



# Child Development Dayhomes June 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 June

Ritha Torres	17 years	Brenda Arguelles	4 years
Seema Khan	8 years	Sheri-Lynn Bugden	4 years
Geraldine Reyes	5 years	Meaghan Smart	3 years
Afshan Butt	4 years		



## CDDH Surveys

Let us know how we are doing!

- ▶ Family Survey
- ▶ Educator Survey



## Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Jesusa, Mary Jane, Sidra,  
Kibinesh, Nezha



## Nominate Us

Nominate your favourite businesses at Community Votes Fort McMurray 2026. The nomination period ends July 26. More info [here](#).



## Follow us on Social Media



## Attendance Records Due:

**Sunday, June 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)

Canada Day: July 1, 2026

Civic Holiday: August 3, 2026



## Community Events

### ▶ Hues for Humanity

**Colour Run/Walk 2026 (5 km)**

**Date:** June 6, 2026

**Location:** Doug Barnes Cabin

**Time:** 9:30am

**Info:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/1B9A86ERkQ/>



### ▶ Multicultural Festival

**Date:** June 26, 2026

**Time:** 5:00pm

**Location:** 355 Loutit Rd, Eagle Ridge

**Event by:** Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

**Info:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/17gxpeWNwE/>



### ▶ Europa Super Circus

**Date:** June 18, 2026-June 21, 2026

**Location:** 110 Eymundson Rd-Centerfire Place

**Event by:** Europa Super Circus

**Info:** <https://www.supercircus.com>



### ▶ Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Training

**Date:** June 8, 2026

**Time:** 12:00pm-2:30pm or 6:00pm-8:30pm

**Location:** 10019 MacDonald Ave Unit 218

**Info/Register:** [Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo](#)



### ▶ 27th Annual Family Safety Day

**Date:** June 27, 2026

**Time:** 11:00am-3:00pm

**Location:** MacDonald Island Park

**Event by:** Safe Community Wood Buffalo

**Info:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/1Qo48modHo/>





## Community Events continued...

### ▶ June Bug Family Festival

Date and time: June 27, 2026 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: MacDonald Island Park

Event by: The Hub Family Resource Center

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BEgs25s7D/>



## Flight Focus

Outdoor play in FLIGHT is understood as a rich context where children engage in meaning making, exploration, and relationship building. FLIGHT reminds us that “curriculum is a living and relational process,” and this is especially visible outside, where children interact with natural materials, changing weather, and open ended spaces.



## Book Ideas:



[Indigenous Culture](#)



[Conversations on Gender](#)

## Educator Learning Highlights

**Early Learning & Child Care Certificate:**

Angel, Najia, Brenda



**Early Learning & Childcare Diploma:** Cristina C.

**Reframing and/or Responding to Challenging Behaviour:**

Aiel, Cassia, and Cynthia, Maria F, Geeta

**Lost Art of Music and Movement in Childhood:** Cynthia

**Importance of Early Intervention:** Gemma, Maria F

## 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](#).



## Recipe Ideas

### ▶ Granola Bars

Recipe: <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/healthy-living/recipes/breakfast/lunchbox-granola-bars>

How to Choose Store Bought Granola Bars: [Link](#)



### ▶ High Protein Bagel

Recipe: <https://whatmollymade.com/cottage-cheese-bagels/>



## Activity Ideas

### ▶ Outdoor Activities, Invitations & Play Ideas



See all the ideas [here](#).



## Learning Story

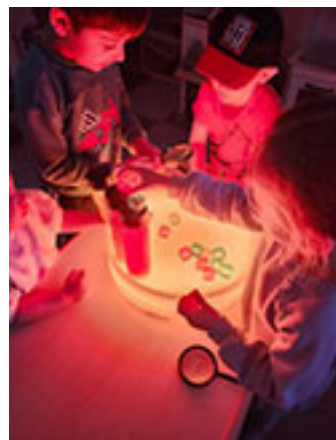
### ► Exploring the Magic of Light

By Zohra Ali, Dayhome Educator

Last week, we introduced a light table to our environment, and it quickly became a space full of curiosity and wonder. The children were drawn to the soft glowing surface and began exploring the materials — water-filled cubes, transparent blocks, crystal dinosaurs, dolphins, butterflies, coloured water bottles, and magnifying glasses.

We could clearly see the excitement on the children's faces as they explored. Many responded with “aww” and wide eyes as the light table changed colours, and they noticed how the cubes and materials changed colour along with the light.

Children stacked cubes, observed colour changes, and used magnifying glasses to look closely at the crystal figures. Some created imaginative scenes, bringing a sense of fantasy to their play.





As I follow a Montessori approach, I always appreciate materials that encourage hands-on, meaningful learning, and the light table is a wonderful example of that. It creates a calm and inviting space where children are naturally drawn to explore. The soft light enhances their focus and helps them slow down, observe carefully, and engage more deeply with the materials.

The light table supports sensory exploration by helping children notice colours, shapes, and patterns more clearly. It encourages curiosity, concentration, and independence, as children spend longer periods of time engaged and working at their own pace. It also supports development by strengthening fine motor skills, promoting problem-solving and early science learning, and encouraging language and social interactions.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our agency and consultant for providing this wonderful light table to our dayhome — it has truly enriched our learning environment.

