



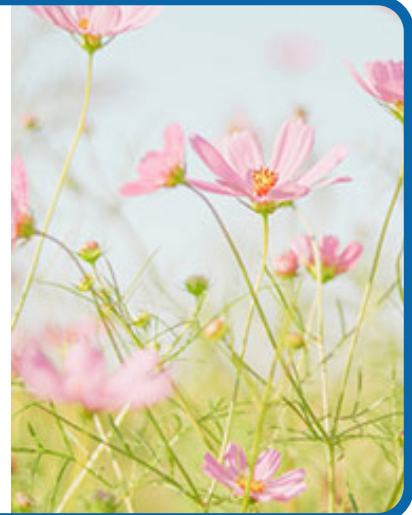
# Child Development Dayhomes July 2026 Newsletter

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 July

Nada Chmait	28 years	Sadaf (Annie) Syed	4 years
Nisha Shrestha	14 years	Chitra Bohara	3 years
Racela Aquino	12 years	Shyamalie Thambugala	3 years
Modupe Adegbite	7 years	Pradeepa Jayaratna	3 years
Kerima Marshall	7 years	Maria Diwatha Ugot	1 year
Kuldeep Kaur	7 years	Gurpreet Kaur	1 year
Genelyn Garcia	6 years	Sandhiyadevi Sathiamoorthy	1 year
Edelyn Aquino	5 years		



## CDDH Surveys

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

- ▶ [Family Survey](#)
- ▶ [Educator Survey](#)



## Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

**Canada Day:** Jul. 1, 2026

**Civic Holiday:** Aug. 3, 2026

**Labour Day:** Sep. 7, 2026

**Truth and Reconciliation Day:** Sep. 30, 2026

**Thanksgiving Day:** Oct. 12, 2026

**Remembrance Day:** Nov. 11, 2026



Cool [Freebie](#) from EPL

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## Attendance Records Due:

**Thursday, July 23 by 6:00pm**

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



## Community Events

### ▶ Summer Fun Bucket List

**Link:** <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/edmonton/summer-events/>



### ▶ Green Shack

**Date:** Monday to Friday from July 6 to August 28, 28 (no show August 3)

**Time:** Showtimes at 11:00am and 2:30pm, weather permitting

**Where:** City of Edmonton Parks - see website for [full schedule](#)

**Website:** <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/edmonton/green-shack-shows/>



### ▶ Summer at the Center Spruce Grove

**Date:** Saturday, July 4, 2026

**Time:** 4:00pm - 9:00pm

**Location:** Columbus Park

**Website:** <https://www.sprucegrovecitycentre.org/events>



### ▶ Grove Gatherings

**Date:** Tuesday Evenings in July and August

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

**Location:** 450 King St, Spruce Grove

**Website:** <https://www.sprucegrove.org/community/events/grove-gatherings/>



### ▶ Canada Day Events

[List of events in Edmonton and area](#)

Many celebrate Canada's communities, cultures, and achievements, while others reflect on the impacts of colonization and the experiences of Indigenous peoples. We hope families enjoy the holiday in whatever way is meaningful to them.



## Recipe Ideas

### ▶ Healthy Homemade Popsicles

Recipe Link: <https://happykidskitchen.com/healthy-home-made-popsicles/>



### ▶ One Pan Cheesy Taco Skillet

Recipe Link: <https://homemadehooplah.com/one-pan-cheesy-taco-skillet/>



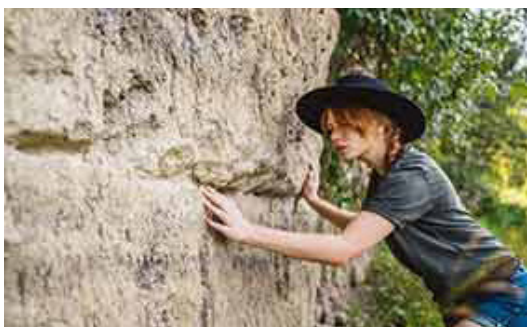
## Activity Ideas

### ▶ Beautiful Simple Nature Activities



Link: <https://playteachrepeat.com/beautifully-simple-nature-activities/>

### ▶ Outdoor Adventures for Families in Edmonton



Link: <https://www.yegparents.ca/post/outdoor-adventures-for-families-in-edmonton>

## Learning Story

### ► Butterfly Life Cycle Adventure

By Josephine Abamonga, Dayhome Educator

On May 14, 2026, Frankie (Nathan's dad) brought a set of tiny caterpillars to the dayhome. Thank you, Meghan, Frankie, and Nathan, for providing this wonderful learning opportunity!

The children eagerly explored and observed the caterpillars, watching how they moved, ate, and rested. Each day, they had the chance to check on the caterpillars' development, and it was exciting to see their curiosity and anticipation grow as they waited for the caterpillars to transform into butterflies.

After a few days, the tiny caterpillars had grown much bigger, so we moved them into a larger container. We added plants and pretend twigs made from popsicle sticks to give them places to climb as they prepared to form their chrysalises. Soon enough, we observed that all of the caterpillars had transformed into chrysalises.

The children continued checking on them daily, looking carefully for signs that the butterflies were ready to emerge. One morning, the children found a butterfly flying inside the cage! Later that day, two more butterflies emerged. We provided them with food, including watermelon and sugar water, while we waited for the remaining butterflies to complete their transformation.



Finally, this past Monday, all of the butterflies had emerged. Since the weather was clear that morning, we took them to the field and said our final goodbyes. The children were delighted to let the butterflies rest gently on their hands before they flew away. We also talked about the importance of releasing butterflies back into their natural environment and the role they play in nature.

This experience gave the children a wonderful opportunity to observe the life cycle of a butterfly first-hand. It was a memorable and exciting learning journey for everyone!

