



# Child Development Dayhomes August 2024 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in High Level

## Activity Idea

### ▶ Story Stones

Are you looking for fun, imaginative play ideas for your kids? We've got you! Story stones are the perfect way to introduce creative play with simple supplies. Today we have 23 story stone ideas for kids of all ages – so, grab your craft supplies and flat stones, and create your own story prompts! <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/204315/story-stones/>



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## Upcoming Statutory Holidays

**Civic Holiday:** August 5, 2024

**Labour Day:** September 2, 2024

**National Truth and Reconciliation Day:**  
September 30, 2024

**Thanksgiving Day:** October 14, 2024

**Remembrance Day:** November 11, 2024

**Christmas Day:** December 25, 2024

**Boxing Day:** December 26, 2024



## **Parent Feedback Survey on CDDH Website**



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

## Attendance Records Due:

**Monday, August 19 by 6:00pm**

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

## Community Events

### ▶ Art in the Park

**Date:** Every Friday in July and August

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am

**Location:** Centennial Park downtown



The Village and Town of High Level will be hosting this event for the month of July and August.

### ▶ FRN The Village Play Zone

Monday & Tuesday Afternoons: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday Mornings: 9:00am - 11:30am

Full Day Thursdays: 9:00am - 11:30am & 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Enjoy unstructured playtime in our safe and friendly environment all day drop-in play times during certain times of the week. This program is intended for children and their caregivers without the supervision of Village Staff.

Formal programs offered by the Village. Scan QR Code to see what programs they have to offer.



### ▶ R.E. Walter Memorial Aquatic Centre Swimming Lessons

Website: <https://www.highlevel.ca/335/Aquatic-Centre>



### ▶ Community Garage Sale Day

**Date:** August 10, 2024

**Time:** 11:00am - 4:00pm

**Website:** <https://www.highlevel.ca/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=833>



### ▶ End of Summer Party

**Date:** August 24, 2024

**Time:** 3:00pm - 6:00pm

**Location:** Jubilee Park (Behind Town Hall)

**Website:** <https://www.highlevel.ca/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=838>

Free outdoor market, live music, food trucks, bouncy houses, colour run.



## Community Events Continued

### ▶ Fort Vermilion School Division Calendar for the Fall

**Website:** <https://www.fvsd.ab.ca/download/440453>

### ▶ Lifesaving Society Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross Combo Course

**Date:** July 29 - Aug. 2 & Aug. 6-9, 2024

**Time:** 11:00am - 3:00pm

**Location:** RE Walter Memorial Aquatic Centre

**Cost:** \$200

**Pre-requisition:** 14+ years old, valid intermediate first aid certification, ability to swim 300m continuously

**Register online** at [app.univerusrec.com/highlevelpub/](http://app.univerusrec.com/highlevelpub/) or call 780-926-3662.



### ▶ High Level Farmers' Market

**Date:** Every Saturday

**Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Location:** Mackenzie Crossroads Museum and Visitors Centre

**Website:** <https://www.albertafarmersmarket.com/farmers-market/high-level-farmers-market/>

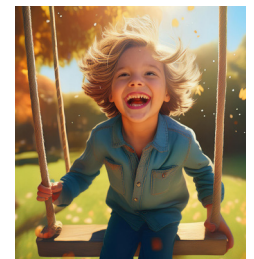
**Instagram page:** [https://www.instagram.com/hl\\_farmersmarket/](https://www.instagram.com/hl_farmersmarket/)

**Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/HighLevelFarmersMarket/>



## 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.



## 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.

### No Bake Trail Mix

#### Ingredients:

-2 cups of whole grain cereal square like 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

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](#)





