



# Child Development Dayhomes May 2026 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 May

Gul Jana	8 years	Amna Ali	4 years
Sara Zemecha	7 years	Portia Bianca Berdon	3 years
Vandana Patel	5 years	Angel Morales	3 years
Charris Quijano	4 years	Chita Guillermo	1 year



## CDDH Surveys

Let us know how we are doing!

- ▶ Family Survey
- ▶ Educator Survey



## Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Geetanjali, Samira, Bhashini, Faiza S, Noreen, Virgie, Faiza N, Maria B, Analisa, Jera Mae, Quirina



## Nominate Us!

Nominations for the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce [2026 Business Awards](#) are officially open! Nominate Child Development Dayhomes now through May 31. Submit your nomination [here](#).



## May 15th is Educator Appreciation Day!

Thank you to our amazing dayhome educators for all that you do to support early learning and child care. We truly appreciate you! See page 6 for our Educator Appreciation Event!



## Attendance Records Due:

**Wednesday, May 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)

**Victoria Day:** May 18, 2026

**Canada Day:** July 1, 2026



## Community Events

### ▶ **Spring Vendor Market**

**Date and Time:** May 16, 2026 10:00am-5:00pm  
**Address:** 20 Riedel Street, Downtown  
Event by BGC Fort McMurray and MissGK  
More info [here](#).



### ▶ **Kids Night Out-Paint Mom a Gift (Color Me Mine)**

**Date and Time:** May 1, 2026 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Address:** 355 Loutit Rd, Eagle Ridge  
More Info [here](#)



### ▶ **The Great Benjamins Circus**

**Date and Time:** May 1-May 3, 2026-Friday 7:00pm,  
Saturday 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00PM, Sunday 1:00pm  
**Address:** 110 Eymundson Rd-Centerfire Place  
Info: [benjaminscircus.com](http://benjaminscircus.com)



### ▶ **Sensory-Friendly Movie**

**Date and Time:** May 9, 2026, 1:15pm - 3:30pm  
**Location:** Oil Sands Discovery Centre, 515 MacKenzie Blvd

This is a free event for children and youth with disabilities and their families. Expect lower volume, soft, dimmed lighting and a relaxed space where children can move freely. Registration [link](#)



### ▶ **Recovery College Courses (in person and free)**

Supporting Hearts: Caregivers of Gender Diverse Youth Support Group - May 7, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Circle of Connection Each Thursday - 10:00am-12:00pm  
Regulating Our Emotions - May 13, 20 & 27, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Calm in the Chaos: Emergency Preparedness and Emotional Regulation - May 26, 1:00pm-3:00pm  
To register, visit [www.recoverycollegewoodbuffalo.ca](http://www.recoverycollegewoodbuffalo.ca)

### ▶ **Alpha Hub Free Food Program**

**Location:** 10003 Gordon Ave (Fort McMurray First United Church)  
More information [here](#).





## Flight Focus

When we review our menu planning we can think about FLIGHT. FLIGHT reminds us that children learn best when they feel safe, healthy, and cared for. Good food is part of this. By planning meals that are healthy, balanced, and respectful of children's cultures, needs and developmental stages, we support their well being, belonging, and everyday learning.



## Educator Professional Learning Highlights

ASaP Modules 1, 2, 3, 4: Ravinder

Early Childhood Educator Level 1: Ravinder

Birth to 5 ePyramid Module 1: Ravinder

Implementing the Pyramid Model in Family Child Care: Ravinder

Targeted Strategies for Successful Inclusion of Children with Disabilities: Ravinder

Early Childhood Educator Level 2: Titilayo, Manal

Asap Modules 1 & 2: Obehi

Brain Story: Obehi

Watch. Wait. Wonder: The Art of Observation: Virgie

CDDH Flight Reflections: Virgie

Early Learning and Childcare Certificate: Manal



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Dayhome Educator, Meaghan Smart, for being selected as a Canadian Centre for Outdoor Play (CCOP) Champion!



## 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 generated and emailed to them. Please see the [link](#).



## Follow us on Social Media



Wood Buffalo Community Resources - Click [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

### ▶ Animal Shadows

By Hafida Laktibi, Dayhome Educator

The children were curious and excited about the materials on the table.



They enjoyed covering each animal in flour, using fine motor skills, focus, and coordination. They were anticipating what was going to happen.

They lifted the animals from the paper, surprised and excited by the shadows left behind!

The children spent lots of time creating shadows, testing out other toys to make shadows, and exploring the textures of the flour with their hands.





Hello, Sunshine!

LET'S CELEBRATE YOU!

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR  
ANNUAL EDUCATOR'S MAY  
APPRECIATION PARTY !



*Friday May 22, 2026*

*6:30pm-8:30pm*

*Doug Barnes Cabin*



DRESS CODE:

SHINE BRIGHT IN YELLOW OR WHITE

SUNSHINE EATS, AND SWEET TREATS PROVIDED.  
COME PLAY SOME GAMES AND HAVE FUN UNDER THE SUN!

