MARCH 2025



NEWSLETTER

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MARCH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS! LUCK & CONNECTION

We're excited to continue our Monthly Family Engagement Events, offering meaningful opportunities for families to bond with their children and educators through fun, interactive activities—all while celebrating the spirit of **St. Patrick's Day**.

Agency-Wide Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

At every childcare site, 20 clover cutouts will be hidden around entrances and hallways. Families are invited to embark on a Shamrock Scavenger Hunt: find the clovers, snap a photo of each one, and submit your pictures to your site lead via email or in person. Your efforts will enter you into a draw to win Science North passes for the whole family!

Special Morning Gatherings at Select Sites

Families at the **St-Denis**, **St. Anne, and Levack** sites are in for a treat with a special morning gathering on **March 14, 2025**, from 7:00 to 9:00 AM enjoying a range of engaging activities:

- Photo Opportunity: Capture a beautiful memory with your loved ones.
- Breakfast/Snack: Relish a healthy, delicious, and festive light meal.
- Family Wishing Well: Write down well wishes or goals for your child and drop them into our "Pot of Gold" throughout the week.
- Creative Craft: Join in a fun craft session and create a memorable keepsake to take home.

We encourage families to set aside a little extra time during drop-off to fully enjoy this memorable experience with your little ones. **Thank you** for your continued support and engagement—we look forward to celebrating a month full of luck and connection with you!

EARLYON MARCH BREAK FAMILY FUN!

Looking for exciting activities to enjoy with the whole family during March Break? Our EarlyON programs have you covered with a variety of engaging events designed for all ages. Check out the lineup below:

Groupe de jeux

- When & Where:
 - March 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at École Notre Dame, Hanmer
 - March 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at École Alliance St-Joseph

Engage in fun planned activities with your child and drop-in anytime between 9am-12pm.

Sliding

• When: March 12, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

• Where: Valley East Pentecostal Church Bring the kids for an energetic day of sliding and outdoor fun!

Soirée en famille

• When: March 12, 5:30-7:30 PM

• Where: École Alliance St-Joseph Enjoy a relaxing evening with your family, filled with fun and a free meal.

Drop-In Pyjama Playgroup

• When: March 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

• Where: Valleyview Community Church Slip into your comfiest pyjamas for a morning of play and creative activities.

Petit pieds rythmés

- When: March 14, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Where: École Notre Dame, Hanmer
- Come let loose and get those muscles moving!

If you're interested in participating in any of these events, simply scan the QR code for more information!



TESTIMONIAL

I began bringing my first baby at the EarlyON playgroups when he was four months old. He is now a year and a half, and we rotate between locations almost daily! The locations are all clean and full of toys and sensory activities; my baby absolutely loves going. Not to mention, the staff there are all so wonderful. They organize specialty days for the kids like mini chef, making memories with baby, toddler Picasso, family dinner nights, pumpkin hunt,



Christmas dance, etc. to name a few. Over time the staff have formed a special bond with me and my child. He's grown to love them and often goes to them to be picked up or snuggled. They give me tips on milestone

achievements, and I've gone to them for assessments when I was worried about my son's development. All of this is free--what a wonderful resource to have in our community! They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I believe without a doubt that they are all part of my village. I will continue to go with all of my kids and will forever look back on these days with fond memories as they've help make them special.

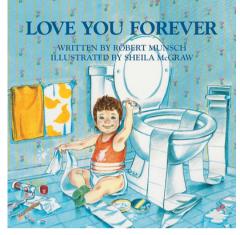
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IMPORTANT DATES International **March Break Find the clovers** Woman's Day March 7-14 March 10-14 March 8 No school Don't forget to find the clovers and be Centres are open! Celebrating the remarkable entered to win strength, passes to resilience, and Science North! progress of women!

STORYTIME

I Love You Forever is a timeless masterpiece by Robert Munsch that celebrates the unbreakable bond between parent and

child. Its heartwarming narrative, engaging illustrations, and humorous moments create a magical reading experience



that resonates with readers of all ages, making it an enduring favorite for generations.

Book suggestion by: Rebecca Tyson RECE

VALENTINE'S DAY!

The Valentine's Day family engagement events at Ste-Marie, Valley View & MacKenzie Place sites were a resounding success. Families gathered for themed crafts, shared treats and photos that sparked joy and connection. The morning was filled with laughter, creativity, and heartfelt moments as parents and children bonded over fun activities. We're grateful for the enthusiasm and community spirit shown at each location, making the celebration truly special. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped create a memorable day of love and togetherness!



