



# Child Development Dayhomes April 2025 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 April

Uzma Arshad	11 years		Faiza Shamas	2 years
Mays Alhasnawi	10 years		Tanya Bennett	2 years
Arlene Hermogenes	3 years		Anthoniette Uwaifo	2 years
Marivic Rey	3 years			

## Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

- Good Friday:** Apr. 18, 2025
- Easter Monday:** Apr. 21, 2025
- Victoria Day:** May 19, 2025
- Canada Day:** July 1, 2025

## Upcoming Educator Workshop

### ▶ Learning in Harmony

**Date:** April 10, 2025

**Location:** The Hub - Programming Room

**Presenter:** Hope Moffat

Discover strategies to enhance language and literacy through music and movement. Bring your favorite childhood song to share, and get ready to engage in creative, hands-on activities.

## Welcome Educators!



Admire  
Virgie  
Dianne



## Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Najia, Cassia, Ritha, Abaa,  
Sumaira, Brenda, Bola



## Car Seat Info Session

Offering the session online!

Dayhome educators can register, pay a \$25 fee, and complete the session at their own pace. At the end of the session, participants will complete a 12-question knowledge check. Upon successful completion, a certificate is automatically generated and emailed to them. Please see the [link](#).



## Parent Feedback Survey

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

## Attendance Records Due:

**Monday, April 21 by 6:00pm**

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

## Community Events

### ▶ Autism Society Family Fun Day

**Date:** Saturday, April 5, 2025

**Time:** 10:00am - 6:00pm

**Location:** MacDonald Island

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229211958570118/>



### ▶ Developing Communication Methods

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Location:** 10019 MacDonald Ave, Unit 21B

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/9657394290970564>

Join us for a presentation from Veronique Bousvert, a Registered Speech-Language Pathologist and learn about the different types of Alternative and Augmentative Communication and the resources that can be accessed in the province.



### ▶ Blast Off Easter EGGstravaganza

**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025

**Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Location:** 10110 Main Street

**For Ages:** Grade K-6

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/3333143686822394>



### ▶ Easter Egg Hunt (for McMurray Metis members)

**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025

**Time:** 11:00am

**Location:** 441 Sakitawaw Trail

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/977891197146045>



### ▶ The Best Glow Egg Hunt

**Date:** Saturday, April 19, 2025

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** #5A - 235 MacAlpine Crescent

**Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/626480623501726>





## Recipe Ideas

### ▶ Spring Rolls

Submitted by Juliet Swanson Barbosa

Spring Rolls are a versatile meal that you can offer any time of the day. It is an incredible hack to offer children who are picky eaters and don't like vegetables. This recipe is excellent if you plan to prepare them in advance, as you can freeze them and fry them for later consumption.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground pork (can be substituted with any protein like chicken, beef, or fish)
- 2 medium onions, minced
- 2 carrots (minced or grated, or you can also use a food processor)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder or minced garlic cloves)
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup of parsley, chopped (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1-2 tbsp oyster sauce (optional)
- 2 eggs as a binder (optional) can be substituted with about 1/2 cup cornstarch/panko
- 50 pieces of lumpia wrapper
- 3 cups cooking oil for deep frying or brush some oil for air fryer option
- \* Dissolve 1 tbsp of cornstarch into 1/2 cup of water to create a slurry to seal the wrapper.
- \*Best serve with Ketchup or sweet and chilli for dipping sauce



#### Instructions:

Combining all ingredients and using the lumpia wrapper, wrap the desired amount and seal it with water or a slurry. Heat the oil and fry the spring rolls until golden brown on medium-low fire. You can freeze spring rolls for later use. Once the spring roll is frozen, do not thaw it, as it will get wet and mushy. Fry the spring roll frozen to keep its quality.

