discovering who they are. In this workshop, we will explore how we can take the ancient principles of the Warrior Code, a code used by Apache Warriors to Medieval Knights to the Samurai of Japan and apply them to our work with children. Not as means to fight wars, but as a means to truly understand oneself and grow.

**Marc Battle, Early
Childhood Speaker from
Red River College**

**SAVE THE DATE
REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!**



Medicine Hat & District CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION



Play Counts Facebook Post by Denita Dinger, Dayhome educator

Many people ask me what my “discipline policy” is. I have learned that when I focus on these five things, there are few, if any at all, behaviors that need to be managed by me. There simply is no need for what we traditionally think of as a “discipline policy” when these five things are at the forefront of your practice with children. If there are situations that require an adult to step in, respectful conversation is really the only technique needed, and perhaps a smidgen of coaching. But certainly not “time out” or “color charts”.

- DEVELOPING meaningful relationships
- EMPOWERING children with autonomy
- GIVING ownership built on trust: I make sure the children know I trust them... this is HUGE.
- MODELING respect for what children are doing: Many people are amazed at how respectful my children are for each other's creations. I believe this happens because I model GRAND RESPECT for what children choose to do and the children, in turn, learn to respect each other's play. NEVER underestimate the power of authentically modeling a desired outcome.
- MEETING the unique needs of each child: I have learned that MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, the cause of what adults have decided are “misbehaviors” is a MISSED NEED. In fact, many times, the behavior itself is a NEED (throwing, dumping, climbing, deconstructing). It is my job to make sure all needs are met. At the core of that is meaningful relationships with children AND their parents/guardians. Good communication with parents is pivotal to meeting the daily needs of children.

Check out more from Denita with Play Counts at www.playcounts.com

Did you know that there is a child care centre located at the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter? It is called the **Treehouse program** and they have been a member of the MHGCCA for a number of years now. In September, they showed off some of the children's recycled art and we were excited to share it with our other members!

Today in Treehouse...

We built a robot!

24/7 Help Line:
403-529-1091 or 1-800-661-7949

Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society