

Child Development Dayhomes NEWS

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING INFORMATION FOR DAYHOME EDUCATORS AND PARENTS



December 2023

Educator Workshops

▶ Holiday Celebration

Date: Friday, December 15, 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Doug Barnes Cabin on Tamarack Way

Please RSVP to your consultant.



▶ Income Tax Workshop for Educators

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Please RSVP to your consultant.



Congratulations!

To the following dayhome educators celebrating their anniversaries with CDDH in the month of December



Najma 5 years



Parent Feedback Survey

Let us know how we are doing. Take the Parent Feedback Survey [here](#).



Childcare Subsidy

Families earning less than \$180,000/yr are eligible for childcare subsidy. Click [here](#) for more info.

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

Christmas Day: December 25, 2023

Boxing Day: December 26, 2023

New Years Day: January 1, 2024



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Attendance Records Due:

Monday, December 11 by 6:00pm

Dayhome Educators, please ensure all the times for the month have been entered on TimeSavr.

Fort McMurray Community Events

▶ Santa Claus Parade and Council's Starry Night Holiday Party

Date: December 2, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Kiyām Community Park (corner of Franklin Ave and Main St.)

Website: [Link](#)



▶ Santa Photos at YMM

Date: December 9, 2023

Time: 1:45pm - 4:00pm

Location: Fort McMurray International Airport

Website: [Link](#)

Note: A sensory-friendly timeslot is available from 1:45 to 2 PM for attendees with sensory sensitivities requiring a calm, non-stimulating environment.



▶ Special Olympics Wood Buffalo - Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Date: December 10, 2023

Time: 8:30am - 11:30am

Location: Fort McMurray Golf Club

Website: [Link](#)



▶ Fort McKay Youth Centre Family Christmas Dinner

Date: December 15, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Fort McKay Youth Centre

Cost: Free

Website: [Link](#)



Car Seat Info Sessions

Upcoming Date: Dec. 14

More [info](#).



Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Afshan, Bhartiben, Cristina C, Eva, Fabiane, Hafida, Letty, Michelle A, Portia and Zohra



How to Make a Snowman Card

Many of us give cards to friends and family during the holiday season. Everyone feels special when they receive a card, but a custom card will brighten up anyone's day. This snowman holiday card is simple to do and fun to make!!

Materials Needed: various colors of construction paper, 3-4 cotton balls per child, glue, scissors, optional star stickers and glitter

Step 1: Give your child a piece of construction paper and fold it in half for the card.

Step 2: Have your child make two circles near the bottom of the paper to make the outline of the snowman.

Step 3: Take cotton balls and spread them apart.

Step 4: Glue spread apart cotton balls to the bottom of the paper for the snow. Glue the rest of the spread-out cotton balls in the circles to make the snowman's body.

Step 5: Make the snowman's hat, eyes, nose, mouth, buttons and arms out of construction paper. You can add as many or as few accessories as you would like. If you have googly eyes or real buttons, you can add them to your snowman.

Step 6: Decorate the rest of your card using star stickers, glitter or anything else you want to use. Remember to write a message inside your card. All done! Your card is ready to be given to a special someone in your life.



Snack Idea

How to Make Popcorn Snowballs

POPCORN. Pop popcorn in the microwave

SAUCE. In a small saucepan over medium heat, add the butter and marshmallows. Stir continuously until the marshmallows are melted. Remove from heat and add the salt and vanilla extract.

COMBINE. Pour over the popcorn and coat evenly. Add M&Ms, sprinkles or nuts.

FORM + COOL. Cover your hands with a light layer of butter or coconut oil. Form the popcorn mixture into 3in balls. Set them on a piece of wax (or parchment) paper to cool completely, for about 30 minutes.



Source: <https://lifemadesimplebakes.com/popcorn-snowballs/>

Standard

FAMILY DAYHOME STANDARDS MANUAL FOR ALBERTA

This manual contains the standards for Dayhomes and Dayhome agencies to provide child care.

Every month we will review a Standard.

Standard 3: Portable Emergency Information Records

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- child's name and date of birth;
- parent's name, home address, work address, home telephone number and work telephone number;
- one emergency contact name and telephone number(s); and
- relevant health information including immunization status and medical condition(s).

Records may be in paper or digital form

Alberta 

Educator Professional Learning Highlights

Level 1 Certification - Katrina Laurean, Crystal Young

Asap Modules - Titilayo

Supporting Curriculum Practice (SCP): Maria Frac

Triple P: Ciamy

Communications & Collaboration: Keys to Thriving Dayhome Education & Care: Michelle A.



Learning Story

Story by Josephine, Dayhome Educator

Children frost sights to sparkle in the snow. Keep calm and watch the snow fall....



Kids are so excited digging, splashing and rolling themselves under the snow.



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Learning Story Continued...

Learning through play blocks. Roman, Narah and Georgia are building blocks by developing their fine motor skills, classifying by shape size using experimenting with their balancing and imaginations and testing their ideas.

