



Child Development Dayhomes January 2025 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Edmonton and Area

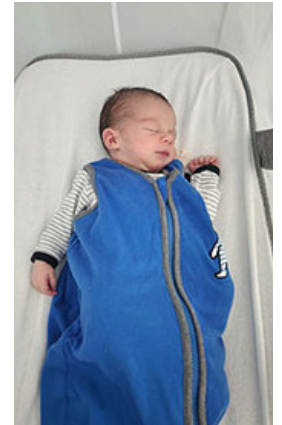
Congratulations!

To the following dayhome educators celebrating their anniversaries with us in the month of January

Sabra Tirmizi	16 years	Huma Ijaz	5 years
Teresita Macugay	15 years	Ameera Arsalan	5 years
Roopali Bali	13 years	Kathy McCallum	3 years
Mahbuba Sultani	11 years	Maya Shmait	3 years
Ruchika Sharma	10 years	Breezy Divino	2 years
Nasim Butt	9 years	Mandy Tsvikovski	2 years
Jennifer Lopez	9 years	Sajida Shahzadi	1 year
Maria Victoria Soria	6 years	Anshika Kapoor	1 year
Khushbir Dheer	6 years		

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to our Dayhome Educator Tatiana Cazacu on the birth of son, Jayson Lucian Cazacu, born November 22, 2024!



Congratulations to Ashley Honeysett (Administration) on the birth of daughter, Arya May Laferriere, born at 3:32am on December 12 (on Ashley's Birthday!)



January Workshops

▶ Educator Income Tax Workshop

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Online via Zoom ([Link](#))

Please RSVP to your consultant.



▶ Educator Holiday Dinner

Date: January 25, 2025

More info on page 6 of the newsletter



Attendance Records Due:

Tuesday, January 21 by 6:00pm

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

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

New Years Day: January 1, 2025

Family Day: February 17, 2025



Community Events

▶ Winter Activities in Edmonton

Website: <https://www.wintercityedmonton.ca/19-daytime-edmonton-winter-activities/>



▶ Lunar New Year Extravaganza WEM

Dates: January 25, 2025 @ 10:00am - 9:00pm
January 26, 2025 @ 10:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Ice Palace at West Edmonton Mall (170 St and 87 Ave)

Website: [Link](#)



Year of
the Snake

▶ Deep Freeze Festival

Date: January 18-19, 2025

Location: 90-95 St & 118 Ave, Edmonton

Website: <https://www.deepfreezefest.ca/>



Embrace the spirit of “Barnyard Blitz!” Dive into Alberta’s agricultural roots with a community celebration like no other. Celebrate the diverse cultures of Alberta Avenue District—Ukrainian, French Canadian, Franco African, Indigenous (Métis, Inuit, First Nations), Latin American, and Asian—through art, performances, and delicious treats. Explore Pipon Village for snowshoeing, bannock by the fire, and cultural storytelling. Plus, enjoy Deep Freezer Races, axe-throwing, street hockey, and whimsical ice sculptures!

▶ Flying Canoe Volant

Date: January 29 - February 1, 2025

Location: 8627 91 St, Edmonton

Website: <https://www.lacitefranco.ca/en/flying-cano%C3%AB-volant>



In the spirit of a great winter city, the Flying Canoë Volant is a creative and interactive cultural celebration designed to engage local history and everything that is great about a long winter’s night. Inspired by the legend of The Flying Canoe and French Canadian, First Nations and Métis traditions, Flying Canoë Volant embraces Edmonton’s beautiful Mill Creek Ravine and the newly-established French Quarter.



Recipe Ideas

We're collecting recipes from our families and educators! Have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? **Email it to Jennifer at jennifer@childdev.com**, and we will feature it in our newsletter!

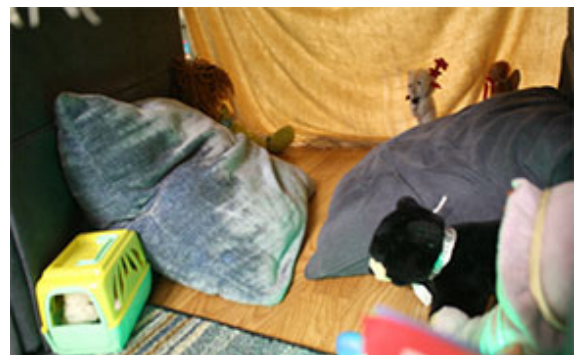


Activity Idea

▶ Building Forts

Besides being just plain, old, simple fun, fort-building can provide a long list of benefits for your children.

- Keep them active (Physicality is involved with building, crawling in and out of it and laying down inside)
- Encourage problem-solving skills (What can I use to hold it up? How can I connect the sheets together or make it taller? How can I enter it? How can I fix it when it falls?)
- Give them something to spend time on other than screens (Although that can be fun to do in a fort, too!)
- Increase their spatial awareness
- Help them with focus and patience
- Deliver an escape to another world
- Build confidence
- Stimulate brain development
- Teach the planning process
- Promote a vivid imagination and creative play
- Improve their thinking and reasoning skills
- Demand that they find inventive uses of everyday items
- Free them to creatively decorate the space to their taste
- Allow them to develop math and science skills naturally
- Afford them the opportunity to create an independent DIY project
- Provide them with an incentive to read (since that's always more fun to do in a fort!)
- Create a positive environment for teamwork (if built with others, although it's a great activity to do alone, as well!)
- Foster autonomy and allow them to be in charge regulate and calm emotions (small spaces give them a little place of their own)



Source: pambarnhill.com

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

▶ Rocks and Mulch Exploration

By Teresita Pajarit, Dayhome Educator

Three adventurous boys, Valentino, Zavian, and Russell, gathered around a sensory table filled with rocks and mulch. Eager to explore, they grabbed miniature construction vehicles, their eyes sparkling with excitement. Zavian drove a bright yellow bulldozer, pushing rocks around, while Valentino expertly maneuvered a blue dump truck, filling it with mulch. Russell joined in, got the cement truck, and filled it with mulch; Zavian, not to be outdone, created a “construction site” by piling rocks high. Then they switched their construction vehicles as they laughed and collaborated, and their imaginations ran wild, turning the sensory table into a bustling construction zone where teamwork and creativity flourished amidst the textures of their play.

Children create imaginary scenarios in which they explore new possibilities and take possession of their worlds by creating social spaces and shared narratives, alternative systems of power, and coping with emotional pressure.

Children learn to negotiate the complexities of joint understandings by negotiating rules of time, space, and roles. They make collective plans and decisions about the directions of play and develop a sense of fairness. (See photos on the next page)



Learning Story Continued...





PLEASE
JOIN US FOR AN

EDUCATOR

Celebration

MUSIC - DANCE - FOOD - CONNECT

JANUARY 25TH, 2025

11:00AM-2:00PM
18611 97A AVE, EDMONTON
RSVP TO YOUR CONSULTANT

Let's celebrate together!

**THIS EVENT IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR
EDUCATORS**

