

*Niagara's Early Learning &
Child Care Excellence Week
A Virtual Celebration*

December 14 to 17, 2020

Presented by
The Early Childhood Community
Development Centre

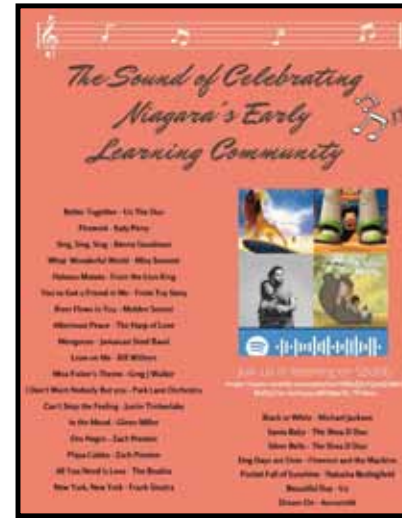
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Wednesday December 16 • 7:30pm
(Facebook live)

Special Reflection on Awards of Excellence Events Past

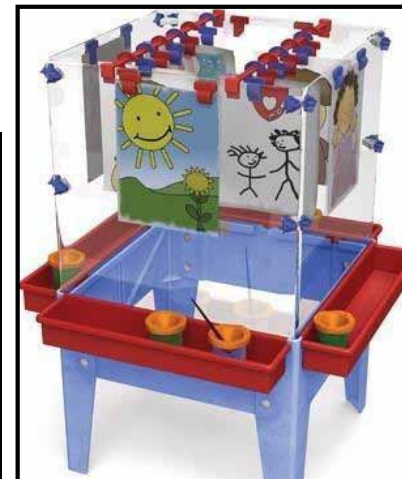
We shared some wonderful photos from past celebrations, an Awards of Excellence inspired playlist, and a draw from ECCDC for a \$50 professional learning gift certificate.



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Lasting Thanks with a Special Draw

Our last evening had a special draw to honour Niagara's early learning programs. There were three Outdoor Kitchen Playsets and one Indoor/Outdoor Easel from Louise Kool & Galt as well as a Curriculum Cabinet from Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds. All of Niagara's early learning programs were entered to win!





Sending Gratitude


With Gratitude from the Board & Staff Team of the Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC)

On behalf of the ECCDC Board and Staff Team, we would like to congratulate each one of you for all you did this year to support Niagara's children and their families despite the many challenges. We thank for your commitment, dedication and the passion you continue to demonstrate. Our Team sure missed the spirit and goodwill that comes with planning the Awards of Excellence each year and it is our hope that we were able to capture some of that magic through a virtual celebration. Our goal was to ensure that your ongoing hard work did not go unnoticed.

ECCDC received incredible support to bring the virtual event to life. We are grateful to Louise Kool and Galt and Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds for their very generous door prize sponsorships and special discounts for Niagara's Early Learning Programs. We are also very thankful to the District School Board of Niagara for sponsoring our virtual Black Box Fundraiser.

You will also see comments throughout the memory book from your many supporters and elected officials. Together, we all want you to know how valuable you are and how recognized your work is in making a difference for children and families all across our beautiful Region. We hope that this celebration inspired you to recognize the important work you do each day and the positive impacts you make within our community. Thank you so much and wishing you good health and much happiness in the coming year.

Respectfully Yours,
ECCDC Board and Staff Team



"Excellence is never an accident: it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution, and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities."

- ANONYMOUS



With Gratitude from Niagara Regional Chair, Jim Bradley and Members of Council

On behalf of Regional Council, I would like to extend warm greetings and our appreciation for the contributions made by all Early Childhood Educators who play such an important role in the development and learning of our youngest residents.

While 2020 has been an exceptionally challenging and unique year, the role Early Childhood Educators play in our community has never been more important. Access to high quality child care, such as what is being celebrated during this week, is now a topic of discussion across the country as elected officials at all levels grapple with ensuring an equitable recovery from COVID-19. I look forward to the coming years as the federal, provincial and local governments work together to increase access to professional early childhood education for everyone.

Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding achievements and positive influences made to early learning programs. Your demonstration of professionalism and commitment are to be commended. Best wishes as you celebrate excellence in your field and thank you to all the educators, staff, volunteers and leaders who, through your collaboration, bring creative and dynamic teaching to the programs and services of Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care.

