

Child Development Dayhomes NEWS

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING INFORMATION FOR DAYHOME EDUCATORS AND PARENTS



September 2023

Educator Workshop

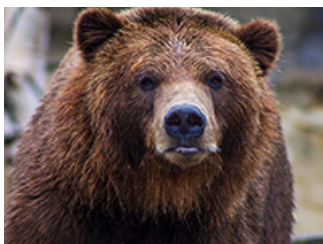
► Bear and Trail Safety for Children

Date: September 12, 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: HUB Downtown - Redpoll Place

In this session we will explore ways to encourage nature play while also developing wildlife and trail safety children for children in our care. We will discuss how to identify hazards, explore mitigation techniques and how to incorporate these teachings into activities as learning opportunities. We will discuss how environment and time of year directly impacts wildlife and what types of encounters we should be prepared for. This session will give participants knowledge to feel more confident and to deliver impactful nature opportunities for the kiddos around us.



Congratulations!

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

Ciamy	5 years
Jesusa	4 years
Kathlyn	3 years
Khaula	2 years
Abeer	1 year
Aisha	1 year
Faiza N.	1 year
Mariloufer	1 year
Marguita	1 year
Tahira	1 year
Trupti	1 year



FLIGHT Curriculum Video

Learn about the FLIGHT Curriculum Framework that Child Development Dayhomes incorporates into its everyday practice [here](#).

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

Labour Day: September 4, 2023

Thanksgiving Day: October 9, 2023



Attendance Records Due:

Monday, September 18 by 6:00pm

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



Fort McMurray Community Events

► Little Cubs Headstart

Date: August 28 - September 8, 2023

Location: Janvier

Little Cubs Headstart Registration. For children 3 years of age and up. Your child must be potty trained. Forms at the Health Center. <https://maccalendar.ca/events/little-cubs-headstart/>

► Wood Buffalo Ribfest 2023

Date: August 31 - September 4, 2023

Time: 11:00am

Location: Snye Point Park

Cost: From \$6 and up

Get Saucy this Labour Day Long Weekend with delicious food, live music, family fun and more! Enjoy the award-winning ribs from Billy Bones, Blazin' BBQ, Bone Daddy's BBQ and Buckeye BBQ plus an action packed lineup of live music from BIG names including The Trews, Trooper, Jade Eagleson, Trans-Canada Highwaymen (including band members Steven Page formerly of Barenaked Ladies, Chris Murphy of Sloan, Moe Berg of Pursuit of Happiness and Craig Northey of Odds), Joel Plaskett, Royal Foundry, Teigen Gayse, Dan Davidson & Captain Tractor as well as local acts Adam Bugden, The Borderpines, Crosswind & Jordan Last rounding out the musical lineup! Get ready for a SMOKIN' Hot Labour Day Long Weekend! Tickets and information are available at www.RibFestWoodBuffalo.com the Wood Buffalo.



► Monster Truck Nitro Tour Presented by Burnco

Date: September 8, 2023

Location: SMS Stadium at Shell Place

Address: 1 MacDonald Dr.

The Monster Truck Nitro Tour presented by BURNCO brings in car-crushing giants to compete in racing, wheelie contests, and amazing freestyle action. This exciting event will also include freestyle motocross featuring thrilling displays of aerial acrobatics! Plus don't miss your chance to meet the drivers and see the trucks up close at the pre-event Pit Party.

To purchase your tickets and find out more, visit:

macdonaldisland.ca/monster-truck-nitro-tour



Fort McMurray Community Events Continued...

► For the Love of Pets - Comedy Fundraiser

Date: September 9, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre

Address: 8115 Franklin Ave

Cost: \$38.50



The Wood Buffalo Animal Rescue Committee invites you out for a night of laughter all in support of helping animals across our region. The evening's headliner is one you won't want to miss!

