



# Minnetonka

## April & May Newsletter



### Minnetonka Centre News

As the warmer weather approaches, we will start sending home your child's winter gear. Please send extra clothes and socks to keep at the Centre for wet spring days.

### Minnetonka Important Dates


#### April 7

CLOSED (Good Friday)

#### Friday April 14 & May 5

We Bee Jammin' @ 10:00AM

#### April 23 - 29

Week of the Early Childhood Educator *History* 

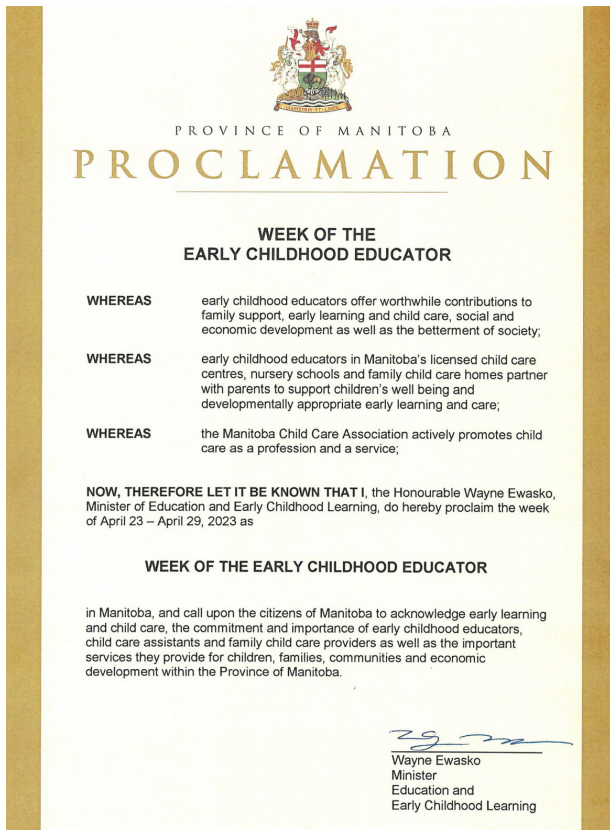
*The Week of the Early Childhood Educator was established by MCCA in 1992, following the release of the national Caring for a Living Study. The celebration is intended to recognize the valuable work of those who "care for a living" by providing early childhood education, family support, and a service that contributes to the social and economic development of our province. It has been proclaimed annually by the Minister of Family Services, Government of Manitoba. Whether you work in an early learning and child care Centre or a family child care home the Week of the ECE is a celebration of the important work we do with children and their families.*

#### Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

#### Monday, May 22

CLOSED (Victoria Day)





## Featured Article

### How much screen time should kids get?

Despite how useful and accessible screens are, it's good to know how they can potentially benefit or harm our kids.

[bit.ly/kids-screen-time-APR](https://bit.ly/kids-screen-time-APR)

### Why outdoor play is critical to child development

Evolution demands that our bodies and brains experience the sights and sounds of the outdoors in order to develop and function optimally.

[bit.ly/critical-outdoor-time](https://bit.ly/critical-outdoor-time)

## Featured Activity

Spring is officially here! After a long winter, we're pretty thrilled about it. Read on for some ways to welcome the season with your kids.

### 39 fun ways kids can play outside this spring

[bit.ly/39-outdoor-activities](https://bit.ly/39-outdoor-activities)

## Birthdays

### April

Taylor (April 2nd) (staff)  
Daycare (April 23rd)  
Dawne (April 29th) (staff)

### May

Rachel (May 11th)  
Layne (May 9th)

