

## **Child Care Worker And Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day Celebration Ideas For Child Care Centres**

Here are some great celebration ideas from participants in previous years:

- Have the board of directors take the staff out for dinner and an evening of fun.
- Hosting an afternoon tea party (with home baked goodies baked by our children and parents), with all the staff and children.
- Have a special lunch for the staff and present them staff with loot bags
- Host coffee, tea, and treats from 4:00 pm. To 7:30 pm. to accommodate staff finishing shifts.
- Give each staff member a certificate of appreciation and a travel mug.
- Have the board of directors send out a notice to each family and ask that they contribute a fruit, jam, tea, or nut free treat to fill a basket for all the staff
- Have the board of directors provide homemade cards and chocolates
- Arrange to have the day announced on the school PA with the morning announcements
- Make a bulletin board with posters and place the certificates of appreciation on the board.
- Give flowers and/or chocolates to all the staff.
- Host a Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day event with a guest motivational speaker and refreshments
- Set up a "Wall of Fame" for parents to help in writing words of thanks to each of the staff. Laminate afterwards for the staff to keep
- By gift certificates for a local store or restaurant. Distribute cards hand made by a child/family in the centre.
- Have the board of directors send a letter to all families and board members accompanied by a cut-out of a hand. Ask parents to write a note to staff on the hand as a way of "giving the staff a hand" for a job well done. Then display the hands in the centre.
- Send staff a letter from the board thanking them for their commitment to children and families.
- Make a donation on behalf of the staff to a shelter for women and children in your community.
- Host a pizza lunch for the staff and give everyone a small gift and certificate.
- Put up a big poster with the staff's 'bios' and photo and have the parents will sign a message on it.
- Invite your local politician or mayor for a tour of your centre
- One of our board members brought in 2 movie passes for each of the staff along with a letter of appreciation, and we had a staff lunch of pizza and cake.
- Have the board of directors host an evening of celebration for all staff in honour of Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day
- Have community businesses sponsor the day and give discounts and gifts to all staff or provide door prizes for appreciation events, or gift bag items