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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Will recommence on  
Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

#### Sunscreen Donations



\$4 please

#### Annual General Meeting Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Mark this very important date in your calendar! We need all of our families at this meeting to receive \$15,500 in gaming funds which is essential to our financial well-being. Please bring a potluck dish to share and a plate and utensils.



The slideshow will give you a peak into your child's day at the Children's Centre!

## ~June 2017 Newsletter~

### Children's Centre Happenings

May was bustling with activity for us here at the Centre. We enjoyed making special beads for our Mother's Day necklaces putting so much love and attention into these precious gifts. We hope they brought you joy. Of course May brought us Mayday and with it days of painting maple leaves. Thank you to all of you who contributed in making this year's float happen, it was simple and colourful and all of the children really enjoyed their time on it. Special thanks to Ross McPhee for delivering the flatbed and to Matt Griswold for pulling it, you were a good sport, thank you. Another new and exciting activity we experienced during May was raising butterflies. The children were very engrossed in watching this process and really noticed the growth of the caterpillars, capturing their observations in the form of drawings. Some of the children went on to predict what the butterflies may look like once they emerge. We released the butterflies and it was so special to see them fly. Many of them were not quite ready to go and the children were able to see them up close on their fingers. The kindness they demonstrated was incredible.

We also started our scarlet runner beans on the window of the kitchen room. This process allows them to observe and record their observations on a chart promoting early literacy.

With the warm weather upon us we would like to give a friendly reminder to be sure and pack a sun hat and a change of clothes with your children everyday. Water play is very popular this time of year!

### Second Step

Unit 2 focuses on problem solving with the help of the Second Step puppets, "Impulsive Puppy" and "Slow Down Snail". The children will be using the following steps to help solve problems:

1. What is the problem?
2. What can I do?
3. What might happen if...?
4. Choose an idea and use it.
5. Is it working? If not, what can I do?

You can practice these steps with your child. When your child has a problem ask "What could you do?" followed by, "That's one idea; what else could you do?"

When your child comes up with solutions, hold back from judging each idea. After thinking of several ideas, ask your child to evaluate each one (what would happen if s/he tries, each one). To help evaluate ideas you may also ask: \*Is it safe? \*Is it fair? \*How will people feel? \*Will it work? If one idea doesn't work, encourage your child to try another one.

We will be practicing the following social skills (towards the end of the month and into July) at the Centre: joining in, sharing, taking turns, trading, paying attention and interrupting politely.

Sessions are Tuesdays and Wednesday at afternoon story time.

## Quadra Kids News

We have 2 new additions to our program, Daniel and Henrick who are Crested Geckos. The children are thoroughly enjoying our new pets. Thanks to Dave McPhee for his generous donation of the tank, equipment, and geckos. Our garden is planted and we are taking turns caring for it, we can hardly wait to start eating from it. Many children talk about pulling the carrots and picking the cherry tomatoes from last year's garden and eating them fresh – yummy! The children are spending a lot of time outdoors with the good weather, fort building and spy games are the major focus. As always this type of play provides opportunities for the children to keep refining their social skills. For example, they problem solve together on what to do if someone's feelings get hurt or a child feels left. This type of play also provides opportunities for children who don't typically play together the chance to do so which supports them in getting to know each other better. The children are enjoying practicing their tennis strokes against the building, kicking the ball, catching balls with scoops and badminton. We also got out the hammers and nails in May which had the children build things for their forts like chairs and shelves. Thanks for sharing your children with us they are a great group of kids.



## Fundraising Success!

May was a busy month, we had two fundraisers going, both of which ended up being very successful, together making over \$6000 that will go directly to the Centre's operational costs. These fundraisers involve many hands to succeed and we thank all of the Board Members, parents and family members that came together and worked hard to achieve record-breaking results!

## Raffle Ticket Results

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

- Prize #1 – Beach Acres Resort - Rob Simpson
- Prize #2 – Taku Resort - Matthew Danylczuk
- Prize #3 – Quadra Island Golf - Sarah MacLellan
- Prize #4 – Gowland Harbour Resort - Ursula Carmen
- Prize #5 – Thrifty Foods - Steve Zaszke
- Prize #6 – Quality Foods - Verna Hare



Our ENORMOUS GRATITUDE goes to our very generous prize donators.

## Quadra Kids Summer Brochure

There are brochures available in the Quadra Kids summer program and on our website on the School age page. You will find the theme week details, field trip departure and arrival times and details, fees and programming notes. It is required by our licencing officer that every child must be walked into the program and signed in and out on our daily sign-in sheet.

## Grand Opening of the Upper Playground

**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:00**

The Regional District and Quadra Community Centre updated the Upper Playground by installing a brand new saucer swing, putting a new roof on our Long House, having a beautiful large picnic table built and planting new grass. Children, parents and Board Members are invited to this celebration where we will enjoy cupcakes and our new space!

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