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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 19th @ 6:30pm

Quadra Kids Closure

Monday, August 8th – Friday, August 12th
for Camp Homewood Quadra Days

CLOSURE

Monday, August 1st – B.C. Day

Preschool Program

Fieldtrips

Thursday, July 14th –
William and Ben's House
(older children only)

[Lv.@10](#) Rt. @ 1

Tuesday, July 19th – C.R. Discovery
Passage Aquarium

[Lv.@9:40](#) Rt. @ 2

Cost \$3

Thursday, July 21st
Chamber Music at the Community
Centre – [Lv.@11:30](#)- [Rt.@1](#)- Cost \$2

Summer Party

Thursday, Sept. 1st

Please mark this day on your calendar!
We will be saying a special farewell to our
children moving on to
kindergarten in the fall.

~July 2016 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

Recently, the children have been drawing and incorporating maps into their imaginative play. The maps they carry around on their quest to find a place of mystery and the unknown are full of paths. In response to their interest, we created a beautiful path made out of beach wood, shells, pretty rocks and daisies, as a surprise for the children. The path greeted the children in the welcome area and wound its way down the hall, through the kitchen and out the door to the deck where it spiraled around and rested there. The daisies stood tall on the edge of the path in glass bottles filled with water, reflecting the way they are growing along the roadsides of Quadra. We were aware not to block any designated walk ways e.g. entrance to the bathrooms, and avoided crossing paths from one room to another. We were careful not to make navigation difficult. We were excited and full of anticipation, how were the children going to respond to an unexpected path of beauty and wonder in their space? How were we going to respond to their ideas? We were cautious not to have an agenda and to wait and see what would happen.

We were amazed and in awe of how the children responded. They moved freely through the path and were not intimidated by the fragility of it. They showed their excitement by making their own paths with gems they found in a tray on a table. They made paths in places we as adults had been afraid to put them. One path stretched out into the cubby area, an area tight for space especially when eight children are all changing their shoes and washing their hands. It is an area of rapid and chaotic movement as they jostle for their own space. We asked the children about this, expressing our concerns. We were afraid their paths may be disturbed in this area, what would they like to do about this? They were kind to us and considered our concerns by moving the row of light plastic gems over by a centimeter. Once again, we stood back and waited to see what would happen. All of the paths were treated with the upmost respect. The children moved freely within and around all of the paths. If they accidentally disrupted the path they immediately stopped and fixed it. They did so with no prompts from the teachers. Your children are amazing. They showed us that they respond to their environment with much care and attention, and that they are more than capable of taking care of it in a mature and thoughtful way.

In the coming weeks we will be supporting the children in collecting natural materials that they find beautiful with the intention of creating more paths in our environment. We observed their fascination with rocks especially, and the importance they put in their beauty. We are excited to discover where our paths take us and the wonder that we may find as we travel along them together.

Quadra Kids News

Our Summer Program is underway! We would like to welcome our summer student, Laura Murphy who is a terrific addition to Quadra Kids. Laura has completed her 1st year at the University of Victoria where she is planning to become a speech-language pathologist. Laura was a counsellor at Camp Homewood for two summers so she is right at home with the summer Quadra Island life. Laura will work on her own Monday and Friday and join Dee for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

IMPORTANT QUADRA KIDS REMINDERS

*Please send your child with a bathing suit, a hat and towel each day as there will be lots of water play throughout the summer.

*For all field trips please send your child a big lunch, a water bottle and a hat and a bathing suit if needed. Please remember to put your \$4 donation towards sunscreen in the bin beside the sign-in book.

*Ensure that you have signed the permission form and given a staff member the money for the field trip if required.

*Another important reminder is to sign your child in and out of Quadra Kids. Children cannot be sent to Quadra Kids on their own, a parent must accompany them into the building.

If you require addition information regarding our Quadra Kids program we have brochures available at the Children's Centre and on our website on the "School Age" page.

Labelling All Items

Unfortunately we have had some children's clothing go missing at the Centre. This is very frustrating for the parents and time consuming for the staff and parents to try and track down the missing items. An easy fix for this problem is to send your child with all of their items clearly labelled. We would also like to ask that at the end of each day you take all of your child's belongings with you. This will keep our very crowded cubby area clear and more organized, which will also help with the problem of missing items.

Below is a list of items that you need to label:

- All extra clothing
- Shoes, slippers and boots
- Hats
- Jackets
- Muddie Buddies

Firewood Work bee #2

On **Sunday, July 10th from 10-12** we are having a second firewood work bee. One of our participating parents has organized a wood splitter for that time so we will need stackers! There are also trees that need to be cut into rounds and moved to the splitter. The first crew has made huge head way so it would be great to get a fresh crew in to complete this important job! You will receive participation hours for this job.



Preschool August

Fieldtrips

Friday, August 5th

Chance's House

Salmon lunch for Chance's birthday.

TBA

Thursday, August 11th

Rebecca Spit

Tuesday, August 16th

Ru's House

Wednesday, August 24th

Water Park

Details to follow

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