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There have been some instances recently where families received vouchers for items which should be billed through the region.

Vouchers should *not* be used for regular recreation, vacation or start up costs (for a child's first time in care). Vouchers can *only* be used for things such as clothing to standard, and over and above items that are billed to district offices. Foster parents must check with their Support Worker before accepting a voucher. In instances where a family has received a voucher for a vacation, recreation or first time in care item, Marla must be notified for tracking purposes. As well, if the cost of such an item has been paid directly by the district office on behalf of a child, Marla must also be notified.

Pathways Office will be closed August 2nd for the long weekend
Call 499-4175 with any emergencies



To date, we have had *no* applications for the Leah Sorenson Bursary for the Advancement & Improvement for Education, Recreation, Music or the Arts.



We have therefore extended the deadline to apply until September 1, 2010. Information regarding this bursary was originally published in the May newsletter. You can also speak to your support worker for further information and to obtain an application.

Did you know that forms for foster parents are available on our website? Check out www.pathwaysfamilyservices.com the next time you're looking for something. If what you need isn't there, please contact Scott or Marla as we're reviewing what's posted. As well—we're currently in the process of updating our forms and hope to post updated documents on the website soon.



Deadline for September Newsletter is Thursday, August 12th. Contact Marla at 442-0113 with submissions.

In-Services will resume Wednesday, September 29th. Watch future newsletters for more details.

Summer Fun before Back to School!

Edmonton Heritage Festival: July 31st to August 2nd at Hawrelak Park

Come to Edmonton for a celebration of the cultural diversity that makes up Canada. Sixty cultures at fifty-plus outdoor pavilions feature non-stop international music, dancing, food, arts, crafts, costumes and more. Enjoy everything that Canadians have to offer by seeing where they came from. *Admission is free, but please bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to the Edmonton Food Bank. Food tickets, which will be sold in advance or at booths on-site during the festival, will be required for all food and beverage purchases on the festival grounds.



Cariwest Caribbean Arts Festival: August 6th to 8th in downtown Edmonton

This 3 day event kicks off with an impressive costume extravaganza, followed by the most colourful fun filled parade Edmonton has to offer, complete with Mas bands, dancers, musicians, all jumpin' up to the beat of the Calypso rhythm. Visit our Caribbean Village located in Sir Winston Churchill Square and sample the flavors of West Indian cuisine while being entertained by talented musicians and dancers. Go to www.cariwestfestival.com for more information.

Edmonton Fringe Theatre Festival: August 12th to 22nd in Old Strathcona

Take a historic neighborhood, add dozens of different venues, stir in performers from around the world, throw in a few hundred thousand audience members and let it grow over 11 days. The result: one Fringe Festival. The Edmonton Fringe Theatre Festival hits the streets of Old Strathcona for 11 days of theatrical merriment. From noon to midnight daily, performers from around the globe and around the corner will entertain audiences with song, dance, drama, comedy, and everything in between. Call 409-1910 for more information.



Edmonton Latin Festival August 14th & 15th at Sir Winston Churchill Square

A celebration of Hispanic arts and culture featuring live folkloric dance performances and music. Ethnic food and ethnic artisan vendors will also be on site. Event is free of charge.

What love means to children...

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." - Kari, age 5

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." - Terri, age 4

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." - Mary Ann, age 4

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." - Tommy, age 6


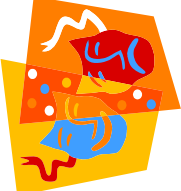
"Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." - Elaine, age 5

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." - Clare, age 6



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