



Child Development Dayhomes December 2024 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in High Level

Welcome New Educator!

Please welcome Airene Lopez, who joined our agency in November!



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Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

Christmas Day: December 25, 2024

Boxing Day: December 26, 2024

New Years Day: January 1, 2025

Family Day: February 17, 2025



Activity Idea

▶ Gingerbread Craft People

Link: <https://emaloukidsartcraft.com/2019/12/21/gingerbread-people-craft/>



Happy Birthday

Kaleb - 4 years old!

Attendance Records Due:

Wednesday, December 11 by 6:00pm

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

Community Events

▶ **Santa Claus Parade**

Date and Time: December 7, 2024 at 6:00pm
Parade starts at FMCS Prizes for the following Categories:

-Best Business, Best Non-Profit Organization, Best Christmas Spirit, Best overall Float

To register for a spot, contact 780-821-4002 or

fcss.supervisor@highlevel.ca

Deadline to register is December 2nd, 2024

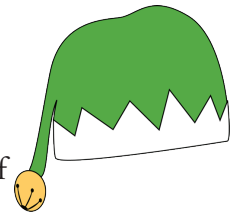


▶ **Santa's Elf for Seniors**

The Town of High Level, FCSS, ATB and IDA Drug Store have collaborated to make Christmas happen for seniors in our community who may not otherwise receive gifts this holiday season. Each senior's request will be written on a tag that will be displayed on the IDA DRUGSTORE or ATB Christmas Trees from November 21st to December 10th.

How to be a Santa's elf for seniors:

1. Remove an ornament or a tag off the tree.
2. Purchase items on the tag from ANYWHERE in the community!
3. Bring the tag and the wrapped gifts to either the IDA front counter, ATB or Town of High Level FCSS Office no later than December 11th, 2024.
4. Volunteers and staff will deliver the gifts to the participating seniors before Christmas.



▶ **Night of the Lights**

Town of High-Level Light Up Contest - Winners will receive a \$100 gift card to a local business.

Categories for Judging

1. Winter Wonderland: White, bright and oh what a sight!
2. Best Inflatables : The best inflatable display!
3. Traditional : Capture the classic Christmas feel!
4. Clark W. Griswold : The display you can see from outer space!
5. Best Business: Show us your best Christmas Spirit!
6. Bold Balcony: Light up those apartment balconies!

All registrations must be received by 5:00pm Tuesday December 17th, 2024. Judging will start at 6:00pm Thursday December 19th, 2024. Winners will be announced Friday December 20th, 2024.



▶ **Christmas Market at Florence McDougal School**

Date: December 7, 2024

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Gymnasium





Recipe Idea

► Healthy Holiday Snacks for Kids



Link to Recipes: <https://www.hauteandhealthyliving.com/8-healthy-christmas-snacks-for-kids/>

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 10F: Animals

Where there are pets in the program home or other animals on the program property:

- children must not have access to animal/pet foods or wastes;
- children should not have unsupervised access to pets;
- pets must be vaccinated according to local veterinarian recommendations; and
- reptiles and amphibians must be kept in safe, locked aquariums or cages.



Parental Experiences Survey

Statistics Canada is conducting the [Parental Experiences Survey \(PES\)](#) until January 31, 2025. Results from the survey will help inform national recommendations for maternal and newborn care as well as improve the mental health and well-being of parents and families across Canada. The data are expected to be released in Spring 2026. If you have questions or would like to speak to an analyst, please contact infostats@statcan.gc.ca.

Nominate an Early Childhood Educator

The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

These awards honour outstanding and innovative early childhood educators for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. The deadline is January 15, 2025. More info: <https://pmaece-ppmepe.ised-isde.canada.ca/site/pm-awards-excellence-ece/en/nominate-early-childhood-educator>



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Learning Story

▶ Seeking

Story By Jesusa Lozano, Dayhome Educator in Fort McMurray

I/ we are questioning.

I/we are wondering and curious.

I/we are solving problems in our play and learning.

Our dayhome friend Priya saw a dragonfly on the top of the cut tree. She then called her friends and started to investigate it. Everyone gathered to look for the dragonfly. The children touched the dragonfly and it was not moving. The children started to wonder and asked “Is the dragonfly sleeping?” “Why is the dragonfly not moving?” Those are the question that the children had it in their minds while Larone, Tamira and Harper were curious and looking closely for the dragonfly.



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