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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 26th @ 6:30pm

#### Quadra Kids Closure

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
for Camp Homewood Quadra Days

#### CLOSURE

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day

#### Preschool Program Fieldtrips

##### Friday, August 5th –

Chance's House

Salmon lunch for Chance's birthday

Lv. @ 10 Rt. @ 2:30

##### Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Rebecca Spit

Lv. @ 9:45 Rt. @ 2:30

##### Tuesday, August 16th

Ru's House

Lv. @ 9:30 Rt. @ 1:30

##### Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Campbell River Waterpark

Lv. @ 9:30 Rt. @ 4

## ~August 2016 Newsletter~

### Children's Centre Happenings

July has been very good to us giving the perfect mix of sun and rain. The garden is growing beautifully and the children have been enjoying the flowers, beans and tomatoes as they very patiently wait for the carrots to be ready. It's hard to wait!

The children continue to visit the spiral path on the kitchen deck. Upon revisiting the path some children were encouraged to draw it. As they looked closely they took notice that some shells were broken and removed them. The group focussed on drawing the path before adding new materials. Their drawings were very representational as they became familiar with the shapes. Their focus was long and serious as they noted similarities and differences of the materials. We wonder if in today's society we allow children the time they need to build relationships with the things in their environment. From this example, we see that children need time to become familiar with the things that surround them before they can realize their full potential.

In an effort to foster and expand on this interest in paths, we have begun to focus on clearing the pathways in the forest areas that surround us. The children are very keen to show their strength as they pull big branches out from the bushes. We very much enjoy this time spent in the forest as we make discoveries and connect with nature.

As we ease into August, we anticipate more group outings and for some, these are our last days together before moving onto kindergarten. We plan to make the most of this very special time together.



### Summer Party

**Thursday, Sept. 1st**

From 12-2

Please join us for this very special event where we honour the kindergarten children who are moving on to grade one in the Fall.

We will have games, activities and snacks.

Bring the whole family!

### Friendly Reminder

If you need to cancel your child for the day please call the Centre do not email as we do not check our emails daily. Thank you.

### Field Trip Check List

Car Seat, hat, large lunch(no warm up food), plenty of water, change of clothes, sunscreen on, \*bathing suit under clothes, \*water shoes, \*change of shoes, \*towel and plastic bag for wet clothes. **\*For field trips involving water!**

## Quadra Kids News

So far the summer has been a blast! We have done so many remarkable things. Our outings have taken us to the CR Waterpark, CR Gymnastics Club, Cape Mudge Sand Dunes and CR Outdoor Pool. We have enjoyed taking the city bus and the children have been troopers when having to walk to an outing. A first ever was our sleepover at Quadra Kids. It was a fun evening as we shared a meal together along with smores. We played hide and seek and enjoyed the evening. The children slept so well we had to start making blueberry pancakes to wake them the next morning. We have had special guests come in and share projects with us. Ross McPhee helped the children build gumball (jawbreaker) machines. The children really enjoyed using the pin nailer. Sue Anderson shared her talent of felting which the children loved doing- from the soapy water to rolling it 150 times to slapping it on the deck which allowed them to make a beautiful wall hanging. John Schever spent a morning with us creating wind chimes and building a scarecrow from our upcycled parts we got from our take-a-part day. The children named the scarecrow "Walter Sharky Electroman". Thanks Ross, John and Sue for your time and talents to offer such exciting programs to our children. Our summer student, Laura has been a wonderful addition to Quadra Kids. She has a lovely manner with children and is full of great ideas to engage them with.

## New Raffle Ticket Policy

Once a year (usually each spring) the Children's Centre will arrange a Raffle Ticket Fundraiser, this fundraiser's profits go directly to our operational costs. Every family will be responsible for selling one book of raffle tickets each year.

At the beginning of the raffle fundraiser month each family will be given a book of tickets. At the beginning of the next month you will be billed for the value of the book on your tuition invoice.

Example: On April 1st a book of tickets will be distributed to each family on May 1st your May Tuition will include the value of the book.

If you would like to sell more books you may sign out one book at a time and for each sold book that you return you will receive 1 participation hour.



## 2016/2017 Board of Directors

In June we had our Annual General Meeting which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Etta Martinelli and Sarah Richardson, who will be leaving our board. Both Sarah and Etta have served on our board over several years and have held a variety of positions. Their enthusiasm and commitment to our Centre and early care and learning showed in everything they did. We love and appreciate you Sarah and Etta!

Our Board of Directors for 2016/2017 is:

Ally Peake- President

Kristi Montgomery – Vice President

Dionne Bakota – Secretary

Heather Kent – Treasurer

Peter Park, Dave Tolley, Marie Mallis, Sheldon Etheridge, Pam Dennison and Annabelle Cameron.

We truly appreciate all of your hard work, time and positive energy on behalf of the Centre.

## Nature Play for Families

Quadra Children's Centre  
Saturday, August 27th from 9-2:45pm

Hand-In-Hand Early Years Nature Education will be hosting a free workshop to Quadra families and their children aged 3-6 years old. Siblings are welcome.

**There is space for 20 children and their families so early registration is recommended. For more information [hand-in-handeducation.com/nature-play-families/](http://hand-in-handeducation.com/nature-play-families/)**

Children Centre families may register for this event at the Centre. Registration forms have been put in your jars.

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