



# Child Development Dayhomes May 2026 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 May

Shazia Maqbool	18 years	Maryan Massey	6 years
Chadel Domingo-Salud	16 years	Jini Peter	3 years
Kausar Lodhi	9 years	Uma Kanwar	2 years
Josephine Abamonga	8 years	Maricel Ros	1 year
Tooba Saeed	8 years		



## Educator Appreciation Event

### ▶ Refuel and Recharge

**Date:** Sunday, May 24, 2026

**Time:** 9:30am-1:30pm

**Location:** 4059 Orchards Drive SW, Edmonton

#### Itinerary:

9:30 - 10:30am - Yoga session

10:30 - 12:30pm - Social time and lunch

12:30pm - 1:30pm - Zumba

**Educators, please RSVP to your consultant by May 15th**



## Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

**Victoria Day:** May 18, 2026

**Canada Day:** July 1, 2026

**Civic Holiday:** August 3, 2026



## Welcome New Educators



[Satbeer](#) in Orchards

[Amy](#) in Spruce Grove

[Mikayla](#) in Kirkness



## CDDH Surveys

Let us know how we are doing!  
Click the links below.

▶ **Family Survey**

▶ **Educator Survey**



## Attendance Records Due:

**Thursday, May 21 by 6:00pm**

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

## Community Events

### ▶ Children's Festival

**Date:** May 29 - June 1, 2026  
**Location** - [St Anne & Thomas Street \(St. Albert\)](#)  
**Website:** [Link](#)



### ▶ Edmonton Elks -The Brick Kids Zone

Located inside the Commonwealth Fieldhouse and open two hours before kickoff until halftime. Free entry for all kids and Elks fans—no ticket required! More [info](#).



### ▶ Ukrainian Festival

**Date:** May 29-30, 2026  
**Location:** Borden Park  
**Website:** [Link](#)



### ▶ Mother's Day at Devonian Gardens

**Date:** May 10, 2026  
**Hours open:** 10:00am - 9:00pm  
**Location:** Devonian Gardens (5km north of Devon on Hwy 60)  
See all the Mother's Day programs being offered [here](#).



### ▶ Community Tree Planting in Spruce Grove

**Date:** May 23, 2026  
**Time:** Choose your time slot: 10:30am-11:30am or 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
**Ages:** Participant aged 7 and older are welcome to join.  
For more information and to register, click [here](#).



### ▶ Terra Centre Playhouse Raffle

**Draw Date:** May 11, 2026  
**Cost:** 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20, 20 for \$50  
More info and tickets [here](#)





## Recipe Ideas

### ▶ **How to Make Hamburger Patties**

Website: [Link](#)



### ▶ **Vegan Shoyu Ramen with Potatoes**

Website: [Link](#)



## Activity Ideas

### ▶ **May 5th Red Dress Day**

Video of the origins of Red Dress Day - [Link](#)

Red Dress Day Fact File - [PDF](#)

Red Dress Day - [Colouring page](#)



### ▶ **Bird Nests**

Build a bird nest nature play dough tray plus tons of Bird activities (literacy, math, fine motor, science) and FREE bird play dough mats perfect for preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten.

<https://ca.pinterest.com/pin/469711436149674114/>



## Learning Story

### ► Culture and Language Basket

#### **KALESA**

This traditional mode of transportation is called “Kalesa.” A carabao or horse-drawn carriage that dates to the Spanish colonial period in the Philippines.

It also represents BAYANIHAN, meaning helping one another by sharing rides and connecting. For many Filipino families, the Kalesa was essential to farming culture, as it provided for their daily needs through long hours of hard work.

It is not only a mode of transportation but also a meaningful symbol of Filipino history, resilience, and simple living. Before modern vehicles existed, it was widely used to move around the community, towns, and cities, reflecting how Filipinos adapted to everyday life with the resources available to them.

Kalesa reminds me of my childhood. I used to tag along with my grandpa, or “LoLo,” as we hauled rice to the mill and vegetables to the market, and went around the community during festivals.

Kalesa



Anna's Basket





This is a black bangle that my daughter Anna wore when she was a baby. In our Indian culture, many babies wear black bangles on their hands or legs. Families believe it helps protect the baby from negative energy and brings blessings and safety.

In Malayalam, we call-it കസുത വള” (kāsutha Vala) which means black bangle.



Thai Alphabet Book Fun Fact: Thai has 44 Letters, 28 vowels, and 5 tones.