



Child Development Dayhomes August 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 August

Baljinder (Bali) Gill	19 years	Miriam Almazan	5 years
Elizabeth Puyaoan	19 years	Katrina Gitzel	5 years
Rashida Khanam	19 years	Mary Ann Plata	5 years
Shazma Sajid	17 years	Xianghong (Alice) Liu	5 years
Laura Duran	13 years	Angela Keyes	4 years
Andrea Allen	12 years	Generosa Mamon	3 years
Meena Sharma	12 years	Jeane Paul Bustamante	3 years
Mylene Iliscupidez	11 years	Manisha Sharma	3 years
Kiran Younas	10 years	Natalia Bednarek	3 years
Maria Gonzales	9 years	Thilaga Boopathi	3 years
Lida Haiderzoy	8 years	Heather Bruno	3 years
Ping Ju	8 years	Aneetu Bala	2 years
Imalka Liyanage	7 years	Meenu Chhabra	1 year



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)

Civic Holiday: Aug. 3, 2026

Labour Day: Sep. 7, 2026

Truth and Reconciliation Day: Sep. 30, 2026



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Attendance Records Due:

Sunday, August 23 by 6:00pm

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





Community Events

► Open Farm Days

Date: August 15 and 16, 2026

Website: <https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/ofd-farms/>



► Heritage Festival

Date: August 1-3, 2026

Location: Hawrelak Park

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



► Rock'n August The Festival of Cars and Music

Date: August 3-8, 2026

Location: St. Albert

Website: <https://www.rocknaugust.com/>



► Berry Picking

Several locations in the Edmonton area

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





Recipe Ideas

▶ Fish and Herb Vegetable Packets

Recipe [Link](#)



▶ Black Bean Sheet Pan Quesadillas

Recipe [Link](#)



Activity Ideas

▶ Setting up Invitations to Play

Website Link:

<https://theempowerededucatoronline.com/2018/05/setting-up-invitations-to-play.html/>





Learning Story

► Nature-Inspired Sun Catchers

By Anshika Kapoor, Dayhome Educator

Our nature walks have become a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and connect with the world around them. During several outdoor walks, I noticed the children's growing curiosity about the colourful leaves and flowers they discovered along the way. They eagerly pointed out different shapes, colours, and textures, often stopping to collect their favourite natural treasures.

Building on this emerging interest, I intentionally set up a nature-inspired provocation by inviting the children to create their own sun catchers. Together, we collected a variety of leaves and colourful flowers that the children carefully selected from our walks. This gave them a sense of ownership over the activity and encouraged them to make thoughtful choices based on what they found beautiful and interesting.

Back at the dayhome, I provided construction paper and other materials for the children to design their own unique sun catchers. Each child expressed their creativity differently, arranging their collected flowers and leaves into beautiful patterns and designs. They proudly shared their ideas with one another, compared colours and shapes, and celebrated each other's creations.





Throughout the experience, the children strengthened their fine motor skills while carefully placing and arranging the delicate materials. They explored concepts such as colour, texture, pattern, and symmetry while engaging in meaningful conversations about nature. The activity also encouraged creativity, decision-making, problem-solving, and collaboration as they exchanged ideas and admired each other's work.

This learning experience demonstrated how children's interests can inspire meaningful opportunities for exploration. By following their curiosity and incorporating natural materials into art, the children developed a deeper appreciation for the environment while expressing themselves creatively. Their excitement and engagement throughout the activity reflected the joy of learning through play, exploration, and meaningful connections with nature.

