

10 YEARS IN THE MAKING



IF YOU BUILD IT..

For 10 years the Town of Drayton Valley was without any form of formal childcare for families. With the economy heading into a boom, childcare was a missing pillar. Thank you to Diana McQueen and the Council of 2007 for voting to care for the families of Drayton Valley!

Diana McQueen, Former Mayor, Town of Drayton Valley

2019:
"It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary of the ECDC. I am still so very proud of my Council team of the day and our community that supported this vision of putting children and families first and creating the opportunity for not only childcare but also early childhood development for families to come together in a safe and caring space. Bernice and her team, and the board members over the years have taken the dream beyond our expectations and I want to thank them all for their outstanding work and dedication. Congratulations!"

Annette Driessen, Director of Community Services, Town of Drayton Valley

"From the moment the Early Childhood Development Centre opened in 2008, the Centre and its staff have welcomed children and their families with enthusiasm, dedication, and compassion. The Centre's steadfast belief in the value and worth of children makes it a jewel of our community. If there is one lesson that comes from this Centre, it is how vitally important quality early childhood care is to the healthy development of our children. Whether that care occurs in the home, in our child care centres, on our playgrounds, or in our schools, we should all work toward this goal."

Through this document we will weave the story of how we have spent teaching a community of children for 10 years!



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AFTER 10 YEARS OF NO
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**PROVINCIAL AND
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**CELEBRATE WHAT YOU
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, BUT
RAISE THE BAR A LITTLE
HIGHER EACH TIME YOU
SUCCEED.
HAPPY 10 YEARS OF
SUCCESS!**



OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE

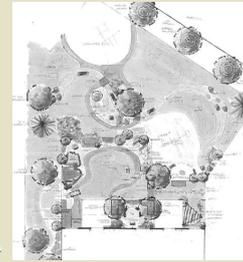
You may have noticed some large piles of clay and sand behind our Child Care Centre. This is the beginning steps to our "GREEN" play space that will be under construction over the rest of the summer and into the fall months. This play space design is in the foyer of the child care centre if you would like to see just what it is that we are doing out there.

2008

The Early Childhood Development Centre began the process of accreditation and educating the community about quality childcare. Premier Ed Stelmach and his wife Marie were in attendance to cut the ribbon at our official opening. In the first few months ECDC was operating, we had a list of 46 children.

From the very beginning, our team has been able to promote learning both inside and outside of the centre, with the support of the government. Our centre was awarded provincial grants to create an Eco Park for children to play in a natural space. This project was also made possible through the efforts of volunteers and additional donations to the Eco Park.

We gave a great big Thank-you to Bill Roberts for his kind donation of apple and cherry trees, and Saskatoon and raspberry bushes. These are still flowering and producing fruit at the south side of our ECDC building today. The log canoe in our Eco Park was hand carved by Tim Lees from a fallen tree on his property, and donated to put in our North Saskatchewan River of Sand.



LEARNING ABOUT OUR WORLD

Canada World Youth educational programs engaged our program staff and children by welcoming two students, Samuel Langlois and Ruth Dominguez. They spent four months on site learning about our culture while sharing their own. Our children had the opportunity to learn some French and Spanish. As an accredited child care program, it has been important from day one to weave culture into our programming.

This was the year that we opened our Family Day Home Agency, as well as Out of School Care, to extend our care practices. Care for 15 OSC children was provided on site. Four Day homes were opened by December.



ENHANCING ECDC

The centre's motto, *it takes a village*, was never more true than during our renovations in 2008. Thank you's were shared with Poplar Ridge Home Hardware for donating a shed package, as well as to Frank Maddock High School wood working program. The students built a storage shed in the backyard to hold all of our tricycles. We were also thankful for Gary Bannard, for making 4 bird houses and 4 bird feeders to put out in our new outdoor play space. They were initially placed in our back yard for children to bird watch and feed the birds, and were later moved into the flower beds.



OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE

Evergreen Learning Grounds helped us change our playground into the space of our dreams. Some of these changes included new shade sails and a mural, giving our playground a face lift. Our community also came together by sharing perennials that are still blooming in the flower beds 10 years later!



VOLUNTEERS HAVE HEART

Every year, we are supported by many selfless volunteers. In 2009, ATB came out to help pound posts into the ground for our ECO park and visit with the children to teach them about volunteerism. We sincerely appreciated it, ATB



2009 ACCREDITED!

In May of 2009, our centre became Accredited. This was a hard-earned recognition, and all of the ECDC staff put in such amazing effort. We are very grateful to have such a committed group which takes its profession very seriously and with great pride.

