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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Jan.25th @ 6:30pm

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan.13 & 27
\$2 donation please



Family Literacy Day

Monday, January 18th
Quadra Community Centre
From 10-12



Generation Stressed

A presentation by Lisa Marie Gruger
Play-based strategies to support children in
reducing anxiety and stress.
Quadra Elementary Library 6:30 to 8 pm on
Thursday, January 21

~January 2016 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

Happy New Year, we wish you all health and happiness in 2016. We enjoyed the season making gifts for our loved ones. We made centerpieces, paper pulp decorations and cards. The children loved the process of wrapping the presents and the act of giving to their loved ones.

Thank you to Matt Hodgson, Donna, George, Gina, Anna & Ruby Nickoloff, Gord and Martha James and Martha's sister Caroline, for bringing in their big band instruments and playing carols for us. The children got to see and hear clarinets, saxophones, a tuba, a guitar and a flute. We had a wonderful time followed by a social. Thank you to the all those families who joined us.

We love the snow and are hoping for more. As usual the children are enjoying sledding down our slope coming down from the playground. This year we lugged down the side driveway on tracks made by a vehicle. This is a great way to challenge the children physically while having fun.

With a great deal of emphasis being placed on literacy and young children, we would like to share with you how we support children at the Centre to develop those skills. It is known that children get ready to read for many years before they are cognitively mature enough to learn to read. What children know about reading and writing before they can read and write is what is known as "Early Literacy". This is where we place our attention in our pre-school program. We create opportunities to develop an understanding of, and encourage an interest in, communicating through the written word. Some of the areas that need to develop before children are ready to read are the following: Vocabulary- done through conversation and reading to your child. Awareness of print- they become aware that it is the words in print that tells the stories they enjoy. Narrative skills- engaging in telling stories of their everyday events. Phonological awareness- nursery rhymes, silly songs, games and rhymes. Letter recognition- starting usually with their own names, children start to learn to recognize the different letters. At the Children's Centre we support your child's early literacy development in many different ways such as story-telling, singing, the message centre, puppets, dramatic play and through our everyday conversations. If you would like to read more about how we support your children and why, there is information in the welcome area of the Centre for you to read. The children are very interested in sending messages to each other at the message centre. You could support your child with this by putting mail in their mailbox. The children love receiving messages.

Quadra Kids News

In December the Quadra Kids enjoyed all of the seasonal crafts, making some lovely creations including: candles, table centre pieces, tree decorations and cards. Many of the cards were absolutely amazing with the children's thoughtful words and beautiful decorating.

There has also been a lot of dramatic play; from running a store, to teaching at a school and playing house. Quadra Kids have great imaginations and can improvise an array of life-situations in their play.

We would like thank Amy, Elijah's Auntie for the donation of lumber pieces for building.

Children have shown an interest in hammers and nails and we look forward to creating a woodworking area. It is still a common site to see the Quadra Kids heading out to the forest with a variety of tools to tweak their forts, we wonder if and/or how these two activities might come together?

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Kids, parents and grandparents bring your curiosity to explore, engineer some projects that fly, participate in a puppet show, Sing for the Pure Joy, listen to a story teller, create and play! Young children and parents are free to circulate and experience a wide range of interactive activities at this year's Family Literacy Day. We will be attending this event and encourage everyone to join in the fun and learning!

"Generation Stressed"

"Generation Stressed": Play-based strategies to support children in reducing anxiety and stress. Presented by Lisa Marie Gruger at Quadra Elementary Library 6:30 to 8 pm on Thursday, January 21. Child care is available if you contact Robin at 250-285-3185 or robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com

Building Rentals

Both of our buildings are available for rent for \$10 per hour. They can be used for meetings, conferences, parties or any other occasion that you might have. Don't hesitate to pass this information along to friends and family. For bookings contact Sue @ 250-285-3511

Welcome To...

- Finn Ross & Family

Membership Fee

On your January 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. Some of our board of directors are parents of children attending the Centre and others are community members that are interested in being involved in our 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.

Parenting with Purpose

Mondays, January 18-February 22

Times: 6:30-8 pm

Place: Campbell River Family Services,
487-10th Ave.

Cost: Free

This is a six-session certificate course outlining some of the most essential and useful parenting skills. The course information is supplemented with video segments from Barbara Coloroso's video "Winning at Parenting". WE will cover such topics as Active Listening, Discipline, Dealing with Conflicts and more.

For information or to register, contact Sandy at CR Family Services 250-287-2421 or Sandra.bellosillo@crfs.ca

Thank you for sharing your children with us~

Dee, Barbara, Lise, Cally, Jody, Pam, Cathy and Sue.