



Southgate Medallion Tribute Parents Edition



Welcome

Welcome to the January/February 2021 edition of the Southgate Medallion Family Day Home Agency parent newsletter.

Coordinator Corner

Happy New Year!

Happy 2021 to you all. The Agency hopes you had a good holiday and remained safe and well during the festive season.

IMPORTANT – Please read: ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire)

The Agency is proud to be a part of the GRASP project ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). Later this month the Agency will be sending you all a letter inviting you to take part in the online screening questionnaire. The ASQ believes that parents know their children best and this is a wonderful tool that can help track the development of your child. The screening questionnaire doesn't take long to complete and will give you and your educator an insight into how best to support your child on their developmental journey. Please look out for your letter coming to you by email soon.

Please click to the link below to register and check out the attached flyer :

<https://arcqe.ca/events/#id=193&cid=1004&wid=201>

If you have any questions, please contact your Educator or Consultant who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Many thanks

Diane Ellendt and Emma Dajavs



Thank you!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, all the agency staffs would like to say “*THANK YOU*” to you as amazing parents. The reason day homes can stay open is due to you. You support the program by following Covid-19 protocols, dropping off/picking up your child at the front door, keeping your child home when you or your child got sick, and updating us about your situation. We wanted to say this does not go unnoticed. It is *APPRECIATED!!!*

Upcoming Holidays

January 1st: **New Year's Day**

February 15th: **Family Day**

Important Reminders - please read

Due to the new Covid-19 restrictions, the agency has decided to temporarily close the office to in-person visits.



We are also highly recommending parents to wear a mask, in the day home, when picking up and dropping off their children.



Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, Educators will not be able to host any in person Celebration gatherings this year. We would encourage zoom or video gatherings as a way to still celebrate together.



Upcoming Community Events

Family Events:

Enjoy some family fun outdoors this winter at one of the cities many ice rinks.

Here are a few options:

Victoria Park: 12030 River Valley Road.

Meadows Community Recreation Centre: 2704 17 Street.

Pop up Ice rink, 8330 82 Ave 83rd street Bonnie Doon Centre



Visit: [Outdoor Skating and Ice Rinks :: City of Edmonton](https://www.cityofedmonton.ca/outdoor-skating-and-ice-rinks) for more information.



Check Out Our Pinterest Page:

Southgate medallion family day homes.

<https://www.pinterest.ca/93c10bd05bc7bb7f3110595647b70c/>

Educator Spotlight

Documentation Contest

Thank you to all our amazing Educators for participating to our Documentation Contest.

The winners for the four different categories are as follows:

Photo documentation:

- ◆ Lana Bradshaw
- ◆ Luoya Yang
- ◆ Prabha Roy



Documentation Panels:

- ◆ Thiroscha Bandaranayake
- ◆ Harjinder Sandhu
- ◆ Shirley Paulson



Learning Stories:

- ◆ Kamani Badugoda Hewage
- ◆ Girija Prakash
- ◆ Fehmida Popatia

Participants:

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| • Nafisa Jivanjee | • Nirmala Patel | • Saba Qureshi |
| • Joanne Berlon | • Niranjala Induruwe | • Sharon Jung |
| • Generosa Mamon | • Thilaga Boopathi | • Kaimin Ju |
| • Lindy Li | • Cherr Bitangcol | • Chitra Bohara |
| • Shoeleh Karimijahromi | • Imelda Ciano | • Nadia Merchant |
| | • Tonia Browell | |

Language Development

Ways to encourage language development

-Talk to your baby/toddler often. Narrate what you are doing. For example: "It's lunch time! I'm going to pick you up and zoom you to the highchair! Okay, time to strap you in. Click! Click! Are you ready to eat? Today we are having peas and carrots, yum yum!" etc.

-Read to your child daily. Be expressive and discuss what you see on the pages.

-Repeat what your child says and then add to the sentence. For example: If your child says, "Blue!" you can respond with, "Yes, that's a Blue car!"

-Sing nursery rhymes and songs to your child.



Build a Language Rich Environment

-Label toy bins and other objects in your home.

-Make books accessible to your child in every-day room of the house or even in the car.

-Set books out in different ways: on the shelf, in the basket, on the floor, in their favorite chair.

References: https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/WillowsAndRain?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=820786235

<https://www.organisedprettyhome.com/childrens-book-storage/>

Standard Review:

This edition we will be reviewing Standard 6 of the day home standards- "Continuous quality improvement is demonstrated through ongoing self-monitoring and evaluation processes" as this is the time of year that our consultants and providers will review and evaluate what they did in the past year and set up the new goals for the upcoming year.

The standard stated :

"6.1 Child care programs engage in ongoing monitoring and evaluation processes involving administrative staff, families, child care professionals, and other stakeholders to support continuous quality improvement.

6.2 Child care programs use a Quality Enhancement Plan to set program goals annually.

6.3 Child care programs have sound administrative policies and procedures in place to support quality services."