## Learning Story

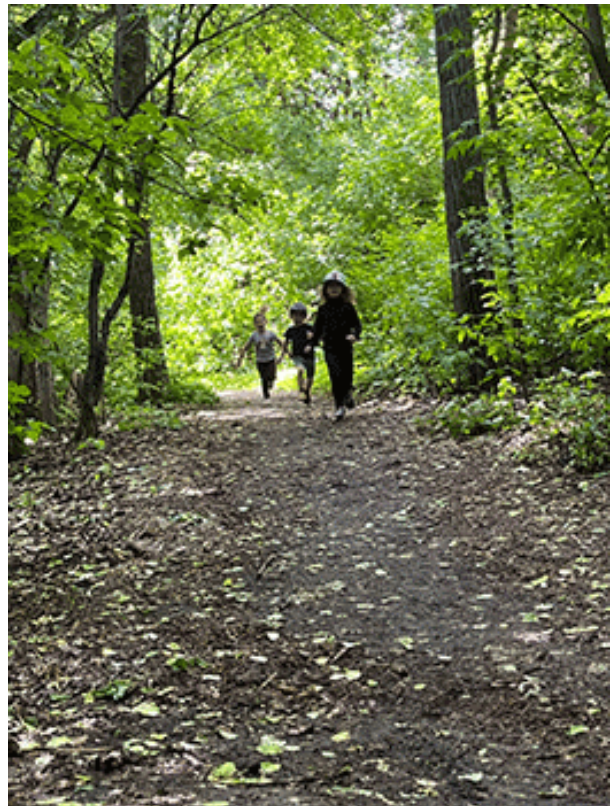
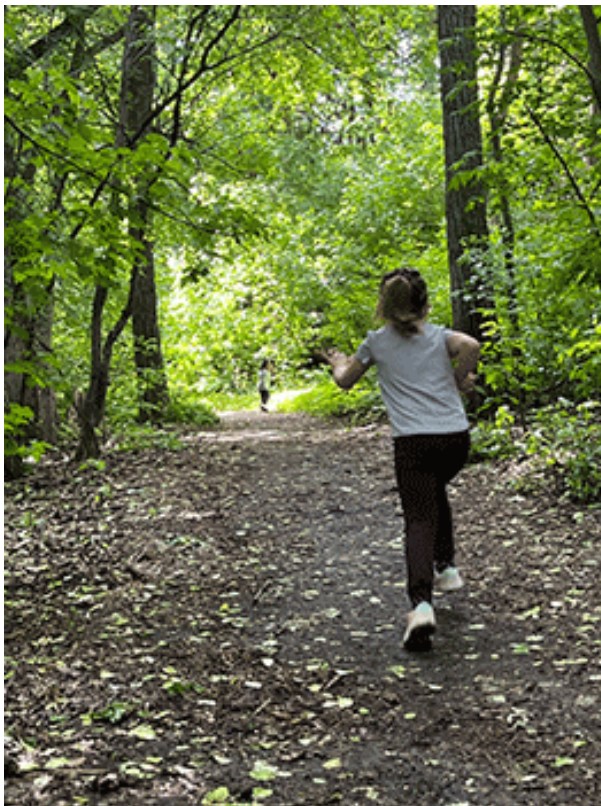
### ► Nature's Playground

**By Kathy McCallum, Dayhome Educator in Edmonton**

Sticks are by far the most desired tool in our program. There are so many different ways to use them. For example, to dig holes, to measure how deep a puddle is, to write or draw in the dirt or to build shelters with.

They spark children's imagination when they become wands, fishing rods or cooking spoons to make mud soup with. We've seen them being used as drum sticks, hammers, saws and claws. The possibilities are endless.

Not only are sticks amazing for imaginative play, they are also great for developing fine and gross motor skills. The children's muscles are constantly engaged by moving, lifting, dragging and holding sticks. Furthermore, the children are learning to be aware of their personal space because they are now responsible for handling their stick in a safe manner which includes to look out for other children around them.



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### ► Making the Best of a Bad Air Day

By Arlene Hermogenes, Dayhome Educator in Fort McMurray

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.

