



Child Development Dayhomes August 2025 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Edmonton and Area

Congratulations!

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

Baljinder (Bali) Gill	18 years	Josipa Matancevic Gugic	5 years
Elizabeth Puyaoan	18 years	Miriam Almaza	4 years
Rashida Khanam	18 years	Katrina Gitzel	4 years
Shazma Sajid	16 years	Mary Ann Plata	4 years
Laura Duran	12 years	Angela Keyes	3 years
Andrea Allen	11 years	Generosa Mamon	2 years
Meena Sharma	11 years	Jeane Paul Bustamante	2 years
Mylene Iliscupidez	10 years	Manisha Sharma	2 years
Kiran Younas	9 years	Natalia Bednarek	2 years
Maria Gonzales	8 years	Thilaga Boopathi	2 years
Lida Haiderzoy	7 years	Farheen Dhanakwala	2 years
Ping Ju	7 years	Aneetu Bala	1 year
Imalka Liyanage	6 years		



Congratulations ECE Graduates!

The following Educators completed their Early Learning and Child Care Diploma and Certificate!

Level 3 Diploma

Jinny Graveline
Neha Kumar
Sheila Salcedo

Level 2 Certificate

Ameera Arsalan
Nadia Bibi



Birth Announcement

Congratulations to
Rosaline Kis-ing
and her family on
the birth of Jairus,
born on June 5!



Attendance Records Due:

Wednesday, August 20 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)

Civic Holiday: Aug. 4, 2025





Community Events

► Cariwest Festival

Date: August 8-10, 2025

Location: 14603 118 Ave NW

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



► The Fringe

Date: August 14-24, 2025

Location: Old Strathcona

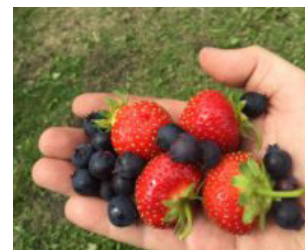
Website: <https://www.fringetheatre.ca/festival/>



► U-Pick Farms

Locations: Edmonton, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Sturgeon County, Sherwood Park and more.

Website: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/edmonton/u-pick-berry-farms-in-the-edmonton-area/>



► Alberta Farm Days

Date: August 16, 2025

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Location: 5411-51 St, Stony Plain

Website: <https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/farm/red-brick-common/>



2025 Minister's Awards of Excellence in Child Development

The nomination guidelines for details on eligibility, the nomination process, and an online application form can be found at alberta.ca/childdevelopmentawards.



Recipe Ideas

▶ Berry Loaf



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▶ Strawberry Cobbler



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Activity Ideas

▶ Crayons on Wood

Materials:

-Liquid watercolors, piece of sanded scrap wood, crayons, brushes

Setting up this Play Invitation:

1. Collect pieces of scrap wood, choosing different sizes and shapes. Sand the surface and edges to avoid splinters.
2. Organize the crayons and place them on a table with the sanded wood pieces.
3. Prepare the watercolors with the brushes.

How to Create the Painting:

1. Have children draw wild and wonderful lines all over the piece of wood. Offer a variety of crayons.
2. When children finish their drawing, invite them to paint over the wood drawing with watercolors.

More [here](#).

▶ Sounds All Around Us

Setting up this Play Invitation:

Choose a path to take the children, that is interesting and diverse in terms of sounds.

How to Explore the Sounds:

1. Take your children for a silent walk outside your school.
2. Pay attention to all the sounds that you hear, for example, birds, wind, cars, people, and rain.
3. Encourage children to reflect on those sounds by asking questions like:
 - What sounds are you hearing right now?
 - How many different sounds?
 - How are they changing?
 - What's the loudest sound?
 - The best sound?
 - The ugliest sound?
 - What sounds would you like to hear instead of these ones?

