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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 11th @ 6:30pm

Community Kitchen



Wednesday, April 13 & 27
\$2 donation please

Quadra Kids

Non-Instructional ½ Day

Friday, April 22nd

The bus will leave the school @ 11:30am

Rebecca Spit field trip

leave @11:45 return @4:45

Upcoming Closure

Prod-D Day

Our teachers will be travelling to Richmond to attend the Early Childhood Educators of

British Columbia conference on

Friday, May 6th therefore the

Children`s Centre will be closed.

~April Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

It's time to get our garden going at the Centre. For the past few weeks we have been weeding the beds with the children. The children have enjoyed turning the soil and finding worms. This garden season the children will learn many things. During our process they will develop a relationship with the food we grow and find out what goes on below the surface of the soil. We will use our own compost collected from our snacks and lunches to nourish the soil. They will also gain a sense of self-worth by successfully growing plants from seeds and a sense of community as we work together. We have dedicated a space in our kitchen room for a planting and growing area. We will be starting flowers, vegetables and beans inside. As in other years we will be starting the scarlet runner beans that we collected, from last year's crop, in Ziplock bags on the large window in the kitchen. We do this to give the children the opportunity to watch the beans sprout and their literacy skills will be challenged as we ask them to document the growth of their beans.

Our yard has several mini projects that need to be completed. We will be hosting a Yard Day at the Centre on Thursday April 21st. Families are welcome to come and help us with small tasks such as emptying the bath tub full of dirt, moving it and re-filling in a different spot. The idea is to include the children and give them a sense of belonging and community. Please sign up at the Centre if you would like to join us in creating community and togetherness. Bring a lunch with you.

Thank you all for donating recycled materials to our balls and chutes project. To support and encourage the children's interest, we have dedicated two areas in the Centre for their exploration. A large dryer hose is in the block room and in the kitchen we have provided the children with magnetic strips that they can stick on tubes and build a run for the marbles on the side of the fridge. We have many large pipes outside and we are wondering if they will lend themselves to a large ball run. Throughout their play in these areas the children are exploring many mathematical and scientific theories such as velocity, volume, weight and kinetics.

Yard Day

Thursday, April 21st

10 - 1pm

Sign up at the Centre

Bring a lunch

All Welcome



Quadra Kids News

Spring Break was just as it is meant to be for our Quadra Kids! Lots of free time with friends, exploring, playing, resting, and creating. With the great weather you could find them in the forest, playground, skateboard park and the bike park. The kids spent hours over Spring Break on the bikes! They continued to build their bike riding skills through perseverance at the parks and simply from the joy of being on the bikes with the freedom to just GO! You could see the children's self-esteem built with the time and effort that they put in on the bikes over the Spring Break.

We will be starting our garden down at Quadra Kids soon where we will be planting peas, carrots, tomatoes and flowers. On Friday, April 22nd there is a half day closure at the school where the children will be let out at 11:35. The bus will drop the children off at 11:45 and Quadra Kids will head to Rebecca Spit. April 22nd is Earth Day so we will spend some time cleaning-up the beach and then enjoy a picnic and marsh-mellow roast. Please send your child with a large lunch and water that day. We will return to the Centre by 4:45.

Important Raffle Fundraiser

Reminder

If you have not sold your tickets yet please make every effort to do so. This is an important fundraiser where all the proceeds will go to our operational costs. If however you have a book sitting at home unsold and you are unable to get buyers PLEASE return it to the Centre so that we can get someone else to sell the book. In previous years we have had full books returned which is a loss of at least \$75 to our Centre per book.

All raffle tickets are due back no later than Monday, April 25th.

Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale will be held at the Children's Centre on Saturday, May 14th from 10-2pm.

This garage sale is one of our larger fundraisers so we will need many helping hands! Participating Parents please watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted in the preschool building foyer.

You may drop of any items that you may have on our back deck and please let friends and family know that we are ready for their drop-offs also.

Please no computer equipment, skis or clothing.

Welcome To...

- Dylan Lakberg and family
- Liora Taylor-Young and family
- Monica Hancock who will be a substitute teacher in both our pre-school and Quadra Kids programs

Kindergarten Registration

Children who are registered for Kindergarten by May 1st will be taking part in a unique Quadra classroom experience. Over the two weeks of May 24-27 and May 30th- June 3rd, registered children will be invited in small groups to join our kindergarten class on two different days, one visit will be an hour in the morning and one visit will be an hour in the afternoon.

The morning time will be 9am-10am and the afternoon time will be 1-2pm. **Children registered for kindergarten before May 1st will be included in this activity** as the school will need to start planning groups, days and activities.

Please register your child for the Welcome to Kindergarten Event happening on Tuesday, May 17th from 1-2:25pm in the gym at Quadra Elementary School. We will be going to this event so if your child is attending the Children's Centre on this Tuesday and you would like them to come with us please let us know.

Ready Set Learn Information

Ready set learn is an event where children age 3-4 and their parent explore activities together such as: story-telling, active games and play with play dough.

The date for Ready Set Learn is Friday, April 29th at the Quadra Elementary School gym from 1-2:15pm.

**Thank you for sharing your children with us~
Dee, Barbara, Lise, Cally, Jody, Pam, Cathy, Monica
and Sue.**