

Community Connections

November 9, 2021



Good Morning:

Please send us anything you would like your peers and agencies to know about your program.

We are happy to be able to provide this and ask that you 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

You can find all of the past editions from our community partner Niagara Knowledge Exchange (NKE) by [Clicking Here](#)

Our next issue will be out December 14th



Spotlight:

Celebrate National Day of The Child
Journée nationale de l'enfant
Saturday, November 20, 2021

Chaque année, la Journée nationale de l'enfant est célébrée le 20 novembre. Depuis 1993, cette journée nationale est fêtée partout au Canada pour souligner l'adoption par les Nations Unies de deux documents sur les droits des enfants, à savoir la Déclaration des droits de l'enfant le 20 novembre 1959 et la Convention des Nations Unies relative aux droits de l'enfant le 20 novembre 1989.

National Child Day is celebrated in Canada on November 20 in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

- ✚ **National Child's Day:** [Click Here](#)
- ✚ **Journée nationale de l'enfant:** [Cliquez ici](#)
- ✚ **Famille Quebec:** [Cliquez ici](#)
- ✚ **Children First Canada:** [Click Here](#) aussi [Cliquez ici](#)

Check out these Local Activities and Resources:



SUPPER / Take Out Only

November 1 2021- March 31, 2022

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm*

SUNDAY	Knights of Columbus Hall	235 Church St
MONDAY	Silver Spire United Church	366 St Paul St.
TUESDAY	Cathedral of St Catherine	3 Lyman St.
WEDNESDAY	St George's Anglican Church	83 Church St.
THURSDAY *5-6:30*	St. Alfred Roman Catholic Church	272 Vine St.
FRIDAY	Knox Presbyterian Church	53 Church St.
SATURDAY	Queen Street Baptist Church	57 Queen St.

	Seasonal Emergency Overnight Shelter November 1 - April 15 7:30 pm to 7:30 am		
	St Catharines	Westminster United Church	
Niagara Falls	St Andrews United Church	5645 Morrison St.	
<small>Same Location Every Night, COVID screening, mandatory registration, homeless outreach call 211</small>			

Christmas Programs – Registration Now Open: Are you supporting families that you know will need some help this holiday season with food, gifts or both? Each Niagara community has a Christmas Program to assist families to meet these needs. Registrations for most open early in

November, encourage any families to register early. [Click here](#) to find details on the programs available in Niagara, please encourage families to only apply in the community where they reside.

St. Catharines Museum School: The St. Catharines museum has created a virtual classroom filled with local information, activities and resources. Be sure to check out all of their virtual Museum Classrooms and Museum at Home information – get started by [clicking here](#)

Text 211 for Community Services Information



You can now text 2-1-1 to find support

Vous pouvez désormais envoyer un texto au 2-1-1 pour trouver de l'aide.

211 Ontario
HELP STARTS HERE

211 Ontario
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211 Ontario has introduced a new way to access community services information – you can now text 2-1-1 Monday – Friday 7am-9pm on your mobile phone to connect with a 211 Community Navigator who can help find supports near you. Life can be hard. Finding help can be easy. Text 2-1-1 today.

Niagara Virtual EarlyON: EarlyON educators continue to provide fun activities for children, and links to community resources for parents and caregivers through daily Facebook posts. Parents, caregivers and children are invited to access the virtual EarlyON services and resources provided by their favourite EarlyON educators.

- [Bethlehem Place EarlyON](#)
- [Centre de santé communautaire](#)
- [Connaught EarlyON](#)
- [Grimsby EarlyON](#)
- [Kate S. Durdan EarlyON](#)
- [Lincoln Centennial EarlyON](#)
- [Niagara Catholic EarlyON Niagara Falls & NOTL](#)
- [Peace Bridge EarlyON](#)
- [Plymouth EarlyON](#)
- [Port CARES EarlyON](#)
- [Odrohyagweh "Clear Skies" EarlyON](#)
- [Tshikeksa EarlyON](#)
- [YMCA Niagara](#)

Winter Festival of Lights: November 13th is the night that the Winter Festival of Lights will light up Niagara Falls and this year it will last for 101 nights! Bundle up and plan to walk the route, there will be lots of social distancing possible while everyone enjoys the displays. Find out more about all that will be offered by [clicking here](#).

The Good Food Box: Now that the growing season is over, it is difficult to keep fresh fruit and vegetables in your diet. Thankfully Niagara's Good Food Box is available all year round. [Click here](#) to learn what box sizes are available, the cost, where to pick them up in your community and how to get started.

Arts & Culture Google: This site provides a window in to a huge variety of arts & culture locations, activities and displays from around the world. A little closer to home, you can also search for the Town of Lincoln Museum and Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, both have a number of on-line exhibits. Spend some time exploring all that this site has to offer, start by [clicking here](#).