Website: <https://wunderled.com/play-in-vitations/sounds-all-around-us/>



Upcoming Educator Workshop

▶ Outdoor Play (2 dates and locations)

Date: August 22, 2025

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Sister Annata Playground

Address: 355 Hemingway Rd NW

Date: August 25, 2025

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Michael Strembitsky School

Address: 4110 Savaryn Dr. SW

Join us at one of the community playgrounds to co-imagine outdoor possibilities alongside children, while connecting with other educators. The materials will leave you inspired to explore new play ideas at home! Come rain or shine. Snacks provided. Certificate for attendance provided.

RSVP to jennifer@childdev.com or your consultant.

▶ Picky Eaters

Date: Monday, Sep. 15, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Presenter: Jennifer House, MSc, RD

Cost: \$50 and approved for PD Funding, and 1.5 hours of release time.

Register [here](#).

▶ Feeding Relationships

Date: Monday, Oct. 6, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Presenter: Jennifer House, MSc, RD

Cost: \$50 and approved for PD Funding, and 1.5 hours of release time.

Register [here](#).

▶ Decolonizing Gender Workshops

Session 1: Becoming Conscious Allies

Speaker: Rae Madge

Date: Thursday, Sep. 18, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Address: 4059 Orchards Drive SW

RSVP to jennifer@childdev.com or your consultant.

Session 2: Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer Pasts, Presents, and Futures

Speaker: Rae Madge

Date: Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Address: 16430 97 Ave

RSVP to jennifer@childdev.com or your consultant.

Welcome New Educators!



Gurpreet Kaur in Edgemont
Maria Ugot in Chappelle Gardens
Sandhiyadevi Sathiamoorthy in Orchards
Meenu Chhabra in Spruce Grove





Learning Story

► Water Play

Story By Teresita Macugay, Dayhome Educator

July 9, 2025

I set up the water wall and sand box (just the box) filled with water added with flex balls (the kids filled into the box of water), measuring cups, scoopers, funnels and more. The kids explored the water as well as the materials provided. They kept going back scooping, pouring and filling those tubes/pipes and were very fascinated observing how the water just poured down and dripping. They were curious of how the water traveled from one end to the other end and noticed that the bottle on the bottom was filled in with water after pouring lots of water into the bottle connected from the top.





July 10, 2025

I observed that the children were really interested in playing water and enjoying so I decided to set up the water table/water wheel play table with funnels, Pom Pom, shells, a mirror, duct cleaner, measuring cups and other toys. Also, I let them add ice cubes and sprinkles at the end of the play to further their exploration and experimentation.



Water wall and water table play encourage social interaction, enhance problem solving abilities, learning about gravity, develop hand-eye co-ordination and motor skills and strength. The ice cube sensory exploration allows them to explore texture, temperature and state of matter.



Berry Loaf

- 1 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup yogurt (lemon or lime flavour if available)
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1 cup fresh or frozen berries (raspberries, saskatoons)



Variation: Substitute berries with sour cherries (Evans, Juliet, Cupid, Carmine Jewel), and substitute lemon zest with almond extract. Use plain or vanilla yogurt.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan with non-stick spray and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together yogurt vegetable oil, eggs and zest. Add wet ingredients to flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Fold in the berries.

Pour batter into pan and bake for 50 minutes (or until tooth pick comes out clean). Cool loaf in the pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Let cool completely before slicing.

Modified from Crazy Plates cookbook

Submitted by Grunthal Berries

Source: pfga.com

Strawberry Cobbler

- 4 cups frozen strawberries, thawed and drained
- 1 cup juice from strawberries and water to yield
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 6 Tbsp shortening
- 1 cup milk

Preheat Oven to 375 F

Combine juice, sugar, cornstarch and cook until mixture thickens. Add lemon juice, cinnamon and strawberries. Pour into greased 1 1/2 quart casserole dish or baking pan. Mix remaining ingredients to make biscuit dough and drop onto fruit. Bake 35-40 minutes. Enjoy warm with ice cream or cream.



Source: pfga.com