### ▶ Puff Pastry Bunnies

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp melted unsalted butter
- 1 box of puff pastry (2 sheets)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- Cool Whip or whipped cream
- Pastel Easter or festive sprinkles

Instructions: <https://helloyummy.co/puff-pastry-bunnies/>



Have a recipe you want to share in the next newsletter?  
Email [jennifer@childdev.com](mailto:jennifer@childdev.com)

## Activity Ideas

### ▶ Rainbow Slime Recipe

Have you enjoyed our Oobleck recipe last month? To follow this sensory and science experience, we offer instructions on making rainbow slime. To expand this activity, you can also provide letters or number moulds to learn early literacy and colour recognition, which is fun and engaging for schoolers.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 6 (6oz) bottles clear Elmer's Glue (one for each colour) or 4 1/2 cups clear glue divided into 3/4 cup increments.
- About 1/2 cup warm water, for each batch
- 1/2 tsp baking soda, for each batch
- 1 tbsp contact lens solution (containing boric acid), for each batch
- Food colouring, in red blue, yellow, and green
- Toys or foil confetti (if desired)

**Instructions:** Click [here](#).

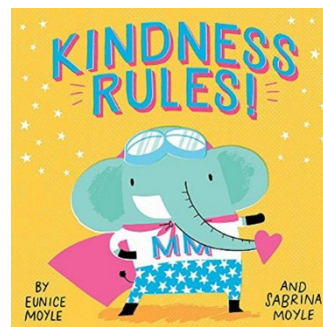
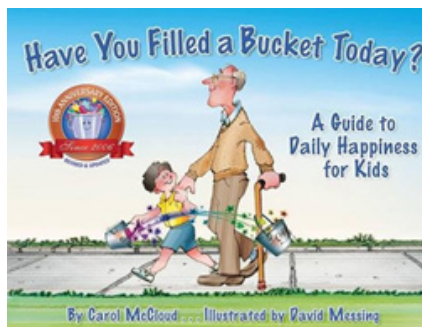
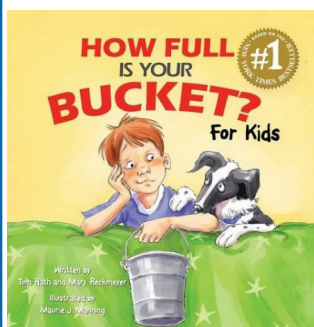
**Source:** Natural Beach Living



### ▶ Spring Books

Welcome Spring, welcome April! As the flower starts to bloom, trees and grass turn green; it's a season for hope and teaching children about kindness. A great way to invite children to teach them kindness is through storytelling. Here are some books you may want to add to your reading corner.

Source: <https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/kindness-crafts-for-preschoolers/>







## Flight Focus

“Educators create places of vitality.....as a co-learner..... as a co researcher.....as a co imaginer of possibility. Each child’s care, play, learning and development are nurtured as educators work within a practise of relationships embracing a strong capable image of the child, as a mighty learner” FLIGHT Pg 10



## Educator Professional Learning Highlights

**4 Seasons of Outdoor Play in a Family Day-home** - Uzma, Eva

**Theory to Practice Series** - Titilayo, Maria F.

**Taking Speech and Language Outside** - Portia, Josephine, Afshan

**Experience Math Through Nature** - Cristie, Meaghan

**ASaP Module 1 & 2** - Portia



**Flight** - Arlyn

**Infant and Early Mental Health Promotion** - Michelle A

**Kids Have stress too** - Michelle A

**Early Learning and Childcare Diploma** - Zohra

**Combat Burnout** - Ruthchel

The **Métis Dayhome Program** aims to support Métis Albertans in opening licensed day homes, made possible in partnership with Apeetogosan Métis Development Inc. Successful applicants will receive a one-time \$20,000 grant. For more information and how to apply, click [here](#).

## Wood Buffalo Community Resource List

Click [here](#).

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## Learning Story

### ▶ Dressing Up

By Saleha Nouman, Dayhome Educator

Playing dress-up as a child is something of a rite of passage. This childhood pastime is very common. But did you know there are social and emotional benefits to dressing up? It's true. Dress-up play can help children grow and learn.

“Dress-up is an ideal way for young children to work on so many early childhood development skills: literacies, life skills, and creative play.”



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