Throughout this process, we learned about the importance of engaging children in a variety of events and experiences. We put this into practice by bringing in visitors to the centre, like real paramedics to teach us about ambulances and emergencies. We also welcomed seniors from our community, and learned from them to make ice cream, bake cookies, build birdhouses and flower baskets. These visitors were very excited to share their stories and past experiences with the children and staff.



Another way that the staff worked to engage children was to introduce initiatives to teach environmental stewardship. One of our favourite initiatives was vermi-composting, a worm-composting bin created by the children. We would feed the red wiggler worms our raw food waste from kitchen prep to produce compost for our garden boxes in the back yard. This was an exciting activity for the children to learn about, and it was also wonderful to see them teaching their parents about composting.

A YEAR OF GROWTH

The Buzzing Bee's began their journey with Seeds of Empathy this year. Baby Tanner was our Seeds of Empathy baby, visiting the children once a month until he was one year old. This program was designed for Early Childhood settings, to foster social and emotional competence, early literacy skills and positive attitudes in children three to five years of age.

This was the year that we hosted the first Lil Rascals garage sale, an event that ran for 5 years. The sale started because parents were in need of cost-effective ways to buy and sell children's clothing and other items. The sale ran in spring and fall of each year, with up to 70 tables booked for each event. Over time, parents found that social media pages like Facebook were beginning to offer convenient ways for them buy and sell things for their children, so the Little Rascals garage sale came to an end in 2014.



2010

In 2010 we continued to expand our accreditation efforts, which included the Family Day Home Agency becoming accredited!

Johanna Languay, a Friendly Frogs staff, took on the task of piloting Wings of Discovery. This project focused on building environmentally-friendly skills through gardening and vermi-composting activities. This was easy with this group and they kept up with a vermi composter and planted a garden outside in our fenced playground. To celebrate all of this hard work, the children made 'stone soup' with vegetables they had grown in the garden. This was the first of many pilot projects to come in the years ahead.

This year we also installed solar panels on the roof of the centre. Johanna took advantage of this opportunity to teach children about technology and the energy program.

2010 was the first year we started the Christmas Wish Tree program. We gifted the trees to recognize and celebrate the hard work of our centre's families during the holidays. The first year we hosted this we had only 6 trees, but by 2018 the program had grown to 20 trees.

Through the years we have hosted numerous fun events for our community. In 2010, we had "Ballooner Landing" come out in partnership with Parent Link. This was a great puppet concert for all children in the new Holy Trinity School.

2011 National Recognition

Our Centre was recognized with a Certificate of Achievement from the Prime Minister. This national recognition was based on our partnerships and collaborations with community partners. Michael Innis (left) was our first peer coach to come and mentor children in the OSC program. This partnership with Community Outreach not only was a skill building opportunity for our children, but also part of a leadership experience for students to explore career choices.



Our Eco Park was finally finished in 2011, with an official GRAND opening at the June 15th Open House!

Tanya Rumak, the Town Sustainability Coordinator, came to talk to the children about things they can recycle and handed out trees to plant in our new park. We honoured the Royal Purple by having Jean Graham come out to speak. We have a huge appreciation for the ladies of the Royal Purple, as they would visit Rotary Park every morning at 7am to ensure that the park was safe and clean for our children.



The Importance of Literacy

The Buzzing Bees reported in their newsletter in 2011 that they were reading 40 books a month to the children. Literacy is vital for language and learning and this has always been a pillar in our program. This year we also put together "take home" literacy bags for parents. These backpacks had books, activities, learning sheets and opportunities for parents to build their child's literacy at home. Many of these included sending photos back to ECDC to make a classroom story.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

At ECDC, we love to learn and use new technology. In 2012, our staff and parents partnered with Athabasca University in its research to learn how parents can build literacy with children of all developmental abilities. Through this process, we discussed giving parents the ability to screen their own preschoolers and supporting skill development at home. Through this partnership, an app called I AM READY was born.

Later that year, the Eric Turner Foundation provided iPads to all of our classrooms. This allowed staff the opportunity to develop new portfolios for children. These portfolios are still common practice in the centre and can be viewed any time.

