



Child Development Dayhomes August 2024 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Fort McMurray

Congratulations!

To the following dayhome educators celebrating their anniversaries with Child Development Dayhomes in the month of August



Elianne 16 years
Quirina 8 years

Maria F. 6 years
Sona 6 years



Upcoming Statutory Holidays

Civic Holiday: Aug. 5, 2024

Labour Day: Sep. 2, 2024

National Truth and Reconciliation Day: Sep. 30, 2024

Thanksgiving: Oct. 14, 2024

Remembrance Day: Nov. 11

Christmas: Dec. 25, 2024

Boxing Day: Dec. 26, 2024



Emergency Preparedness

Resource from RMWB on how to stay prepared and have a plan for emergencies. Click [here](#).



Welcome New Educators!

Brenda (Welcome Back!)

Najia

Carol



Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Aisha H, Maria F, Vandana, Saadia,
Ruthchel S, Gemma, Marivic



Follow us on Social Media



Attendance Records Due:

Monday, August 19 by 6:00pm

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

Parent Feedback Survey on CDDH Website



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

Community Events

▶ Afro Canadian Festival of Arts and Culture (ACFAC 2024)

Cost: TBA

Date: August 10, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: J. Howard Pew Memorial Park

Website: <https://maccalendar.ca/events/afro-canadian-festival-of-arts-and-culture-acfac-2024/>

Enjoy performances by DJ Dynce, Oiltown Records, and Sangea Academy's Drumming Workshop. Experience the Parade of Nations, cultural performances, youth talent show, and delicious food tasting from the Diaspora. Kids will love the arts and crafts, face painting, and balloon twisting! Don't forget to bring your own chairs. Limited tents are available for a small fee.

▶ Acden Show & Shine 2024 in Support of the Centre of Hope

Cost: Free for Spectators

Date: August 11, 2024

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Acden Facilities (220 TaigaNova Crescent)

More info [here](#).



Similar to previous years, we are expecting another large turnout of car enthusiasts, local residents, and members of the business community in this day-long event with over 100 show vehicles and motorcycles. In addition to spectacular vehicles, there will be a delicious BBQ, the ever popular dyno, awards in 13 vehicle categories with customized trophies, draw prizes along with a kid's zone, cultural zone, dunk tank, and vendors – fun for all ages!

▶ 24th Annual Rubber Duck Drop

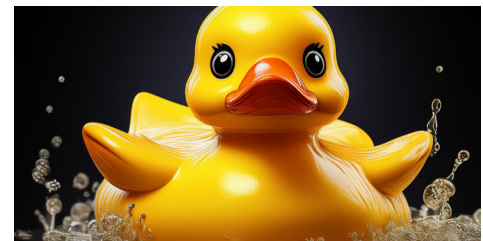
Cost: FREE

Date: August 11, 2024

Time: Duck Drop at 2pm! 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Syncrude Athletic Park (101 Cartier Rd)

More info [here](#).



Come out for a day packed with family and community fun as the excitement unfolds and our friends from Vortex Helicopters let the DUCKS DROP! Our annual Rubber Duck Race hosts two different races: a community and a corporate race allowing friends, families, neighbours and business associates to compete against each other for the winning duck.



Community Events

▶ FMM Family Roller Disco

Date: August 11, 2024

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Hinge Bay, Signal Road

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/439696192165333/>



Grab your friends and some wheels and come cruise to the music! This roller disco is free, open to all ages, and family friendly. Please double check for locations and updates - sometimes we switch rinks to get a drier, cleaner one. Helmet up and groove on! Don't have inline or quad skates? Bring what you have! Wheelies, wagons, strollers, trikes, strider bikes, unicycles, and scooters are all welcome. If you have no wheels, come out to dance!

▶ Metis Days 2024

Date: August 16 – 18, 2024

Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Fort McKay Metis Nation (Range Rd 110A, Fort McKay)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/999514158167843/>



Fort McKay Métis Nation

We are thrilled to invite you to Métis Days 2024, a celebration of the spiritual values, traditional way of life, and rich culture of our Métis people. Join us from August 16th to 18th for a series of engaging events and activities that highlight the vibrant heritage of the Fort McKay Métis Nation.

▶ 2024 Pastew Place Annual Community BBQ

Cost: Free

Date: August 17, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Pastew Place Detox Centre (505 Sakitawaw Trail South, Fort McMurray)

More Info [here](#).



Join us for some food and fun while learning about the services that Pastew Place provides to the community of Fort McMurray. This is a free, family friendly event. We will be having a door prizes for attendees as well as a silent auction. Everything contributed from our generous local supporting vendors. We will also be holding a 50/50 Raffle between now and 4:00 p.m. the date of the event. Get your tickets at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ppdcsbbq2024>.