With Gratitude from the College of Early Childhood Educators

The College of Early Childhood Educators is honoured to be part of this special event to recognize excellence in Niagara's early learning and child care programs. This year's innovative virtual event is reflective of the creativity, resilience, and commitment of educators. During an unusual and challenging year, you truly demonstrated your leadership, courage, and caring as you adapted and found new ways to support Ontario's children and families.

Beth Deazeley, Registrar & CEO
College of Early Childhood Educators



With Gratitude from Louise Kool and Galt

Louise Kool and Galt has worked alongside Canadian educators for more than 50 years providing quality resources, furniture, classroom equipment and early years materials. We are delighted to celebrate the remarkable passion and enthusiasm of Niagara's early learning community during Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care Excellence Week!



Louise Kool and Galt is pleased to donate three outdoor kitchen playsets and an indoor/outdoor easel for a special door prize draw. We hope that these unique resources will enhance your early learning environment and provide the children with unique learning opportunities. As a longtime primary event sponsor of the Awards of Excellence, we are grateful to contribute to this year's special event. We look forward to celebrating your achievements virtually, and commend the ongoing work you do to support children and families in Niagara!

Musical Entertainment



Ryen Brousseau

Ryen has been a local Niagara Professional Musician since 2005 – As owner/operator of a popular Niagara Wedding DJ company, as well as lead singer for the Band Rosevelt, Ryen's Solo Acoustic act gives him as chance to unplug and entertain with relaxing popular tunes, from every decade and genre in recorded music.

Door Prize Sponsors

The ECCDC is grateful to the following sponsors

District School Board of Niagara

We are so appreciative of the District School Board of Niagara for their sponsorship of this year's Black Box Fundraiser. Their ongoing support of this event assists us in hosting this valuable celebration each year, in honour of the countless achievements of Niagara's early learning professionals!



Louise Kool & Galt

As a long-standing Awards of Excellence Primary sponsor, we are grateful to Louise Kool and Galt for their generous donation of four incredible door prizes this year. We know that these materials will have a positive and lasting impact on early learning environments in Niagara!



Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds

As past sponsor of the Connecting Children to Nature Award, Bienenstock Natural playgrounds has supported the Awards of Excellence for many years! We are very thankful to them for their donation of a generous door prize, as well as a special coupon code that Niagara Educators can use to purchase new materials and equipment!



Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario

We thank the AECEO for their generous donation of four AECEO Membership Certificates. As longtime supporters of the Awards of Excellence, we appreciate their ongoing participation in this event!



College of Early Childhood Educators

The College of Early Childhood Educators has been an avid participant in the Awards of Excellence for the past several years, and we are most appreciative for their ongoing support and information package donation at this year's event!



Video Links

- Niagara Region Children's Services Video: **Watch**
- Regional Chair Jim Bradley Video: **Watch**
- St. Catharines MPP Jennifer Stevens Video: **Watch**
- AECEO Video: **Watch**
- CECE Video: **Watch**
- Bienenstock Video: **Watch**
- Inclusive Child Care Supports Committee Video: **Watch**

[Click here](#) to listen to our Playlist

A graphic for a Spotify playlist titled "The Sound of Celebrating Niagara's Early Learning Community". The graphic has a red background and features a list of songs and artists. At the top, there is a musical staff with notes. At the bottom, there is a Spotify QR code and a link to the playlist. The songs listed are:
Better Together - U2 The Duo
Firework - Katy Perry
Sing, Sing, Sing - Benny Goodman
What Wonderful World - Mira Sorvino
Hakuna Matata - From the Lion King
You've Got a Friend in Me - From Toy Story
River Flows in You - Modern Sex
Afternoon Peace - The Harp of Love
Mangoose - Jamaican Steel Band
Lean on Me - Bill Withers
Miss Fisher's Theme - Gung J Walker
I Don't Want Nobody But You - Frank Lane Orchestra
Can't Stop the Feeling - Justin Timberlake
In the Mood - Glenn Miller
One Negro - Zach Prentiss
Playa Caliente - Zach Prentiss
All You Need is Love - The Beatles
New York, New York - Frank Sinatra
Work or White - Michael Jackson
Santa Baby - The Shee D Duo
Silver Bells - The Shee D Duo
Dog Days are Over - Florence and the Machine
Pocket Full of Sunshine - Natasha Bedingfield
Beautiful Day - U2
Dream On - Aerosmith

Thank you for participating in Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care Excellence Week!

Click here to visit our Facebook page to see all of the special posts and live videos of the week's events!

We look forward to seeing you in 2021 for the Annual Awards of Excellence Celebration!

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