2012

The Western Review reported this article after our centre received the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence: "Up to her elbows with resources and a head full of creative ideas, Bernice Taylor has turned the Drayton Valley Early Childhood Development Centre into a buzzing hub for the community. A true force of nature, parents know they can go to her for help, children will always get the care they deserve and the community benefits from incredible initiatives and gestures of good will. Bernice knows every child by name, their needs and what is inevitable, their struggles. She is completely and utterly a local hero to families in this community. She supports her staff, encourages higher learning and creative learning environments."

Indigenous learning is important for children who are growing in our community. Over the years, we have been very fortunate to have parents and guest speakers come in to share their knowledge.

Stewart McAteer taught the children about his Metis heritage. They made bannock over a fire and explored some Metis artifacts. A booklet of this day is still in the program room bookshelves.

Animal visitors have also been a highlight for us. This year, Charlie and Faye Parker brought in a 3 day old baby lamb, and the children got to feed him milk from a bottle. He also ran around in the back yard bucking up his feet, to the children's delight. Otis the Owl also came for a visit, and the children learned how he was rescued and cared for at the Medicine River Wildlife Centre. They even wrote a book about him. To stay with the animals themes for Father's Day, we hosted Noah's Ark petting zoo in the park and then had a free swim for families.



VERMILION ENERGY COMES ON BOARD

The Child Care Centre began providing spectacular new programming thanks to a four year sponsorship and partnership with Vermilion Energy. Enriched programming like "yoga and zumba in the park" and a sports interest camp, as well as a before-school program became possible with its support. This was the beginning of a seven year relationship with Vermilion Energy. Over the years we have been able to offer an ECE Coach to support families, Family Adventure Night at Wiley West, swimming lessons and other field trips. Not only has Vermilion Energy supported us with funding, but its staff has also given many hours of time volunteering to help out at the centre.

ALL HEROES WELCOME

One of ECDC's true heroes Travis Miller built a new covered sandbox for our centre. He built it onsite, so the children got to see all the cool power tools he used. Another of our heroes is the Heart and Hands Quilters Guild for generously donating blankets like weighted quilts that help to comfort children during nap time.





Wally Samson presented Bernice Taylor from ECDC with a cheque of \$50,000 for continued programming. On June 26th the children and some Vermilion employees released 15 Painted Lady Butterflies into the eco-park. This process has educated the children on the life cycle and the process the caterpillars must go through to become butterflies. JeanAnne Prysliak, from Eagle Point Blue Rapids, joined our Friendly Frogs class for the month of June. They learned about Owl pellet droppings, bat houses and all the footprints of animals native to our local forest. This was a great opportunity to learn that we need to protect our forest areas and not be afraid to go for a walk in the forest with our family.

2013

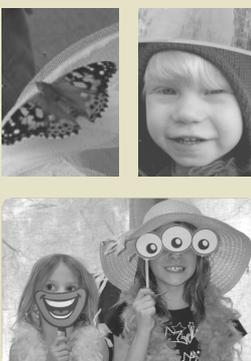
Buzzing Bees, Friendly Frogs and the Day Home Agency learned about Aboriginal Awareness with crafts and stories from Joanne Ahenakew. Linda Prentice, a family support coordinator, came in and taught the Buzzing Bees a Second Step program. We have continued with this program every year after seeing the benefits it had for our children. This program teaches children how to deal with feelings and emotions. Brad Kelly came in and taught the OSC children about soccer. The children of ECDC had a special visit from Pam Balke, Bylaw Officer, and learned about outdoor safety.

Friendly Frogs went to Frank Maddock High School for a beauty culture class. All the kids got their hair done. This group also went to "Aboriginal Days" in Rotary Park. This event happens annually to share customs and cultural teachings of our indigenous populations. We hosted our second year of Yoga and Zumba in the Park, thanks to our V-Powered Kids partnership with Vermilion Energy. This year we started what would become another annual event, the Mother's Day Baskets, which is a fundraiser to support field trips through the year. This event has a great sustainability focus as we get donations from ladies of items they have been gifted but wish to "regift" as well as donations from some local businesses. Then we have a big Tea Party and the draw. This year the Frogs and Buzzing Bees were able to go on a field trip to the Devonian Gardens with the funds raised.

Our Out of School Care has closed down with the opening of the Boys and Girls Club and so we added a new program now known as the Super Snails. A special thank you was given to Tervita for donating 2 brand new bikes for our toddler and baby rooms. Both classrooms were so excited to get onto these toddler sized bikes and learn about traffic routes in our play space.



