

Community Connections

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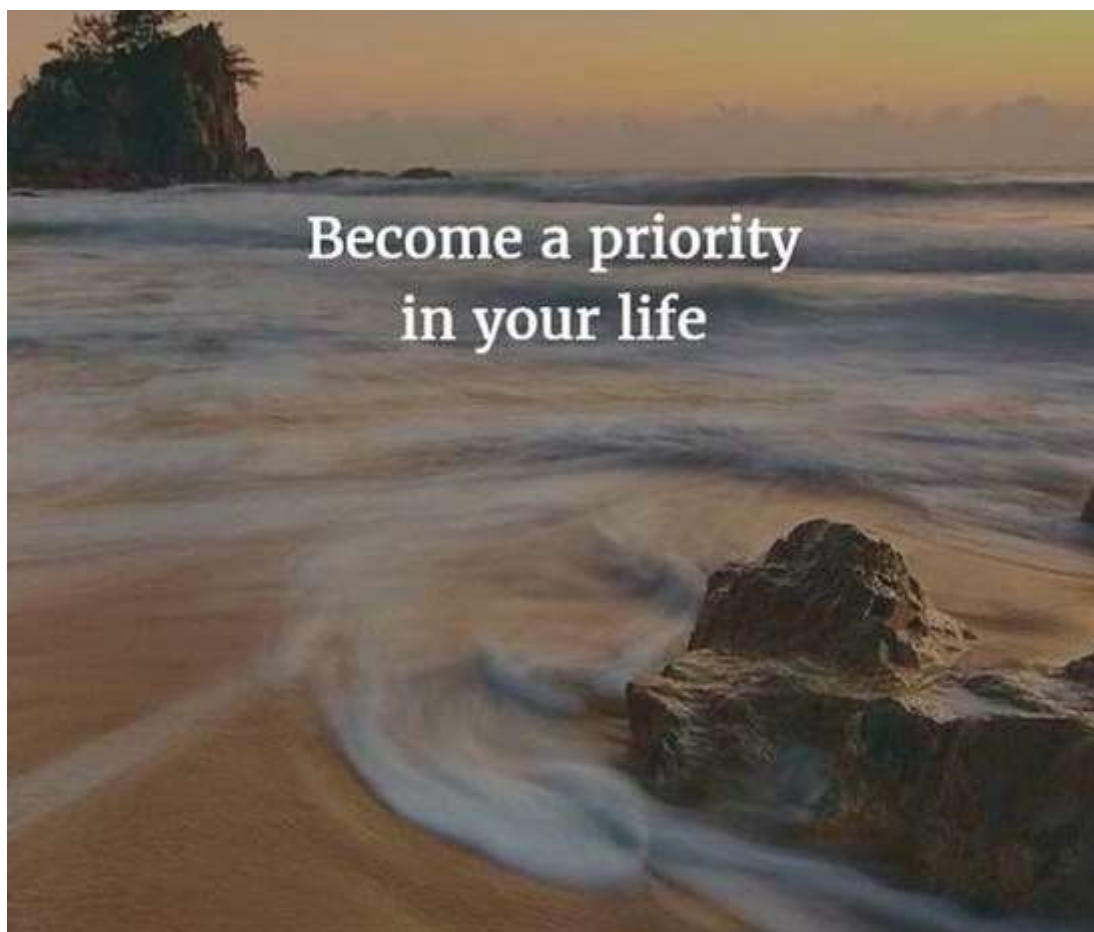


Good Morning:

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

You can find all of the past editions on Niagara Knowledge Exchange by [Clicking Here](#)

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



Spotlight: Raise a Reader



TD Summer Reading Club: Summer is a great time to encourage children (and adults) to read books for fun and the TD Summer Reading Club provides activities and resources to add to the experience. On their website you can download activities, create a notebook, explore recommended books and learn tips on how to raise a reader. [Click here](#) to learn more or drop into your local library.

Club de lecture d'été TD: [Cliquez ici](#) inscrivez-toi et crée ton carnet pour pouvoir noter tes lectures, lire des livres numériques gratuits et faire des activités en ligne.

Early Literacy Tips: It is never too early to start reading to your child – find tips and ideas on family literacy fun at the Centre for Family Literacy, [click here](#) to get started. Also learn more about Raising a Reader by [clicking here](#) – lots of printable activities, ideas and book recommendations!