Activities and supports for you, your clients & families:

[Click here](#) for a list of live and virtual ceremonies across Niagara.



Canada Remembers: [Click Here](#) for a Facebook event to honour those who have served and continue to serve to defend peace and freedom.

Veteran's Week Learning

Materials: The Government of Canada's "Our Veterans' Week" learning materials have been revised for 2021 and are now available for order. Get your free class packs of the "Take Time to Remember" activity booklet (ages 5-7), as well as youth newspapers "Tales of Animals in War" (ages 5-11) and the "Canada Remembers Times" (ages 12-18). Their popular Postcards for Peace, bookmarks and posters are also back, as is the on-line Veterans' Week teacher's guide. [Click here](#) to learn more and to place your order!

Remembrance Day Activities for Kids:

Remembrance Day is a difficult subject to help kids to understand but it is important to remember. CBC Kids has some great tips, books and ideas that can help explain why it is important to observe Remembrance Day and to talk about all that it represents. Check out the site by [clicking here](#) and especially note that they still need more peace cranes!

Llama Llama Activities: On those dreary November days when you just want to jump into your PJs and curl up with a good book – check out all of the fun that Llama Llama has in his red pajamas! Fun activities can be found to go with all of the fun Llama Llama adventures – [click here](#) to explore.

Managing the Season Webinar: Pine River Institute provides a variety of resources to support youth struggling with addictions and their families. Coming up in early December is a webinar that helps provide help for when the holidays are not the most wonderful time of the year. The webinar is free of charge and more information can be found by [clicking here](#)

Grants Promote School Greening Projects: “The mission of Tree Canada is to inspire, educate, and enable Canadians to plant and nurture trees in order to improve lives and address climate change. Tree Canada’s Greening Canada’s School Grounds program seeks to enhance the learning experience for students and strengthen their relationship with nature by supporting school greening projects at educational institutions across Canada. Support is provided for school greening projects wherever learning takes place. Up to \$3,500 in funding is available per project. Funding is also available to educational institutions for edible tree and shrub planting projects through the Edible Trees program – [click here](#). The application deadline for both programs is December 6, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information and to submit an application online.

Le programme comestibles d’Arbres Canada nous reconnecte les gens aux sources alimentaires locales et renforce les collectivités. Cliquez ici pour Découvrez nos autres subventions d’arbres communautaire. [Cliquez ici](#) pour liste de subventions disponibles

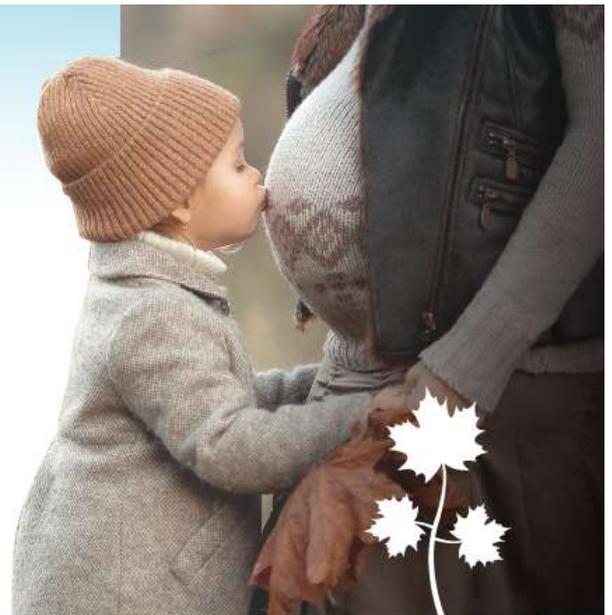
Gender Equity and Inclusion: The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity: has a mission to “empower gender and sexually diverse communities through education, research, and advocacy”. Check out their Resource page under the Initiatives tab for lots of teaching resources, posters and more – [click here](#). November marks both Transgender Day of Remembrance and 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence - [click here](#) to learn more

Les 16 jours d’activisme contre la violence fondée sur le sexe: Chaque année, du 25 novembre (Journée internationale pour l’élimination de la violence à l’égard des femmes) au 10 décembre (Journée internationale des droits de la personne), les Canadiennes et les Canadiens soulignent les 16 jours d’activisme contre la violence fondée sur le sexe. Il s’agit d’une occasion de nous réunir pour dénoncer la violence fondée sur le sexe et de renouveler notre engagement à y mettre fin. [Cliquez ici](#) pour Jetez un coup d’œil aux idées et aux possibilités pour prendre part aux efforts visant à mettre fin à la violence fondée sur le sexe.



