



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### BIRTHDAYS

- Zane D. - 7 years
- Archer P. 3 years
- Clara P. - 7 years
- Rhett S. - 5 years
- Oliver B. - 2 years
- Stanley VG. - 9 years
- Kaiya D. - 11 years



### ANNIVERSARIES

- Cathleen F. - 2 years with the Westlock Family Day Home Agency
- Natasha T. - 1 year with the Westlock Family Day Home Agency

## UPCOMING IN JULY

### SPECIAL DAYS

- July 1 - Canada Day

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# Notes & Reminders

## AGENCY CONTACTS

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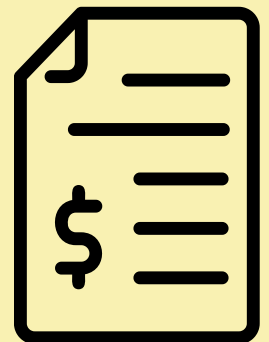
## Invoices/Billing

- **Family Day Home educators set their own fees.** Educators receive all of the fee they are charging families.
- **The Affordability Grant is provided to families if they have children not yet attending grade 1.** This is based on the child's hours of enrollment in the Day Home and reduces the parent portion of the child care bill.
- Some families may see a 3% fee increase on the child care bill, and then that same 3% is being given back . To families who get the Affordability Grant, the government said they will cover the 3% increase. This is only for children not yet attending Grade 1.

Please note that many of the changes you've seen since late 2022 are because Children's Services has different rules that come out that Agencies and Family Day Home educators need to follow.

We appreciate your patience when finding answers to the questions you ask!

If there are any questions, please reach out to any of us for more information.



## Weather Changes

Our Day Home Educators and children spend a lot of time outdoors. With the temperatures increasing, please make sure your child arrives with appropriate clothing (hats, change of clothes, appropriate shoes, etc), a water bottle, and sunscreen.

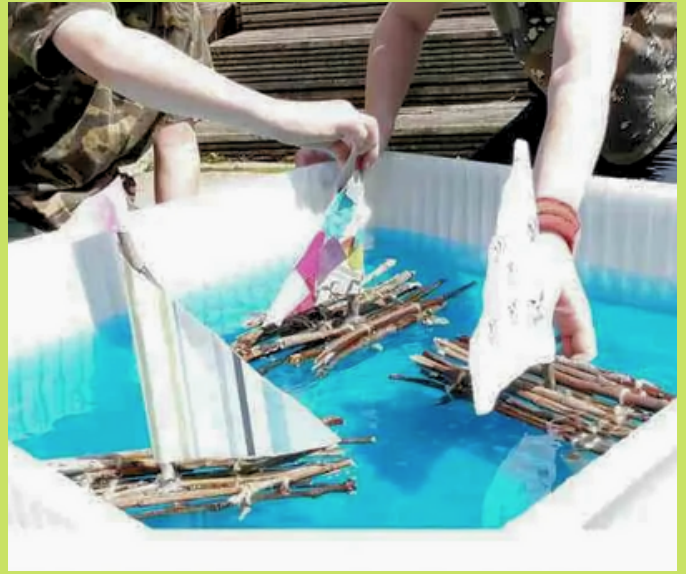
# FEATURED ACTIVITY IDEAS

## Egg Carton Bird Feeder



No matter the time of year, this bird feeder is a great craft to make with kids, perfect for tying in nature and super easy to create. Check out [Crafts on Sea](#) for more information and ideas!

## STEM - Raft Building



This Stick Raft Building Project is a fun idea for all ages. Younger children can be given some support and older children can challenge themselves to create fantastic and functional designs. Find more information about this at [Kids Craft Room!](#)

**"If you can dream it you can do it"**  
~ Walt Disney

## RECIPE TO TRY!

### STRAWBERRY & YOGURT SMOOTHIE

Make this smoothie with fresh or frozen strawberries. It has a pretty pink hue from the strawberries, is wonderfully creamy thanks to a healthy dose of Greek yogurt and tastes almost like a milkshake

Visit [SavouryNothings.com](http://SavouryNothings.com) to see how you can make this recipe!



# Our Family Day Home Agency is Expanding!

We have increased our contract and are looking for more Early Childhood Educators to join our Family Day Home Team!

## Approved Family Day Home Educators:

- provide daily activities that are based on children's interests and developmental needs
- have access to multiple resources for supporting child development
- network regularly with other early childhood educators through our Agency
- participate in annual professional learning to keep up-to-date on best practices in early childhood education
- must have first aid, criminal record check, and child intervention check

## Families:

- can apply for government subsidy
- may qualify for the affordability grant
- have access to multiple day homes with available spaces to meet your family's needs

**"Where Educators provide a fun, safe, nurturing environment supporting children's healthy development and future success."**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MEGHAN AT 780-379-0166 OR WESTLOCKDAYHOMES@GMAIL.COM**

## KIDS HELP LINE

Kids Help Phone's e-mental health services are available 24/7 across Canada. This means that we're here for kids, teens and young adults from coast to coast to coast.

Young people can work with a professional counsellor at Kids Help Phone over the phone or through online chat to better understand what they're going through. Youth can search for physical and virtual support programs and services nearest to their community that are available to kids, teens and young adults using our 'Resources Around Me' database.

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