Snack Idea

▶ No Bake Trail Mix

Ingredients:

2 cups of whole grain cereal square- chex, shreddies
2 cups of oat ring cereal- Cheerios
1.5 cups dried fruit- raisins, cranberries, cherries
½ cup unsalted nuts or seeds: Almonds, pumpkin, sunflower
1 oz unsalted pretzels



Mix together in large bowl Store in airtight container. Makes 8- ¾ cup servings.

A great grab and go for outdoor excursions AND the children can help measure and mix.

Source: [Alberta Health Services](#)

Educator Professional Learning Highlights

Flight Reflections: Fabiane

First Aid: Elianne

Bodies in the Know, Mind on the Go: Michelle A.

Making the Most of Your Early Years: Michelle A.



Activity Ideas

▶ 31 Awesome Kids Activities for August

<https://www.wheremaginationgrows.com/kids-activities-for-august/>

Flight Focus

With appropriate child guidance and supportive relationships with an image of the child that is mighty and capable, we can better support children in learning about themselves and their limits which in turn helps avoid the worst incidents. Minor injuries will occur while learning so we will chat about how do we follow through to not only meet policy but maintain high quality child guidance and supportive relationships.





Standards

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 10A: Incidents

- an emergency evacuation;
- unexpected program closure;
- an intruder in the program residence;
- a serious illness or injury to a child that requires the program educator or parent to request emergency health care and/or requires the child to remain in hospital overnight;
- an error in the administration of medication by the program educator or other resident;
- the death of a child;
- an unexpected absence of a child from the program (i.e. lost child);
- a child removed from the program by a non-custodial parent or guardian;
- an allegation of physical, sexual, emotional abuse and/or neglect of a child by a program educator or another resident of the home;
- the commission by a child of an offence under an Act of Canada or Alberta; and/or
- a child left unattended in the program home outside of the program's operating hours. If an incident occurs, a program must:
 - obtain emergency medical assistance as required;
 - immediately notify the parent or emergency contact if parent is unavailable;
 - notify the agency immediately and complete an incident report; and
 - participate in inspections conducted by the agency and/or licensing staff or other law enforcement agencies as required.

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Learning Story

► Making the Best of a Bad Air Day

By Arlene Hermogenes, Dayhome Educator

Unfavorable air quality prompted us to stay inside today. To accommodate this change, I devised a simple playdough invitation featuring dinosaurs, allowing for a seamless transition to imaginative play.

Playdough is a wonderful sensory and learning experience for children.

As my little children shape the playdough into a ball or a log, they're thinking creatively. The squeezing, pinching and pulling movements also strengthen these children's hand muscles and develop their fine motor skills.

I provided H with small pots to encourage his culinary interests, which he has shown a strong affinity for. He then proceeded to use these pots to create playdough dishes.

Little Miss H's singing of the ABC song during playdough playtime inspired me to provide alphabet dough cutters, which added an extra layer of enjoyment to her playtime.

W and V demonstrated their proficiency in playdough artistry by creating a habitable cave for dinosaurs and unearthing fossils within the malleable medium. Overall, it was a very productive day.





Minister's Awards of Excellence

in Child Development

Overview

Early childhood professionals make life better for children and families and support government's commitment to high quality child care choices that are responsive to and inclusive of all children.

Nominate an individual, team, or program where early childhood educators work with children in child care programs licensed by the Alberta government.

Nomination guidelines

Alberta's government will administer the Minister's Awards of Excellence in Child Development according to these guidelines, and will consider nominators and nominees who agree to or sign the nomination form to have read and agree to abide by these guidelines and requirements for participating in the awards nomination process. Nominations that do not comply with these guidelines may be disqualified.

Nomination deadline: August 30, 2024

Award categories

Individual (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

Team (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

Program (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

Award criteria

Nominees must demonstrate professional excellence in at least one, or a maximum of two, of the following award criteria areas.

Highlight these criteria throughout the nomination, illustrating how the nominee demonstrates excellence in each area in ways that support children's learning and development.

Innovative programming

Translate unique, research-based knowledge into creative actions that support learning and development.

Family/parent support

Demonstrate open, collaborative relationships, family-oriented support and programming.

Continuous improvement

Participation in training, professional development of staff is a priority; active pursuit of professional growth.

Community building

Develop partnerships and advance supports within the community to complement children's learning.

Inclusive practices

Demonstrate practices that include special needs, explore learning and cultural diversity.

Leadership

Training, coaching and mentoring professionals, colleagues to ensure quality child care.