Read On Canada: The Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation is presenting Read On Canada! The focus of this reading initiative is to empower, encourage and equip families with reading resources this summer so that all children can Read On! On the website you will find lots of great reading related ideas and resources - be sure to scroll to the bottom of the home screen for links to the activities available by age. [Click here](#) to get started.

Lisons Canada!: Il existe de nombreuses façons de s'amuser avec les mots cet été. [Cliquez ici](#) pour quelques activités qui pourront vous servir de point de départ.

Scholastic Canada Camp Club de lecture: [Cliquez ici](#) pour, un programme de lecture d'été gratuit comprenant des activités, des concours et des recommandations de livres!

Scholastic Canada Summer Reading Club: Scholastic Canada also has a fun filled website that provides information for parents on the importance of reading and lots of fun activities, book lists, challenges and more for kids of all ages. [Click here](#) to learn more



Check out these Local Activities and Resources:

Missed a back issue of Community Connections? [Click Here](#) Check out all past issues on the Niagara Connects website.

Let's Go To the Hop: The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is excited to present its first Park Hop, a family-friendly initiative encouraging families with children or grandchildren to explore the many great parks and play structures throughout Town. Participating families can keep track of their progress on sheets that can be completed online, printed at home or picked up at the NOTL Public Library. [Click here](#) to get hopping,

Rent a Fishing Kit: The St. Catharines Library has added some new lending opportunities to their catalogues. You can now take out a Youth Fishing Kit – [click here](#) or a Telescope Set [click here](#) Enjoy your summer by trying these new hobbies at no cost!

Residential Schools – Information and Support: If you or the families that you work with are seeking to learn more about Residential Schools and their legacy of trauma, look to our local Indigenous Friendship Centres for information, resources and how to help.

The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre has a video series called “Indigenous Perspectives” as well as other informational videos, [click here](#) to view.

[Tshikeksa' EarlyON](#) and [Odrohyageweh EarlyON](#) both offer information and resources for families and children, click on each name to visit their Facebook pages. If you are interested in purchasing an orange shirt as a sign of your support, be sure your purchase is from an organization that is respectful and reputable and are donating proceeds of sales to Indigenous communities/organizations. Two recommended sites [Orange Shirt Day](#) and [Native Northwest](#)



Let's find out a bit more about the upcoming Tokyo Summer Olympics and learn some fun facts about this global multi-sports event.

Olympic Education is based on the concept, *Olympism*, which blends sport with culture and education. [Click here](#) to find free, high-quality resources and activities that support the delivery of provincial and territorial curriculum across the country while empowering students to integrate the Olympic values in their daily lives.

L'éducation olympique: [Cliquez ici](#) pour des ressources et des activités gratuites et de grande qualité qui appuient la prestation des programmes scolaires provinciaux et territoriaux de partout au pays tout en permettant aux élèves d'adopter l'esprit olympique dans leur vie quotidienne.

CBC Kids Olympic: [Click here](#) for fun facts and activities about the Tokyo games, as well as cool sports games for your children to play.

Carrefour education: Enfin, les Jeux olympiques d'été arrivent, après avoir été reportés d'une année! Afin de célébrer cet événement, [cliquez ici](#) pour un guide complet sur les Jeux olympiques, allant de leur histoire à des pistes pédagogiques concrètes pour aborder ce sujet en classe.

Kids World Travel Guide: [Click here](#) for fun facts, information about the mascots and the countries participating, as well as games and resources on the Olympic 2021 games.

Twinkl - Tokyo Summer Olympics: [Click here](#) for fun resources including Peppa Pig and Animal Olympics.

Activities and supports for you, your clients & families:

Kindness at Home: [Click here](#) to get quick, convenient kindness activities for families of all ages; discussion topics, and journal prompts emailed right to you each week.

Today's Parent: There's nothing like quality time with your family. [Click here](#) for fun ideas for indoor games, camping and travel tips, holiday crafts, and everything in between.

CBC for Parents is filled with information on play, parenting, food and shows that can be selected by age of the children plus there are lots of great printable options. [Click here](#) to see all that CBC for Parents has to offer your family

la zone Parents: [Cliquez ici](#) pour découvrez santé et bien-être en famille, les suggestions d'activités pour enfants d'Ève Christian, des recettes et plus encore.

