

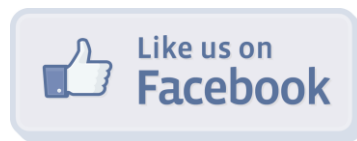


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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 11th @ 6:30pm

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, March 9 & 23
\$2 donation please

Easter Weekend Closure

Friday, March 25th & Monday, March 28th

Quadra Kids Non-Instructional 1/2 Day

Friday, March 11
Fieldtrip to Rebecca Spit for a weenie roast
and beach exploration.

Spring Break School Closure

Monday, March 21st – Friday, April 1st

Upcoming Closure Prod-D Day

Our teachers will be travelling to Richmond
to attend the Early Childhood Educators of
British Columbia conference on
Friday, May 6th therefore the
Children`s Centre will be closed.

~March Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

Our play with chutes and balls continues, especially with the marbles and smaller materials. The children still enjoy putting a marble through a tube and are delighted when it comes out the other end. Creating the “marble run” with tape and tubes engages them and challenges them to use and develop their skills with the tape and scissors. They work for long periods of time to attach the tubes together, which at times is challenging, but their interest in creating something they can interact with is strong enough that they often persevere. We have been surprised by their willingness to share their “runs” with their friends, suggesting the importance they put in their desire to make connections with their friends and their feeling of belonging in the group. We have run into the problem of a dwindling supply of supplies. We need your help with collecting more materials for us to use. Please ask your child/ren to look around your home for things we could use to continue our exploration. We are looking for anything you could put a marble or a ball through. This could include, but is not limited to: cardboard tubes of varying length, flexible plastic tubing, gutters, etc. We will be asking the children if they can think of anything else they might be able to use. Thank you for your help.

If you walk into the kitchen at the Center you will see that our storybook corner has become inhabited by monsters. Inspired by Oden, a lot of the children have painted monsters. While painting them they speak in depth of the scary things that the monsters do. This simple activity has engaged the children in so much learning while mastering the art of painting with water colours they develop their language skills with the stories they tell of what their monsters do. Once again the sharing of ideas has brought about a sense of belonging and a shared understanding of monsters. Their art and story-telling is giving them a chance to make sense of their world which at times is scary.

Easter Party

10-11:30 March 24th

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Easter celebration. We will have snacks, crafts, stories and of course an Easter Egg Hunt!

Come and join us!



Quadra Kids News

If you have had the chance to visit our Facebook page you would have seen what a huge success our fieldtrip to the Courtney Museum was. The Quadra Kids had a great time exploring every nook and cranny of the museum, including riding up and down in an old fashioned elevator, having a photo shoot amongst the displays and having a “dance” break at lunch! We were lucky enough to have Pat as our guide and the children asked thoughtful questions which led to a great deal of learning.

Quadra Kids will be staying close to home on our Spring Break enjoying our rich indoor and outdoor environments with lots of opportunities to play and relax! We will utilize our wide range of supplies including: art materials, plasticine and paints, board games, lego and much more. We will explore the Blenkin Park trails and forest environments and perhaps add to the existing forts with our newly created wood-working area.

We would like to thank Elijah Goeson and his family for the addition of Brio trains which has greatly enhanced our original set!

On Friday, March 11th there is a half day closure at the school where the children will be let out at 11:35. The bus will drop the children off at 11:45 and Quadra Kids will head to Rebecca Spit to explore the beach and have a weenie roast. We will return by 4:00p.m.

Active Parenting Course

Campbell River Family Services is offering a parenting course which is a skill – focused program for parents of children ages 5-12. This course will help you clarify your own goals for your child and teach you effective methods for leading your child towards them.

This is a three-session course and parents will benefit from attending all 3 sessions.

Dates: Session One: Monday, April 4th, 2016

Session Two: Monday, April 18th, 2016

Session Three: Monday, May 2nd, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Campbell River Family Services

Cost: There is no fee for this program.

Dee's Holidays

Dee McPhee will be taking her holiday from March 14th through April 1st. Pam Dennison will be teaching in the Quadra Kids program from March 14 through 18th and Jody McMurray will be teaching during Spring Break. Barbara Lee will assume Dee's role as Administrative Director in her absence.

Welcome To...

- Leo Johnston & Family
- Susan Westren and Teres Reimer who will be volunteering in our preschool program on Tuesdays at 2p.m.

Teacher's News

Barbara and Dee presented a workshop at North Island College in Courtney called “Making Learning Visible” for Early Childhood Educators this past weekend. They received very positive feedback from their peers. The participants admired Dee and Barb's respect, excitement and knowledge of their field. They found their presentation, discussions and slideshow valuable and inspiring!

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Raffle Fundraiser

Our Board of Directors has done an incredible job getting some terrific donations for our raffle prizes, making our job of selling the tickets a breeze! Participating parents will receive 1 hour for each book sold and you are welcome to get friends and family involved. Please sign out your books one at a time, the Sign-Up sheet and tickets are beside the daily “Sign-In” sheet in both programs.

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