

Child Development Dayhomes NEWS

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING INFORMATION FOR DAYHOME EDUCATORS AND PARENTS



October 2023

Educator Workshop

► Community of Practice

Date: October 16, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: The HUB (Shell Place)

Presenter: Janet (Living Walls focus)

Please RSVP to your consultant.

Parenting Workshop

► Building the Foundation: Positive Relationships

Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: Online via Zoom. Here is the [link](#).

Please RSVP to your consultant.

Consider ways to create meaningful opportunities to connect with your children. Identify how our values/assumptions impact our relationships with children.

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

Thanksgiving Day: October 9, 2023

Christmas Day: December 25, 2023

Boxing Day: December 26, 2023



Congratulations!

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

Saadia	10 years
Aysha	8 years
Ruthchel V.	4 years
Saeeda	3 years
Bernadette	3 years
Joanne	2 years
Gemma	1 year
Jane Flores	1 year
Letty	1 year
Maria B.	1 year



Welcome New Educators!



Coleen



Attendance Records Due:

Wednesday, October 18 by 6:00pm

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

Fort McMurray Community Events

► Harvest Festival

Date: October 6-8, 2023

Location: 1 Tolen Drive, Fort McMurray, AB

Cost: Adult Weekend Pass \$25

Children's Weekend Pass \$12.50

Adult Day Pass \$10

Children Day Pass \$5.00



► igNIGHT

Date: October 13 - 22, 2023

Time: 5:30pm - 10:00pm

Location: Kiyām Community Park

Corner of Franklin Avenue and Main Street

Cost: FREE



► Wag-o-ween - A Halloween Photoshoot and Nail Trim Fundraiser

Date: October 15, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Fort McMurray SPCA (155 Macalpine Crescent)

► YMM Pumpkin & Planes

Date: October 21, 2023

Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: Fort McMurray International Airport

You're invited to the YMM Pumpkins & Planes Family Fun Event, in support of United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo. Join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun with games, activities, contests, prizes, and most importantly, treats! Purchase your Pumpkins & Planes Passport to access all the fun and games. Passports are \$5/each + service fee. *Note: Parents/guardians do not need tickets. Be sure to come during the time slot identified on the ticket.



Fort McMurray Community Events Continued...

► Navigating Girlhood with Creativity and Conversation

Organizer: Wood Buffalo Integrated Youth Network

Date: October 3,10,17,24, and 31

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Canadian Mental Health Association Wood Buffalo

Address: #111 8530 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray, AB T9H 5G2

Cost: Free

Phone: 780-370-5150

Email: YNavigator@woodbuffalo.cmha.ab.ca

Website: <https://youthhubsalberta.cmha.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1fGdTgpSvS5krOuoVx5yP4-aHQic7BjgNGhOaDobChy7o0CSF7MuDcxQ>



HeartSpark is a new organization created with the intention of exploring issues and topics important to girls aged 10-13. While exploring themes creatively with “ScrapJournaling”, this multi-media journal will allow participants to explore their thoughts and feelings using a variety of different mediums in a keepsake book they can have forever. Throughout the program, participants will engage in a series of interactive sessions designed to nurture various aspects of their personal development. Through the art of multi-media scrap-journaling, they’ll unearth a medium for self-expression, capturing their thoughts, dreams, and emotions on the pages of their journals. These creative outlets will become a reflection of their evolving selves.

Dayhome Learning Experience

► Make a Nature Paintbrush Out of Fall Leaves

Fall Leaves Paintbrush

Materials:

- Fall leaves (ones with longish stems are ideal)
- Wooden dowel (or use a wooden unsharpened pencil)
- Yarn or string
- Glue

Instructions:

It’s pretty simple.

Gather your leaves and wind tightly with your yarn or string to the top of your dowel.

Snip off the string and glue the end to keep it secure. Set up a canvas or paper and some fun paints, and let the kids dab away!



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 1B: Transportation

Where the educator transports children, automobile liability insurance coverage must be obtained at a minimum of \$2 million per occurrence. Family day home educators should follow relevant requirements of any other Alberta regulatory authority (e.g., Alberta Transportation). “Transportation” refers to anytime a child is put into a vehicle, whether its to school or on field trips.

- We will need a current insurance copy of vehicle being used.
- Copy of Driver’s license of all person that will be driving.
- All drivers must be stated on Field Trip Form and discussed with parent
- All Drivers Car Seat Session Certificate



Car Seat Info Sessions

Upcoming Dates: No dates in October.

More [info](#).



Snack Idea: Celery Snails & Caterpillars

STEP 1

Make the Snails: Fill celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese and top with an apple, orange, kiwi, cucumber or tomato slice shell and a cashew head. Use peanut butter or cream cheese to glue on candy eyes.

STEP 2

Make the Caterpillars: Fill celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese and top with grapes, blueberries or grape tomatoes for the body and head. Use peanut butter or cream cheese to glue on candy eyes and celery or radish matchstick for antennae.



Educator Professional Learning Highlights

Guiding Behaviours through a Trauma-Informed Approach: Aiel, Michelle A.

Naturally Inclusive: Engaging Children of All Abilities Outdoors: Michelle A.

Supporting Curriculum Practice (SCP): Josephine, Eva, Jesusa, and Bernadette

Indigenous Learning Series (Modules 1 & 2): Joanne, Abeer, and Maria Frac

Possibilities for Practice (PfP): Khaula, Bhartiben, Angel, and Salma

Brain Story: Geraldine, Ciamy, and Sona

Community of Practice - Bear and Trail Safety:

Trupti, Crystal, Titilayo, Ruthchel S., Geeta, Bhartiben, Hafida, Dianna, Khaula and Fatima

Autism and Neurodiversity Course (University of BC): Michelle A.

ELCC Certificate from Portage College: Samira

Level 1 - Basecorp: Portia

Communication & Collaboration: Keys to Thriving Dayhome Education & Care: Aiel

ELCC Conference: Ruthchel S., Gemma, Aiel, Tanya, Cristina C., Brenda, Joanne, Michelle A., Vandana P., Uchenna, Geeta, Bhartiben, Josephine, Vandana, Krestien, Maria Teresa, Jesusa, Arlyn, Kathlyn, and Eva



Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Angel, Arlyn, Bernadette, Josephine,
Katrina, Meaghan and Seema



Parent Feedback Survey

Let us know how we are doing.
Take the Parent Feedback Survey **here**.



Learning Story: Food Exploration

Story by Dayhome Educator, Corinne Mannett

I really enjoy doing activities like this with food. It indulges the senses; smell, taste, touch. When given the freedom to explore, It encourages the children to taste test items they typically may not have. Whether they like it or not, I use encouraging words to promote a positive experience. "That's great you tried something new!" They really enjoyed making their own lunch and eating it too!

