



May 2019

## Our 23rd Annual Conference!

*Thank you to everyone!*

Especially [Israel Wayne](#)! What a blessing!



## *Around the province!*

*People are wrapping things up!*

While schooling continues in some homes, many are (or have already) wrapping up the "formal learning". Celebrations are planned for most local support groups (woo hoo!!!) but it's always nice to mark the year end within your own home. It is "home" schooling after all! The following article from one mom's blog gives lots of ideas.



- 1. Celebrate growth!**  
Have everyone in the family make a list of some of the things they are glad they learned or ways they have grown over the past year. This exercise is especially helpful for parents, who may have overcome many challenges without realizing it.  
Compliment each other on your efforts and accomplishments.
- 2. Reflect as a family.** The school year may be over, but learning never stops. Together as a family, discuss the things you are most interested in learning over the summer and perhaps during the next year. How can you support each other's goals and wishes? Show your child by example that adults are perpetual learners, too, and talk with them about what you're most interested in exploring and learning.
- 3. Make testing fun.** If your distance learning program, homeschooling curriculum, or state requirements involve end-of-year testing, make it an extra special event! Decorate the room where the test will be taken, plan some healthy treats to enjoy during snack breaks, throw a five-minute dance party to get the wiggles out and energy up between tests, and celebrate in style when the testing is done.
- 4. Revisit Main Lesson Books.** Are Main Lesson Books (MLBs) a part of your learning experience? Spend some time together with your child looking back over their MLBs or notebooks for the past year. (For extra fun, pull out MLBs from years past and marvel together at how far they've come!)

5. **Make a memory collage.** This is another project that is a lot of fun to do together as a family. Did you go on any memorable trips or outings this past year? What were some of the funniest moments? Do any particular words come to mind that can be woven into this tangible reminder of what this year meant to your family?
6. **Have children evaluate themselves.** Let each child write an end-of-year report on their own progress. What did you do really well this year? What areas would you like to keep working on improving? Include this report in their file, portfolio, or record for the year. When the new year rolls around, revisit it to remind yourselves about things your child would like to continue to work on.
7. **Give silly awards.** Some children are motivated by competition and love getting recognition for their accomplishments. In the spirit of a collaborative learning environment, keep it light and make it funny. *Best ice-cream cone eater! Most devoted user of the color purple!*  
  
If you have multiple children, have them secretly nominate each other for the "best..." and create fancy certificates or ribbons for each other. Have a mock awards ceremony complete with pomp and circumstance.
8. **Share your child's work with others.** If you are both comfortable with it, plan a "show and tell" gathering and invite people who would enjoy seeing and learning about the wonderful work your child has done over the past year. You might have your child display their favorite projects or creations, share their Main Lesson Books, mark favorite lessons in their curriculum books, show photos of memorable events, offer a performance, and/or give a little speech about what they have most enjoyed learning.
9. **Write your child a keepsake letter.** Describe what you have witnessed in their growth over the past year, in academics and other areas of their development. Keep it positive. Point out some of the things you have enjoyed most in working with them this year. Perhaps you recognize important accomplishments that may not be seen by the outside world. Give them the gift of words handwritten on sturdy paper that they can keep, treasure, and reread when they need a boost of confidence.
10. **Celebrate their way.** Rites of passage are important in children's development, and the transition from one phase to the next can be very meaningful. Let them tell you how they would like to mark this transition. This may feel especially important after the first year of learning at home, at a time when their peers are marking a similar transition (such as the end of elementary or middle school, the beginning of high school, or high school graduation), and at the end of their homeschooling or

distance-learning journey. Above all, remind your child (and yourself) how proud you are of their willingness to approach learning in a creative, heart-centered way. This requires a leap of faith on everyone's part, and it is so gratifying to reach the end of the year and look back on the things that went well. Congratulate yourselves, and look forward to whatever the new year will bring when the time comes!

*Final youth event!*  
*Stay tuned for details!*



ps. You might want to start warming up!

*From the NB Dept. Ed. website*  
*Another reason to homeschool*

Whatever your stand on vaccinations... we have choices!

## News Release

Education and Early Childhood Development

### **Amendments introduced to immunization record requirements**

07 June 2019

FREDERICTON (GNB) - The provincial government introduced legislative amendments today that would remove non-medical exemptions from the mandatory immunization requirements for public school and licensed early learning and child care admissions. The amendments are to the *Education Act* and the *Public Health Act*.

"Our highest priority is the health and safety of New Brunswick students," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Dominic Cardy. "These changes will help make sure as many children as possible are vaccinated and help protect the most vulnerable members of society."



The legislative amendments would require students attending public schools and children in licensed early learning and child care facilities - either currently enrolled in or being admitted for the first time - to provide either proof of immunization or a medical exemption on a form signed by a medical professional.