This was our first family Christmas party where the children and parents were able to do Christmas activities and take pictures with Santa. Staff members from Vermilion Energy have come every year since to take part as Santa, an Elf and also The Grinch. The time they volunteer for our children has always been such fun and so greatly appreciated. We will be serving many meals in the new year with the help of a new fridge and freezer. Thank you to Pembina Pipeline for fundraising and making this possible.





CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN SENIORS AND OUR CHILDREN

The children learned about reptiles on August 7th when Leah from Edmonton Reptile Parties came out. The Children learned fun facts, asked questions and got to touch real reptiles. Leah brought in snakes, a tarantula, a scorpion, lizards and a tortoise.

2014

On February 14, 2014, the Super Snails invited local seniors to take part in a Valentine's Day craft project. The lacing craft had seniors mentoring children through a lacing/sewing project that helps the children develop fine motor skills. The laced hearts were later filled with homemade cookies baked and decorated by the children for their parents as a Valentine's Day gift.

Friendly Frogs were joined by two senior volunteers to help them plant flowers. On June 4th Vermilion Energy employees planted 68 Alpine Currant bushes to become a living boundary keeping children safely within the park play space. This project is part of Vermilion Energy's Community Investment program.

The Buzzing Bees went on a forest adventure behind Eldorado School. Robyn Anderson from Eagle Points Blue Rapids Park Council came out and taught the children about the forest and animals who live in it. The children went on a scavenger hunt and then had a picnic.

In December ECDC added Laurie White to the team of professionals. She was an ECE Coach working hand - in - hand with local community partners, parents and staff to enrich programming, offer resources and referrals as necessary to support families.

The WOW Van began coming monthly to read the children a new story each month. The children love that they dress up and act out the stories. Thank you Grandma Schwartz.

On August 27th the Friendly Frogs and Super Snails took a bus to Eagle Points Blue Rapids park for a nature hike. The children learned the different animals that lived within the forest, their habitat and how they mature. This was offered as a second year initiative through Eagle Points junior education program.



Vermilion Energy surprised us with a \$3500 donation that was part of its 20 years of Excellence in Service. Local staff were able to vote for a charity that Vermilion Energy is already partnered with, and we were very generously supported.





2015

Miss Ginny from the Rotary Library WOW reading van began making monthly visits to read to the children. On January 5th, they read "Pete the Cat", and followed up with some "Pete the Cat" yoga at the Scout's Hall. We are so lucky that our own team member Samantha Strauss is trained through Yoga Kids, and was able to facilitate this activity.

On February 19th, Paul Mah visited the centre to share his cheongsams (jacket) in celebration of Chinese New Year. As always, the children and staff appreciated the opportunity to learn about other cultures in the community and their traditions.

Thank you to Diane Barry for coming by to tell us all about riding on the bus, and for taking Pete along for the ride.



As we are preparing for our accreditation goals, we have realized we need to once again revamp our loose parts play options in the back yard. In May, Bill Taylor built us an outdoor mud sink, just in time for the mucky weather.

For Mother's Day, we had some sticky fun at our ice cream bar before heading across to see some amazing feats with local Magician Patch and the Littles. We had 40 visitors to our Open House in June, which is the best turn-out to date. Children participated in a bicycle course to learn about bicycle safety and receive their bicycle license. Visitors from the fire department, RCMP and Victim Services were on hand to help out as well as to conduct helmet inspections to ensure all of our equipment was in tip-top shape.

In the warm summer months, we were fortunate to take the children for a hike on the Wiley West trails as well as the Pembina Nordic Cross Country trails. These field trips are important to encourage appreciation of the outdoors, recognition of native species, and to allow children to explore the wilderness surrounding their own community. These trips wouldn't have been possible without the support of Vermilion Energy. Our staff works tirelessly to continue its education and implement what it learns in the classroom, allowing us to maintain high-quality programming. In 2015, 8 staff were working to achieve their Level 2 Early Childhood Educator Qualifications.

Our Sponsors this year: Vermilion Energy, Exova, Ink-Spirations, Pembina Pipeline Corp., Distribution Now, Communities in Bloom, Conoco Phillips Canada, Servus Credit Union and Telus .



Emily Hickman accepted \$400 of gift cards on behalf of the Homelessness and Poverty initiative from ECDC's Christmas Wish Tree donations. Staff has been helping children understand what it means to be homeless and how they can help out.





