

Community Connections

– July 7



Good morning!

During these uncertain times, we want to stay connected to you and our community, supporting each other and sharing resources will help all of us and the families that we work with. Below you will find information and resources that are inspiring us – please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

*Also, please let us know if there is anything you have found that has **inspired you** and we will share in future newsletters.*

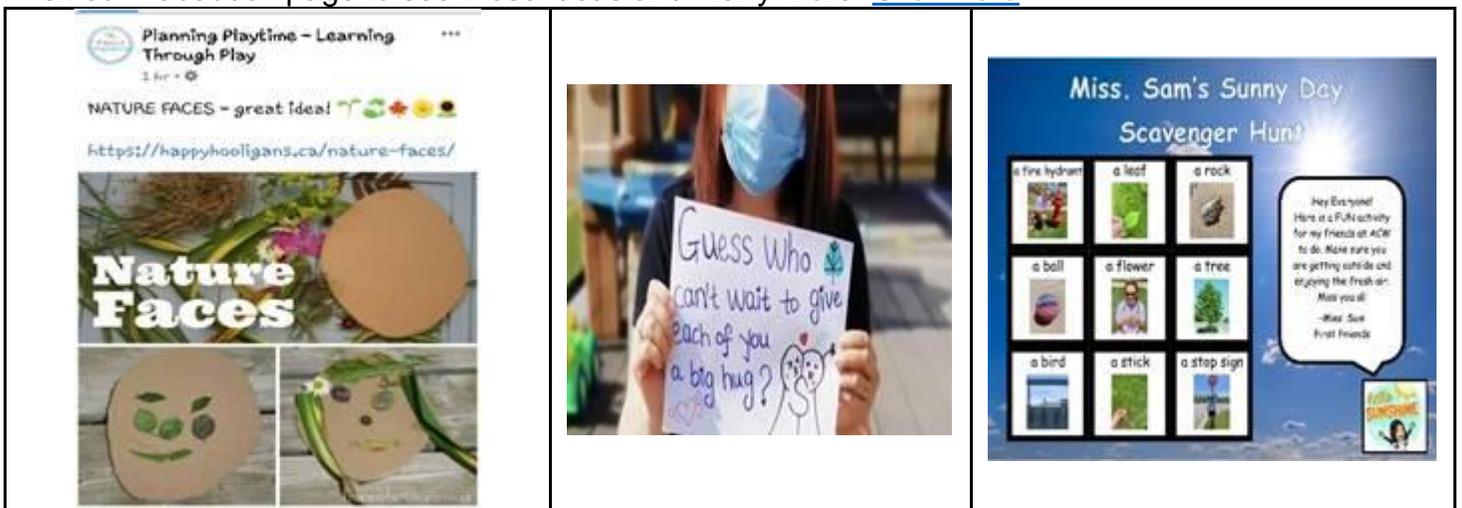


Spotlight Program: A Child's World Family Child Care Services of Niagara

A Child's World utilized their Facebook page to stay connected with the families and children enrolled in their Child Care Centres. Educators have been very creative with sharing ideas and activities that families and children can do at home as well as posting short videos letting the children and families know they are missed! Some examples include:

- Centres made short videos for the families and children letting them know they are missed
 - one Centre had the Educators video themselves wearing a face mask and then taking the mask off to help the children get used to seeing them wearing masks in case this will be a requirement upon reopening
- Educators went on a walk- hid a toonie in a variety of places and took pictures and then challenged the children to find the toonie hiding in the picture.
- Shared fun and easy recipes, such as "Solar S'mores" and "Jello Popsicles"
- Shared Science experiments such as "Fireworks in a jar"
- Reading books on-line to the children

Visit our Facebook page to see these ideas and many more. [Click Here](#)



Stay up-to-date:

Want the latest Covid-19 information from Canada, Ontario and Niagara? Be sure to get your information from dependable sites: (**Facebook Friends are NOT reliable information sources**)

Niagara Region Public Health Daily Covid-19 Updates: [Click Here](#)

Niagara Region Community Resources: *is working with the community to ensure residents are connected to resources, services, programs and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.* [Click Here](#)

Ontario Government Covid-19 Update Page: [Click Here](#) français: [Cliquez ici](#) (this site has the information available in many other languages)

Health Canada Covid-19 Update Page: [Click Here](#) français: [Cliquez ici](#)

Supports for you, your clients and families:

Infant Mental Health Promotion: shares IMH resources that are free on their Facebook page [Click Here](#)

Covid-19 Information for Children, Youth and Families: [Click Here](#) for pdf FAQs and Resources from The Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health and Kids Health Alliance

Coronavirus: A Book for Children: [Click Here](#) to download your copy of the book by Axel Scheffler

CMHA Niagara Facebook: [Click Here](#) – to check their post on mental health week. Watch a virtual classroom of activities to support mental health and wellbeing

Bethesda [Click Here](#) for virtual support groups, workshops and group services (including circle time for 2 to 6 year olds every morning at 10:00.)