The *Act Respecting Proof of Immunization* would come into effect Sept. 1, 2021 and would:

- remove sections in both acts that allow non-medical exemptions to be presented in place of immunization records or medical exemption; and
- result in modifications to the Licensing Regulation - *Early Childhood Services Act* which refers to practices outlined in the *Public Health Act*.

"I am proud to be introducing these changes," said Cardy. "Vaccines are a safe and proven way to prevent the spread of many diseases, some of which can be life threatening, especially for individuals with compromised immune systems."

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## *Our libraries are awesome!*

### *Invaluable resources!*

"Free day passes for the Hopewell Rocks are available until June 30, and valid until the season ends in October"



## *One cabin has opened up!*

### *Homeschool Family Camp!*

First come, first serve!

Tenting is still available for the Homeschool Family Camp being held on Caton's Island in Brown's Flat, NB - Thursday, June 20 at 6:00pm to June 23 at 1:00pm

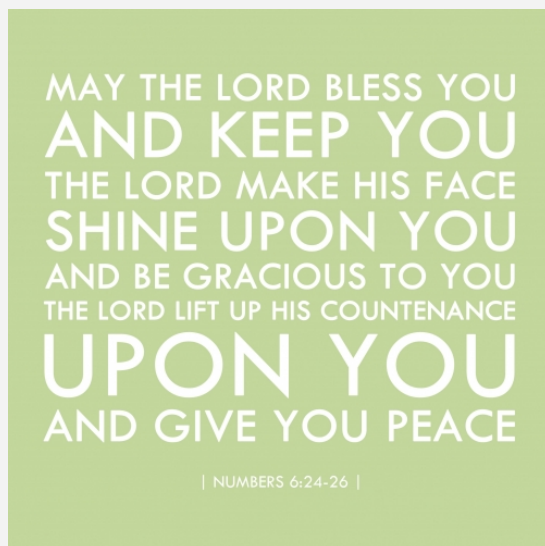
You can see the camp set up [here](#) but registration is through Linda Nadj, at [lindathecheeselady@hotmail.com](mailto:lindathecheeselady@hotmail.com) or call 506-763-3326.

This is an AMAZING camp and a great time of fellowship with other homeschool families from across the Province. The cost per family for the entire weekend is only \$325.00. This includes all meals, and activities



## *Congratulations to all 2019 graduates!*

*And to you Mom and Dad!*



### Congratulations!

Dustin Carroll, son of John and Kathy Carroll  
Sophie Gray, daughter of Ian and Natalie  
Winston MacCabe, son of Terry and Rachael

We pray God's richest blessings on you!

## *What to do? What to do?*

*How about a radical approach? (Yes, we've printed this before but it's worth repeating!)*

Summer is "borrrring"!

You can find oodles of lists online and in your local community of summer activities to try - from the library programs to special outdoor camps, from Tourism N.B. to your very own back yard. Or, you can design your own bucket list by asking the following questions taken from another homeschool mom's blog -

- "What are our favorite things to do? What leaves us feeling recharged? How can we do more of those things this summer?"
- What are our least favorite things to do? What do we need a break from? How can we minimize or manage those things this summer?
- Which skills or subjects do we want to learn? What do we need to get started? (I like this question for kids in particular so they can learn what goes into executing their ideas.)"
- And which fit with our family priorities?

### **What if in between all the fun you let your kids be bored?**

From "Sonlight Homeschooling Blog":

"First and foremost let's remember that it is OK for kids to be bored this summer. It can even be good for them. Check out [this article](#) and scroll down for a motivating video about letting your kids pass through the stages of boredom that lead to creative breakthrough and reflective self-knowledge. (You could also check your library for Peter Spier's funny and inspiring picture book called Bored, Nothing to Do.)"



## *To rest, recharge and refocus*

### *Tools to help*

Despite where you fit in the endless possibilities of homeschool styles ( check some examples [here](#) and perhaps read [this](#) if you're trying to decide), summer is still a time for less stressful days and just being "mom". Carve out extra time to nurture - your relationships with your children (some one on one time), your marriage, and your relationship with the Lord.

To aid you in doing so, we highly

recommended the following -

Time in the Word  
Extended periods of prayer  
Listening to worship, classical or other favourite music  
Lots of fresh air and sunshine!  
Fresh summer fruit and veggies!

And maybe, as one mom did, try implementing [this](#)! But always remember-



["Mama Don't Fret-Here's 'The Long View' of Homeschool"](#)

And books! Of course you will need books! Find a few lists [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

*Already looking ahead!*  
*Make sure this gets in to your calendar!*



*Our pleasure to serve you!*  
*Members of HENB*



Once again, it has been our pleasure to partner with you during this past homeschool year. We pray that our events and networking , along with our availability to try and answer your questions, has been a blessing to you. Together we are stronger.

Despite the fact that summer is upon us, you can still reach us if you need to-via [Facebook](#) or our [website](#).

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall!



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"The knowledge of God is  
the principal knowledge."

-Charlotte Mason