SAVE MONEY FOR THE FUTURE

Save for your goals and prepare for unexpected expenses or financial setbacks.



canada.ca/financial-literacy-month

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Make Change that Counts: This is the theme for this year's Financial Literacy month sponsored by the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada. On the event website you will find resources, virtual events and tools to help with your financial literacy. [Click here](#) to explore the event website.

Mois de la littératie financière: [Cliquez ici](#) pour ressources pour aider les Canadiens à acquérir les compétences, et développer les capacités et les comportements menant à la résilience financière.

Financial Literacy tips: ABC Life Literacy offers a wide variety of financial literacy resources, everything from workbooks to webinars to tip sheets – they offer answers and advice on all things related to financial literacy. Check out their website by [clicking here](#)

Ressources de littératie financière pour les adultes: Comme le mois de novembre est le Mois de la littératie financière, c'est le moment idéal pour les adultes de prendre le contrôle de leur argent et d'améliorer leurs connaissances financières. [Cliquez ici](#) pour les ressources de littératie financière gratuites suivantes aux Canadiennes et Canadiens qui cherchent à améliorer leurs compétences en gestion d'argent.

The Canada Learning Bond is the one financial tool that really is as good as it sounds. For eligible families, this **free money** is deposited annually into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child. Based on annual family income, each eligible child could receive an initial \$500 deposit followed by an annual \$100 if the family income remains eligible and it can be retroactive. All of the details including eligibility can be found by [clicking here](#). It is important to note that the RESP that you set up at your financial institution for the Canada Learning Bond does not require you to contribute anything. If you are able to provide contributions, that is great but it is not a requirement.

Le Bon d'études canadien (BEC): est une somme que le gouvernement dépose dans un régime enregistré d'épargne-études (REEE) ouvert au nom d'un enfant issu d'une famille à faible revenu. L'argent permet, une fois le diplôme d'études secondaires obtenu, de payer les études à temps plein ou à temps partiel d'un enfant dans. [Cliquez ici](#) pour plus d'informations.

Canada's Food Guide Healthy Eating Resources: [Click here](#) for food guide snapshots (in multiple languages), recipes, dietary guidelines, and other downloadable resources.

Guide alimentaire canadien ressources pour une alimentation saine: [Cliquez ici](#) pour guide alimentaire en bref, recettes, Lignes directrices canadiennes en matière d'alimentation, et ressources téléchargeables.

Family Care Centre: A joint project of Parents for Children's Mental Health and Children's Mental Health Ontario, this website is a support for parents and caregivers who are supporting a child with a mental health issue. On the site you will find a Parent's Survival Guide, How to Recognize if Your Child Needs help and much more. [Click here](#) to learn more.

What matters in early childhood studies now?

Dialogues of pasts, presents and futures

Save the date for an
online colloquium

January 27, 2022

January 29, 2022

February 1, 2022

Registration
information
coming soon!

Connect

whatmattersnowecec@gmail.com

**Canadian Association
For Young Children**



Stay up-to-date:

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 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.)

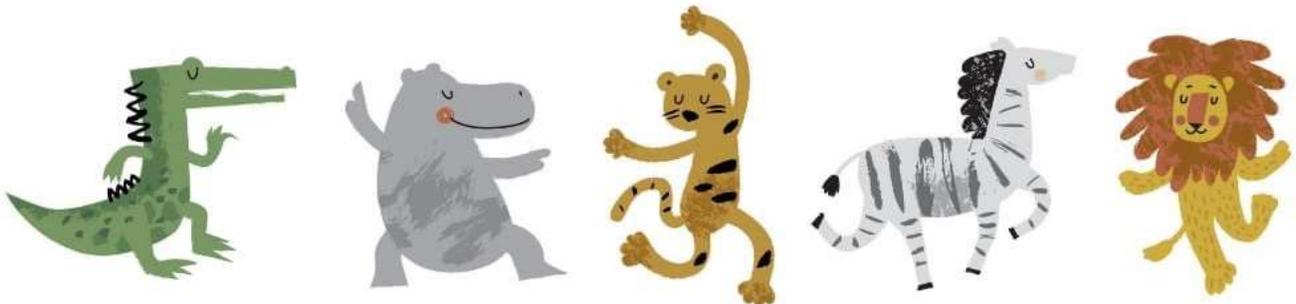
Mise à jour Covid-19 du gouvernement de l'Ontario: [Cliquez ici](#) pour obtenez les plus récentes données sur les cas et mises à jour, apprenez comment vous protéger et protéger les autres et obtenez des conseils sur la marche à suivre si vous craignez d'avoir contracté la COVID-19.

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

The rule is you have to
dance a little bit in the
morning before you leave
the house because it
changes the way you walk
out in the world.

-SANDRA BULLOCK



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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