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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 24th @ 6:30pm

#### Community Kitchen

Wednesday, April 12 & 26  
Please send a \$2 donation please.

#### Easter Party

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 10-11:30am

#### Easter Weekend Closure

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
& Monday, April 17th



#### Garage Sale

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sign-Up Sheets in  
Preschool building foyer!**

## April 2017 Newsletter~

### Children's Centre Happenings

To embrace and extend the children's work with recycled materials to create their own toys and props in their play, we will be introducing a large cardboard box as an invitation for them to work together in creating a shared experience. With so many children with differing views and ideas the box will create many opportunities for them to problem solve with friends. What happens when there have varying ideas of what the box is? How can the box reflect the voices of all? How can we work together and listen to each other's ideas? What will the box represent? How will the children choose to illustrate their ideas to their friends? What ideas will thread their way through the children's interaction with the box and each other? What will the common threads be?

Some of the children have been using felt to make their own stories on the felt board. This has become a collaborative way of telling a story with friends. They are really enjoying the process of making their characters with very little help from us. Through this they are gaining skills with pens and scissors, some children are also sewing buttons onto their pieces. But they are also developing the social skills needed to be successful in a group.

### Second Step

We are continuing to focus on empathy skills during Unit 1 of the Youth Prevention Program. These include: discriminating between an accidental and intentional actions; fairness; how to tell others our feelings; how to show others we are listening.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

### Easter Party

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 10am - 11:30am**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Easter celebration. We will have snacks, crafts, stories and of course an Easter Egg Hunt.

### Quadra Ready, Set, Learn

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm in the school gym

We will be taking some of the children to this event.

We will be leaving the Centre @ 12:30 and returning by 3pm.

## Quadra Kids News

We have found the process of making paper very rewarding over the past month. From tearing recycled paper into small bits, to blending them with water in the blender, to swishing those bits around in large amounts of water, to finally dipping a screen into the container to catch all of the small bits to make the piece of paper. The children really enjoy the sensory aspect of paper making. We have learned how to squish the water out and remove the paper from the screen, usually leaving it all intact. We then stack our paper in layers of cloth and put pressure on them to squeeze out more water until they are ready to dry with the iron. Voila, a beautiful piece of paper. We have made several colours – white, red, pink, green and blue. The children were very surprised to see some letters still visible in the white paper. Children have taken some paper home and other paper is being used to create a beautiful group paper mural. In April, we are going to try making paper from natural materials such as daffodils, herbs, leaves and moss.

With the weather improving once again the children are playing in the forest building forts, making fairy houses and playing chase. The warmer weather also has us out in the gardens preparing them to plant. The children want to plant carrots, corn and cherry tomatoes along with some blueberry bushes. They remember how much they enjoyed harvesting and eating from the garden last year. Hooray Spring is here!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** In February we gave a friendly reminder to **contact us by phone if your child will not be attending.** We are repeating this reminder as this is unfortunately still happening with frequency. In some cases we have children on a waitlist and unless we are given notice of their spot becoming free we lose the opportunity to fill the space and adjust our staffing.

## Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Firstly, we were incorrect in establishing a Raffle Ticket policy which required each family to purchase a book of tickets to sell, this is against gaming regulations.

Therefore we will have a sign-up sheet and tickets available beside the daily “Sign-In” sheet in both programs where you can sign-out your book, **one at a time.** When you have sold a full book, by all means come back and sign-out another and you will receive one participating hour per book.

Our Board of Directors has done an incredible job getting some terrific donations for our raffle prizes, which will make our job of selling the tickets a breeze! The prizes are listed below.

### Quadra Children’s Centre Raffle

1. Get-A-Way Holiday at Beach Acres Resort in Parksville – Value \$350
2. 1 Night at Taku Resort on Quadra Island – Value \$120
3. Quadra Island Golf Course – 18 holes for 2 – Value \$120
4. Gowland Harbour Resort – Dinner for 2 – Value \$120
5. Thrifty Foods \$100 Gift Certificate
6. Quality Foods \$100 Gift Certificate



Our annual Garage Sale fundraiser will be held at the Children’s Centre on

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2.**

Please drop off any items that you have to contribute to our back deck and spread the word to family and friends. Please do not donate: computer equipment, clothing, big box TV’s or skis.

Participating Parents this fundraiser requires many helping hands so please sign-up on the sheet posted on the Parent Participation board in the foyer of the preschool building.

P.S. If you have extra plastic shopping bags we would appreciate them for our garage sale sorting, thanks.

## Welcome to

- Harley Haddow and family
- Isabella Gonzalez and family

**Thank you for sharing your children with us ~ Dee, Barbara, Lise, Cally, Sue, Cathy, Ramona & Sarah**