Family Care Centre: Children's Mental Health Ontario has partnered with Parents for Children's Mental Health to establish the Family Care Centre. This virtual Care Centre is a resource hub for parents and caregivers of children and youth with mental illness. With a focus on ensuring that no family feels alone, this hub is filled with information and resources to help navigate mental health issues. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Bridging Differences: From Berkley University's Greater Good Science Centre comes a new learning opportunity that is free of charge! "We encounter differences every day—differences in race, politics, gender, faith, and more. How can we connect across these differences, especially at a time of deep social polarization? In this course, you will learn core research-based principles and strategies for fostering positive relationships, dialogue, and understanding across lines of difference". To learn more and to register, [click here](#).

Summer POP: The Art Gallery of Ontario are offering virtual Summer POP workshops to help children and families explore free art making activities that are livestreamed. [Click here](#) to view the upcoming schedule and to see what supplies are needed for each session.

Together Families: Together Families connects Early Childhood Educators, Teachers and Parents. This site encourages the sharing of ideas, knowledge and experiences to help build stronger and healthier children and families. [Click here](#) to explore the site.

Stay up-to-date:

"MILESTONE! Over 50% of all Niagara residents are now Fully Vaccinated -- Keep it up, Niagara! Getting vaccinated is a part each of us can play to help bring this pandemic to an end." Niagara Region Public Health

Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen – May 2021: [Click here](#) to learn about the province's three-step plan to safely and gradually lift public health measures based on ongoing progress of province wide vaccination rates and improvements of key public health and health care indicators.

Déconfinement de l'Ontario – mai 2021: [Cliquez ici](#) pour renseignez-vous sur le plan de la réouverture en trois étapes de la province pour lever graduellement et en toute sécurité les mesures de santé publique en fonction de la progression continue des taux de vaccination dans.

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's vaccine distribution implementation plan: [Click here](#) to learn about Ontario's vaccination program to help protect us against COVID-19.

Plan de mise en œuvre de la distribution des vaccins de l'Ontario: [Cliquez ici](#) et renseignez-vous sur le programme de vaccination de l'Ontario pour nous aider à nous protéger contre la COVID-19.

Niagara Health: If you need your first shot, Niagara Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is open to walk ins at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre in St. Catharines. [Click here](#) to learn more. There are some walk-ins for second doses available each day or an appointment can be booked on the provincial vaccine portal,

Santé Niagara: Il n'est plus nécessaire de prendre rendez-vous pour recevoir la première dose du vaccin contre la COVID-19 à la clinique de vaccination à l'aréna Seymour-Hannah. Tous les jours, entre 14 h et 16 h, nous continuerons aussi à offrir la deuxième dose à un nombre limité de personnes qui se présentent sans rendez-vous. Nous procéderons selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi. [Cliquez ici](#) pour en savoir plus.

Niagara Region FAQ's: [Click here](#) if you have any additional questions about vaccines, booking appointments or general information about COVID-19.

Ontario Government Covid-19 Update Page: [Click Here](#) to get the latest case data and updates, learn how to protect yourself and others and get advice on what to do next if you think you might have COVID-19. (This site has the information available in many other languages.)

Mise à jour Covid-19 du gouvernement de l'Ontario: [Cliquez ici](#) pour obtenez les plus récentes données sur les cas et mises à jour, apprenez comment vous protéger et protéger les autres et obtenez des conseils sur la marche à suivre si vous craignez d'avoir contracté la COVID-19.

Health Canada Covid-19 Update Page: [Click here](#) to get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines and find resources for your families

Gouvernement du Canada - Maladie à coronavirus (COVID-19):
[Cliquez ici](#) pour les faits sur les vaccins contre la COVID-19 et Ressources de sensibilisation



We would like to apologize if you received multiple copies of this email. We are trying to reach out to as many early years educators and staff as possible. Please share with all of your staff, clients, families or anyone who is not on this email list.

Take Care and Stay Healthy

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
**WALK-INS
WELCOME**

AGES 12+

FIRST AND SECOND DOSE

MODERNA AND PFIZER VACCINES

**CLINICS ARE OPEN FROM
9:30 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

[Click here to find a clinic near you](#)