National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health [Click Here](#) to register for the webinar *Home remedies: Addressing domestic violence, racism, and sexism in the context of COVID-19*

Check out these Locally Sourced resources and activities:

Need Books? Although a large book distribution is not possible right now, there are still books to share including lots of new Disney titles. If you would like to arrange to pick-up books to share with the children and families that you work with, please email Karen – karen.schmidt@niagararegion.ca to arrange a pick up time. There will be a limit of one to two people per pick-up to allow for ample social distancing and the carts are disinfected between uses, please bring your own containers/boxes.

ECCDC's YouTube Channel: [Click Here](#) to watch Summer Intern, Emily Farr, and ECCDC Staff Member, Jenn Mosher, challenging each other in creating activities using Natural Loose Parts found in their neighbourhoods.

Collège Boréal: [Cliquez ici](#) Le Collège Boréal reconnaît que poursuivre des études c'est une décision personnelle et chaque situation est unique. Pour ces raisons, Boréal vous offre nombreux programmes et modes de livraison qui répondent à vos besoins de formation. Temps plein, temps partiel, en ligne ou en personne. Boréal est ici pour vous

The Brock Learning Lab: Brock's educational team has curated online resources for parents to use at home with their children [Click Here](#) for the full list of ideas and resources

Centre de Sante: [Cliquez ici](#) pour services et activités. [Cliquez ici](#) pour ON y va Centre pour l'enfant et la famille. [Cliquez ici](#) pour la page Facebook'

Things to do to keep you and your children busy while you are at home:

Science North: Summer Science at Home [Click Here](#) for the new virtual summer camp experience.

#CanadaTogether: [Click Here](#) for the national initiative to inspire, educate & engage Canadians as we band together during these times.

#CanadaEnsemble: est une initiative nationale qui vise à inspirer, éduquer et informer les Canadiens alors que nous traversons une période délicate. [Cliquez ici](#)

Kidsability: [Click Here](#) for fun activities supporting families during COVID-19

Project Learning Tree Canada: [Click Here](#) for free eco-education worksheets and activities to connect the children in your life to the outdoors.

Apprendre par les Arbres Canada: [Cliquez ici](#) Consultez nos feuilles de travail et activités d'éco-éducation gratuites pour connecter les enfants de votre vie à l'extérieur.

Nature Conservancy of Canada: Practicing safe physical distancing doesn't mean staying away from nature. Connecting with nature will help reduce your stress level and improve both physical and mental health during these unusual times. [Click Here](#)

Conservation de la Nature Canada: Pratiquer la distanciation physique ne veut pas dire s'éloigner de la nature! Bien au contraire, car s'y connecter aide à diminuer le stress, en plus d'améliorer la santé physique et mentale. Voilà une bonne chose pendant cette période si particulière. [Cliquez ici](#)

Summer Activities: [Click Here](#) for a list of summer activities for kids that they can do at home

Care.com: [Click Here](#) for 101 fun things to do with kids this summer

Disney: [Click Here](#) for the ultimate virtual Disney vacation

Buzz feed: [Click Here](#) for 33 lower priced activities that will keep your kids busy all summer

Hershey's: [Click Here](#) for recipes to celebrate summer from the Hersey's kitchens

My Family Travels: [Click Here](#) for a guide to 51 of the best virtual family vacation ideas for beating this pandemic while staying home safely.

Passport to Learning: [Click Here](#): for 45+ educational virtual field trips to explore from home

Holland Bloorview Hospital: [Click Here](#) for fun and budget-friendly stay-at-home activities

Polar Bears And The Tundra in Churchill Manitoba: [Click Here](#) to explore the annual polar bear migration.

Johnson Space Center in Houston Texas: Join Boeing and Discovery Education on a mission to inspire the world through aerospace innovation with an exclusive virtual field trip [Click Here](#)

360° Video Gallery: [Click Here](#) view towns, villages and cities from around the world. [Cliquez ici](#) voir les villes, villages et villes du monde entire

Pete The Cat creator James Dean presents virtual storytime every day at 12 PM on Instagram Live. [Click Here](#) to listen. Pete the Cat has also created his own alphabet using emojis! We'll be posting secret messages on our Instagram [Click Here](#) and Facebook pages [Click Here](#) for you to decipher.

Farm Food 360°: take virtual tours of Canadian farms and food tours. [Click Here:](#) Visitez les entreprises agricoles et de l'agroalimentaire Canadiennes [Cliquez ici](#)

Cooking with your Kids: A Yummy World of Fun: Getting your kids involved in meal prep is a great way to encourage them to try new foods. (It even works with the pickiest of eaters!) Here are a few tips and recipes to help your family get started. [Click Here](#)

Cuisiner avec les Enfants: une Délicieuse Façon de S'amuser: En faisant participer vos enfants à la préparation des repas, vous les encouragerez à essayer de nouveaux aliments. Ça fonctionne même pour les plus capricieux d'entre eux! Voici quelques conseils et recettes pour commencer à cuisiner en famille. [Cliquez ici](#)

Milk – Dairy Education Program: [Click Here](#) for dairy farming videos.

Lait - Programme d'éducation laitière: [Cliquez ici](#) pour les vidéos de l'élevage laitier



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Take Care and Stay Healthy

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