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Important Dates

Board of Directors

Meeting

Monday, January 29th @ 7:00pm

Christmas Holiday Closure

Monday, Dec.25 through

Monday, Jan 1st

Happy Holidays!

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, December 13th



The community kitchen will be serving a turkey lunch with all the trimmings to celebrate the holiday season.

Please send a donation

December 2017 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

Our exploration of paint continues. After observing the children interact with the paint at the table top level we noticed that they responded to the freedom they were given by the adults and by the paint itself with joy and prolonged engagement. The paint encouraged movement and the children responded by intuitively moving their whole bodies as they poured, squeezed, blew, scraped and manipulated the paint. In the majority of their encounters with the paint they moved as individuals as though their experiences and experiments were personal to them. We wondered how we could use the paint in a way that would encourage collaboration and a shared exploration of the material. From this question, the painting area was born. Within this space your children have experienced paint in a way they have never experienced it before and the paint has truly become a joint participant in its interactions with the children. We have observed the collaboration we were seeking between the children and it is beautiful. The paint is a full body experience, a sensory exploration which jives with the children's natural tendency to explore the world using their senses. They have an unspoken collective understanding of respect for each other and acceptance. With no direction or restrictions from us, they have felt free to express themselves and included their friends in their expressions. Your children are amazing, in this small space we see them moving quickly in excitement and joy, the paint says "Spread me!" and they do, all over their bodies. It oozes harmony, the paint is their friend and with it they are building relationships with their peers, the space around them and themselves.

In the week before Christmas we hope to have a social gathering with families to sing some Christmas Carols, please stay tuned for details of this gathering.

Christmas Holiday Closure

December

Monday 25th

Tuesday 26th

Wednesday 27th

Thursday, 28th

Friday, 29th

January

Monday, 1st



We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Quadra Kids News

Outside we have been practicing our baseball skills of batting and catching the ball. How exciting it is when the sweet spot of the bat hits the ball causing it to soar over Dee's head and it goes into the bushes. She has to be quick to see where it enters so she can find it to pitch again. The scoop and ball equipment has also been popular in the last month along with kicking the soccer ball. It is very important to have outside time to burn off the energy of being in a classroom all day. Inside the children have been enjoying Lego, board games, 100 piece puzzles and of course the perennial favourite, the glue gun. The children build amazing creations with the glue gun. If you have any small boxes, paper towel rolls, or other odds & ends please drop them off as we would love to create with them.

We will begin our Christmas season on Monday, December 11th, the children will have a wide assortment of Christmas craft items to create from. We will have a Holiday Celebration together on Wednesday, December 20th.

What Do Children Really Want For Christmas

Excerpt from "Unplug the Christmas Machine" by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli.

A relaxed and loving time with the family.

Children need relaxed attention. During the holidays, normal family routines are temporarily set aside for parties, shopping, and special events. It's important to slow down and spend quality time with your kids.

Realistic expectations about gifts.

Kids enjoy looking forward to gifts and then having their expectations met. The key is to manage their expectations. You might try, for example, to educate your children about advertising in an attempt to mitigate its effects.

An evenly paced holiday season.

The modern Christmas season starts months before December 25th, when the first store displays go up, and then things end with a bang on Christmas day. The authors suggest beginning the season late in the year. Get out the Christmas music on December 15th then get the tree on the following weekend. Schedule some low-key family events during Christmas week. Stretch the season to New Year's Day.

Reliable family traditions.

When I talk to my friends about what Christmas was like when we were Children, it's not the gifts that we remember. We recall the things we did as a family. I remember sleeping next to the tree every Christmas eve, but never being able to catch Santa in the act. I remember seeing the cousins. I remember decorating the trailer house. Your kids will remember the traditions, not the gifts.

Membership Fee

On your December bill you will see a \$10 membership fee. This fee is mandated by the Society Act as Quadra Children's Centre is a non-profit society ran by a Board of Directors. Our board of directors are parents of children attending the Centre. The board of directors monitors the daily operations of our Centre, goal setting, fundraising, promotion, finances and many other tasks. Dee McPhee, our administrative director reports directly to our board of directors monthly where they have the final vote on all decisions regarding our Centre. Our board of directors is the foundation of our Centre; we sincerely appreciate all that they do.

Communication Workshop

In November the staff, with the support of our Board of Directors took a communication workshop with Tucker Dinnes, owner of Connections Business Solutions. Tucker has facilitated a few workshops with us in the past and as always it was a productive, engaging and enlightening experience. We came away with some new ways of interpreting communication and some skills we could practice. Our gratitude to Tucker for her time and expertise and to our Board of Directors for encouraging continued growth and shared knowledge of the staff.

Welcome to...

- Aria Mallis and Family
- Anamaria Popesch who will be a substitute teacher in our preschool program.

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

