



# Apple Blossom Day Homes

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From all of us here at Apple Blossom, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our families. Thank you for allowing us to care for your children as if there were our own. We look forward to a great summer season filled with sunshine, water, laughter, and fun.

This season, some of our Educators are excited to go on a field trip to Bitterwater Rescue Ranch. The children will have the opportunity to interact with lambs, goats, sheep, and llamas! We are excited to share this learning experience with your children. The dates we have planned for this adventure are June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>. The children will be transported to and from their day homes by bus.

The Agency has reviewed and made changes to our general agreement. Every family was provided notice of these changes along with invoices sent out in the beginning of June. Your educator will also have the changes posted on their communication board. Please take a look at the revisions and contact the office with any questions, concerns, or feedback. Policy changes will come into effect July 1, 2019.

Every family has also received a link to complete an ASQ questionnaire via e-mail. This is a screening tool used to help your educator have specific details about your child's development; their strengths, interests, or anything that may need additional attention. Your educator can use this tool to implement play based programming catered to your child's needs and interests. We encourage all parents to fill out the online questionnaire.

Our Educators continue to work hard to incorporate the Alberta Child care Accreditation Standards into their day homes. If you would like additional information on this, you can view the entire standards manual at <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/accreditation-standards.pdf>

As always, please ensure you are sending your child to their day home clean, fed, and with a change of clothes. Most of the learning experiences your child(ren) participate involve all five senses (especially with the beautiful weather!), which often results in a change of clothing required. In addition to the above, please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire each and every day they attend their program. This may include splash pants, rain coats, rain boots, sneakers, swim diapers, bug spray, and sunscreen. Our educators strive to include outdoor programming every day (weather permitting) and it makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone when children come prepared.

We look forward to serving you during another great season!

## Policy Input

We are asking for your input on policy number 13 of your general agreement under "Parent Responsibilities": 15. Parents are aware that educators may walk with the children for outings within a 4 block radius of the day home, for the purpose of walks, trips to the playground ...etc. We would love to hear back from you if there are any question's, concerns or suggestions about these policies or any others. You can contact us at [lisa@appleblossomdayhomes.com](mailto:lisa@appleblossomdayhomes.com)

Please give us your opinion by: **calling the office, e-mailing us at [www.appleblossomdayhomes.com](http://www.appleblossomdayhomes.com)**, or mailing it to Box 20042 KPO, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8M4

We appreciate the time you take to give us your input.



## STAT Holidays

July 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 5<sup>th</sup> are STAT holidays this season. Please note that any care used on the above dates may be charged at an additional rate of \$6.25 per hour.



## Points of Interest

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