► Fort McMurray Fall 2023 Trade Show & Artisan Market

Date: September 22-24, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: MacDonald Island Park

Organizer: Fort McMurray
Chamber of Commerce



► Play in a Day (ABCD2023)

Date: September 23, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Suncor Energy Centre for Performing Arts

Address: 230 Powder Drive

Organizer: Swamp Rat Experience

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/play-in-a-day-tickets-655188906657?aff=erelexpmlt>

Cost: Free



Experience what the Play In A Day participants have created in 24 hours - from idea to stage! Each group is given a theme, a prop and a costume piece that had to be included in their play, and then spent 24 hours writing, directing, and rehearsing their original show. A fun panel of celebrity YMM judges will give out awards at the end of the evening. Don't miss this fun night of locally created theatre! This is a free event as part of Alberta Culture Days 2023.

Nutritional Wisdom

► Apple Granola Stackers

Ingredients:

1 Granny Smith apple, skin on, cored and sliced crosswise
1 red apple skin on, cored and sliced crosswise (see Cook's Note)
1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/2 cup granola
1 tablespoon Cinnamon Sugar, recipe follows

Cinnamon Sugar:

1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Mix cinnamon sugar and cinnamon together until blended.

Directions

Spread all the apple slices except the top slice with peanut butter.
Sprinkle granola and cinnamon sugar over the peanut butter.
Stack the apples, alternating between red and green slices.
Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to eat.



Recipe courtesy of Ree Drummond

Dayhome Learning Experience

► How to Create Bubble Art Using Vibrant Colors

Materials we used:

4-6 drinking straws per child
containers for the solution
large sheet of paper

To make the strongest bubbles:

1 cup water
1/2 cup liquid dish soap
3 tablespoons corn syrup
food coloring

Directions:

1. Pour the liquid soap into a container. Add the corn syrup.
2. Add your choice of food coloring. You can make different colors by dividing the solution before coloring it. Then the solution is ready to go.
3. Next taped 4-6 drinking straws together, one for each child. If you think your child might inhale rather than exhale, use bubble wands.

Now, the fun begins!

This was the perfect activity to do outdoors because the bubbles eventually rolled off the table. As the bubbles settled, the colors blended onto the paper, creating a nice print.



Resources: <https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-create-bubble-art-using-vibrant-colors/>

Flight Focus

What did we observe during the park visits (notice and name), What were the children engaged in? how can we support and extend this interest? How do you think we could nurture this play?

Quote idea:

“The role of the educator is to value the questions that can lead to possibilities created along with children, families, and colleagues, rather than have all the answers. Possibilities begin with wondering, imagining, and taking risks in the spirit of creating authentically shared places of vitality with children and families.”

Makovichuk, L., Hewes, J., Lirette, P., & Thomas, N. (2014). Flight: Alberta's early learning and care framework. Retrieved from www.flightframework.ca Pg. 33

Car Seat Info Sessions

Upcoming Dates:

September 21, 2023 at 5:30pm

More [info](#).



Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Charris, Ciamy, Hodan, Joanne, Ruthchel V, Salma, Sara, Trupti



Educator Accomplishments

Level 1 Certification: Trupti

Brain Story - Faiza Naeem

Possibilities for Practice (PfP): Geeta



Indigenous Learning Series - Michelle Aveno, Vicki

Guiding Behaviour Through a Trauma Informed Lens - Uzma, Angel, Abeer

Parent Feedback Survey on CDDH Website



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

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Learning Story: Exploring Pasta Maker

Story by Aiel Bando, Dayhome Program Educator

Today, I introduced the kids to a pasta maker machine, but instead of using it for pasta, we decided to have some fun and repurpose it for paper shredding. I prepared scrap papers, glue, scissors, coloured pencils, and extra sheets of paper just in case they needed them.

I saw the excitement in their eyes as they approached the machine. I was amazed to see how curious and eager the kids were to explore the machine. Initially, I let them figure things out on their own.. They turned the handle, trying to understand how it worked. After a while, I decided to show them how to use the machine to shred paper. Their faces lit up as they couldn't wait to try it themselves.

One of the things that impressed me the most was how well they took turns. They patiently waited for their chance to use the pasta maker as a shredder. They quickly figured out the right way to turn the handle, showcasing their problem-solving skills. Some of the kids even used the glue I provided to create art by gluing shredded paper strips onto larger paper.

This activity reminded me of the joy that comes from thinking outside the box and embracing new possibilities. The kids' curiosity left a lasting impression on me, and I hope it sparked a lifelong love for discovery and creativity in them.



