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Nunavut proclaims and celebrates first annual Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Iqaluit, Nunavut (October 22, 2024) – The Department of Education is pleased to announce the first annual Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in Nunavut. This new territorial day of appreciation will occur each year on the last Tuesday in October, starting October 29, 2024.

“This is a day to recognize and celebrate the dedication and hard work of early childhood educators, who play an essential role in the development and well-being of our young children,” said Minister of Education Pamela Hakongak Gross. “Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is an opportunity for Nunavummiut to thank these talented educators for their invaluable contributions. This day is also a chance to promote a career in early childhood education, a profession that is exciting, creative, and rewarding as it contributes to the learning and growth of our young children.”

“This first annual Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is the perfect occasion to recognize the critical role of early childhood educators,” said Government of Canada Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Jenna Sudds. “Every day, they work tirelessly to shape young minds, laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning, curiosity and kindness. Their unwavering dedication not only makes the world a better place for our children but also inspires and nurtures the next generation.”

Early childhood educators work at licensed child care centres, which includes licensed family day homes, and are fundamental to the economic prosperity of Nunavut. By providing high-quality early learning and care, they enable families to work or pursue education. They also help shape our future generations, giving our children a vital head start before starting elementary school. Early childhood educators support the foundational growth of children, preparing them for success in school and in life.

Join us in celebrating and acknowledging the positive impact that early childhood educators have on our children and communities. Begin your career as an early

childhood educator or enrol your child in a centre today by contacting a licensed child care centre in your community. For more information, please visit the [Department of Education webpage](#).

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