2016

ECDC has been a hub for Early Childhood Development since its inception. In January 2016, three NorQuest College students spent some time at the centre completing course practicums. One of these students, Marissa, spent just over a month with us to complete her Administration course. Working with the community to provide practicum opportunities enables us not only to build community relationships, but allows local youth to work towards higher learning goals without having to go far from home. The learning didn't stop there. This was the second year that Early Childhood Development was offered through NorQuest. Samantha Strauss, our administrator, received the Shine Award, from NorQuest College for her exemplary manner in supporting her fellow team members in their ongoing learning.

Corey Howatt, a pilot, visited and inspired the children to learn more about aviation. The ECDC outdoor play space had another facelift. To make our play area safer, and still fun, we got reused rubber bricks from the downtown sector and put in playground turf to limit tripping hazards. Our playground space renovation was unveiled at our Open House on June 22.

Every year we have support from local community organizations who sent representatives to our Open House events. This year, we thanked Bill Taylor with Weyerhaeuser, Constable Peter Ulanowski with the RCMP, Danette Moule for composting and recycling, Colleen Schoeninger with the Farmer's Market, Teresa Dunlop with Summer Park Programs and Haley Ferguson with the Summer Reading Program for their contributions to the centre, the children and their families this year.



Our centre has always been vocal about the need for a high standard of childcare for Albertans, and we do our part to make this a reality. In the past, we supported improvement to subsidies, changes to the accreditation team, reviewed the Regulations for Child Care with the CFSA, and mentored other centres in Alberta to help improve their practice. This year, Minister Irfan Sabhir visited to discuss the upcoming changes to childcare in our province. Our centre will begin learning the curriculum framework in 2017.





2017

The Super Snails had a busy month in February showing the community how they "Care". On February 7th, they hosted a bake sale. Many parents baked amazing treats, and they raised \$421.00 to give back to the community. That Friday, they had a chance to visit Emily Hickman to learn about the MAT program. This program allows those who need a place to sleep to stay overnight at the United Church. Emily set up a table of perishable food items to help the children know what to purchase when they shopped with their bake sale money. February 10th the Super Snails walked to the Dollar Tree to purchase perishable foods and toiletry items to place in the pantry set up by Warming Hearts. Each child took \$5 and thoughtfully picked out items they felt would be best. The remaining \$340 was put into a Sobey's gift card to give to the Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen. Many parents shared they would continue to go out to put items in the pantry.

Happy Hoppers made and delivered Valentine Cards for the senior citizens at the Leisure Lea. This has been a blossoming relationship, with the children also going to the Leisure Lea in the summer months to play and visit with the seniors.

The Happy Hoppers were also excited to clap and sing along with the "Chime Choirs" conducted by Aaron Brummett.

Kayla Nicholls and Janella Rodriguez were recognized for their "Team" efforts to provide a quality child care program as well as their success in parent engagement. This nomination was parent-driven, and included letters from families regarding the great care their child received. It was a very proud moment for all of us to celebrate these two amazing women. They truly are the image of excellence in their program delivery and the caring mindset that they bring to the children day in and day out. CTV even came to interview Ms. Janella and Ms. Kayla.

The Happy Hoppers made a Thank You card to all of our Farmers who continue to harvest and feed our families. You can see this card displayed at UFA!



Thank You to all the companies that sponsored us in 2017, as your continued support enables our success.

- *Vermilion Energy
- *Pembina Pipeline
- *Weyerhaeuser
- *Canadian Professional Cleaners
- *President's Choice
- *Conoco Philips





2018

Staff at ECDC were very excited to share with the community that we were one of 100 successful applicants to the Early Learning and Child Care Centre grant for 2018. This funding enabled our Centre to cap childcare fees for drop in at \$550.00 per month, or \$25.00 a day, while still allowing families to access subsidy. This grant makes it possible for us to continue to provide excellent and accessible care to our community. In addition to government funding, support from our various community partners allows the centre to grow and try new things. This year, President's Choice graciously donated \$2500.00 to our nutrition program. We were able to purchase tons of fresh fruit and veggies to enrich our snacks and lunches. Under the guidance of nutritionist Merv Leibel, and in accordance with the new Canada Food Guide, we have implemented alternative proteins like lentils, hummus, and protein butters to our menu.

Thank you to Vermilion Energy for their 2018 Sponsorship of \$25,000.00. This partnership continues to be a cornerstone to our successful program.

