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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Will recommence on  
Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

#### Sunscreen Donations



#### Important Quadra Kids

#### Summer Program Reminders

Quadra Kids families you will receive an information sheet that will contain all of the summer details needed for daily and fieldtrip attendance.



## ~July 2017 Newsletter~

### Children's Centre Happenings

We begin our summer programming with a focus on sensory play and why it is an important part of your child's early learning. Children engage in sensory play in many different ways throughout their day, whether it is in the bath, in the sand box or on a walk in the forest, they spontaneously interact with the world in which they live through sensory exploration. These early discoveries using all of their senses develop all areas of their brain giving them the stepping stones they will need for future learning. Some activities we have offered the children so far have been: paper pulp; crushing rose petals and felting, something they have really taken to. As they rub, pat and squeeze the soapy wool onto the rocks they have engaged in rich discussions about what they might make their rock into. We are spending long periods of time outdoors and our yard is rich in sensory experiences including wet and dry sand, the mud kitchen and the garden. We also venture into the surrounding forest which is offering us huckleberries at the present, picking and eating is a favourite but what will happen if we take a pestle and mortar with us and crushed the berries?

### July Field Trips

#### **Wednesday, July 12th - Campbell River Water Park**

We will leave the Centre @ 9:40 for the 10 ferry and return on the 3:30 ferry to be back at the Centre by 4.

#### **Thursday, July 27th - Rebecca Spit**



### Important Field Trip Information

**Please provide:** lunch, water, bathing suit under clothes, towel, water shoes, hat and a change of clothes, all in ONE bag that your child can carry by themselves.

Leave a car seat if traveling in staff vehicle.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH SUNSCREEN ON,  
THANK YOU.

Parents need to sign a permission sheet in order for their child to attend any field trip.

## Quadra Kids News

One day in June a small group of children were playing a dramatic game they made up involving instruments. They decided to do a talent show with one child having the role of “talent police officer” – their name for a judge. As they took turns performing, the “talent police officer” announced that the performing child was out! Immediately the child began crying, his feeling were hurt. The children began consoling the child. As I walked around the corner to assist and support the children I found the children each taking turns hugging the hurt child. All was better. No names are used in this story because it could have been any of the children who attend Quadra Kids. Your children have huge hearts and great empathy for each other.

We say goodbye to Malcolm and his family as he won't be attending during the summer and he moves on to Phoenix Middle School in September. We will miss you Malcolm!!!

We were unable to hire a summer student for July and August therefore Barbara Lee will be teaching in Quadra Kids on Mondays and Fridays and Dee McPhee will be teaching on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please take a moment to read the IMPORTANT QUADRA KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM REMINDER sheet to support us. If you haven't seen our summer program brochure yet you can check it out on our website

[quadrachildrenscentre@weebly.com](mailto:quadrachildrenscentre@weebly.com) or stop in and get a hard copy at the Centre. Loads of summer fun!!!



## Annual General Meeting & Board of Directors 2017/18

Our thanks go out to the families that came to share a potluck dinner and join us for the A.G.M.

We all enjoyed Cally's slideshow of the yearly activities in both Quadra Kids and the Preschool Program.

The highlight of the evening was sharing in the celebration that Dee presented to Barbara acknowledging her 20 years teaching at the Children's Centre. The slideshow illustrated Barbara's passion for her field and deep love for children, we also got to enjoy many hairstyles, to Barb's great joy! Congratulations Barbara!

To our past and present board members we would like to sincerely thank you for your commitment to the Children's Centre. We truly appreciate all that you do!

Our returning board members are: Allie Peake, Pam Dennison, Sheldon Etheridge, Peter Park, Dave Tolley and Marie Mallis (sharing position) and Heather Kent. New to the board this year is: Luna Loiseau-Tremblay and Nicole Pullman.

We say a very fond farewell to Annabelle Cameron and Dionne Lapointe-Bakota.

## Staff Summer Holidays

The main staff: Barbara, Dee, Lise, Cally and Ramona will take a much deserved break in July or August. Sarah MacLellan will be filling in for us for many days during this time. THANKS Sarah!

Barbara will be getting MARRIED & going on her honeymoon on her holidays, Congratulations Barb and John!



## Bubble Recipe

2 Cups Joy Dish Detergent  
6 Cups Warm Water  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup Karo Corn Syrup

**Gently mix and let settle for at least 4 hours.  
To extend the life of the mix store in the fridge  
in a closed container.**

### Bubble Tips

1. You don't want foam in the mix so be careful not to stir the mix with wands.
2. If foam does develop, skim off with stiff card.
3. Bubbles are best made on humid days ... go figure!
4. HAVE FUN!

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