We sent a big shout out to Travis Miller for the beautiful picnic tables and the wonderful doll house that he created for the ECDC children, now and in years to come.

This year, we entered into a new three year partnership with Pembina Pipeline. In June, its students came out and helped to clean up the flowerbeds and Eco Park area for us. They also spent some times planting beautiful flower boxes with the children to display around the centre yard.

Another exciting event was when Jordan Ness visited to share his stories and excitement about being part of the Rodeo. The children all wanted to become cowboys to be a hero like him.

ECDC celebrated 10 years of childcare in our amazing community. Our 10 year Anniversary Open House included guests like Patch the Clown, Bill Taylor and students from Weyerhaeuser with trees to hand out, and Merv Leibel to teach us all about building a nutritious menu.

Everyone enjoyed a big piece of cake and some fun games with Rotary Library students.



Thank you Cenovus Energy for your contribution to our nutrition program. It is with the continued community engagement and support that we remain a successful program for over 100 local families.



On July 17, the staff and children ventured off to Pih-To-Kwe campground to learn about some customs and traditions of our Metis neighbours. Constable Blair Gillman shared tips about staying safe. Another big thank you to Natalie Borzel who brought out some amazing casts to put playdough in to see footprints of animals that live in our forest. The Vermilion Energy ladies cooked us an awesome lunch in the heat.

Thank you to Alberta's Promise and ERA for the laptops. Also a shout out to Shell for giving these to Era.ca to be given away. Sending a big shout out to Matt Meronowich and the NSR team with TransAlta Hydro for a donation of a playhouse for the backyard.



2018

Current staff compliment: 28
(16 FT 4 PT 8 Casual)

Qualifications of Current Staffing:
13 Level III, 6 Level II, 8 Level I
(5 are casual)

2 staff received recognition
through the Minister's Awards of
Excellence.

Increased our licensed capacity
from 83 to 88 children

In 2018 provided care to: 176
children (includes F/T, P/T and
drop in care)

Current enrolment of care is 99
children per week. This number
does not reflect drop in care,
which would increase it to
approx. 103 children per week.
28% -48% of families through
2018 were accessing subsidy. This
number has fluctuated with more
families moving to Part Time care
due to the changes in economy
and career changes. Currently
30% families are accessing
subsidy.

4 Children are supported through
the PUF program in partnership
with Wild Rose School Division.
Two Educational Assistants
employed by WRSD are now an
addition to our team. They each
provide 4 hours of assistance per
day until the end of June 2019.

4 families through CFSA received
respite care for foster children.

14 Community Partners:

Westward Goals, WRSD, FCSS,
Community Parenting Coalition,
Boys and Girls Club, Parent Link,
Brighter Futures, PCN, Park Valley
Pool, Rotary Library, DV Health
Unit, CHIMO Youth Retreat, Aim for
Success, EPBRP

Through these community partners
we were able to provide the
following enrichment to our
program:

- 8 yoga sessions
- 24 swimming lesson sessions
serving 34 children
- 6 weeks of Second Step
programming which is an Empathy
empowering curriculum
- 1 day at Pih To Kwe park to learn
about our indigenous community
- 1 monthly visit for storytelling with
the WOW van
- 34 in May and 47 children in
October received dental health
applications on site from Shawna
Vig with Alberta Health.

This does not include the other
guest speakers who came to visit us
over the course of the year from our
local RCMP, Fire Station, Eagle Point
Blue Rapids Park, Medicine River
Wildlife Centre, Mary Lambert
and Emmaus Bell Choir.

ECDC was a great coaching site in 2018
with 4 of our own staff upgrading to a
Level III Certification as well as
providing practicum supports /
mentoring and supervision to 7 other
students. This was in partnership with
Lethbridge University, Grant MacEwan
University, NorQuest, and Lakeland
College.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*"There is nothing in this world more
important than our children, they are
our future. The investments we make in
them during the first few years of their
lives can have a significant impact on
our community. That is why having an
amazing facility and staff in the Early
Childhood Development Centre is so
important to Drayton Valley. The Early
Childhood Development Centre helps
them learn, helps them communicate, and
helps them build a solid foundation for
their future. The Town of Drayton Valley
is thankful for the work of the Early
Childhood Development Centre and after
10 years, we will start seeing the benefit
that this facility brings to the children as
they transition into adults."*

Michael Doerkson