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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 27th @ 6:30pm

#### Community Kitchen

Wednesday, March 8 & 22  
Please send a \$2 donation please.

#### Student-Led Conferences

Thursday, March 9th

#### Spring Break Quadra Kids

##### School-Age Program

**OPEN 7:30-6p.m.**

Fri., March 17- Wed. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mon. March 27

**CLOSED**

Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Due to low enrolment.



## ~March 2017 Newsletter~

### Children's Centre Happenings

With our ongoing investigation into the children's interest in good guy/bad guy play, we decided to change the environment in the kitchen room to include less toys, and more loose parts i.e. recycled materials. Our intent was to slow the children down. The materials have become a language the children are using to describe their ideas and theories. The "Imagination Station" is open ended; the possibilities are endless. Not only are they demonstrating their capabilities to create their own toys, they are also making their thinking and knowledge visible to us. We have seen many things being designed: shields, swords, blood suckers, video games characters. cages, boats, traps and many, many more things. Their inventions are then tested out in their play. Many of their experiments have followed a weapon theme. Within this theme the children have created so many learning opportunities for themselves, they have: challenged and tested their own abilities and set goals for themselves; learnt how their ideas and actions affect others around them; played out the experiences they have in the "real" world around them.

Recently a child described a Bad Guy as someone who does not listen to others, WOW this is a very interesting statement. How did he develop this opinion? What happens to children in their lives when they do not listen to adults? What message are they getting from us? He offered us all an invitation to reflect upon how we interact with children and each other in our communities. How do we react when someone doesn't do what we want them to do? How do we create a community that reflects cultural differences of all and celebrates them? We have accepted the child's invitation and we will be exploring these questions. We invite you to join this conversation that has been started by your children.

### Second Step

We are continuing with Unit 1 on Empathy. Empathy is a key ingredient in developing prosocial behaviours and interpersonal problem solving skills. We are learning to identify feelings from a variety of physical (face, body) and situational cues, and to recognize that people may have different feelings about the same thing. Our goal is to help the children learn or reinforce skills necessary to:

- Recognize that feelings change.
- Predict feelings for simple actions.
- Differentiate between intentional and unintentional acts.
- Apply fairness rules in simple situations.
- Communicate feelings using "I" messages and actively listen to another person.
- Express care and concern for others.

## Quadra Kids News

In February we enjoyed making Valentine's for our families and friends; lots of love and creativity went into the children's creations.

We have a rich assortment of instruments that the children play on a regular basis. Recently, there was a talent show where each child chose an instrument to play and 'audition' for the show. Each child practiced their music piece then presented it to our 2 'official judges' who were very diplomatic and ensured that everyone made it into the show. It was dramatic play at its best with some great music! Your children's negotiation skills are used and develop regularly at Q-Kids. Particularly the day they decided to play baseball in the snow. It was so interesting to observe them create the game as they discussed, disagreed and came up with compromises that enabled everyone to play. They truly are figuring out how to be in a group and be respectful and kind to each other while still honoring their own wants and desires. Play is such a powerful tool for children to learn these social skills.

In March we will be trying out making our own paper. We will need lots of scrap paper to do this. If you can save any paper you would typically be recycling please send it our way.



Please take a moment when you are signing your child in or out to read the information on our bulletin board and sign the petition calling on the British Columbia government to implement the \$10aDay Child Care Plan.

Support for the Plan now represents 2 million British Columbians in 120 communities! We would love to add your name to the list of supporters. We all have a role in promoting the Plan and ensuring that it frames the on-going public dialogue about early care and learning. Let all elected officials know that we want and expect the \$10aDay Plan to be implemented in B.C. Additional activities can be found at [www.10aday.ca](http://www.10aday.ca) (sign the petition)

## Quadra Kids Spring Break

### SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

**We will be open the following days:**

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Mon. Mar. 20, Tues. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, March 27

**We will be CLOSED on:**

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday, March 24

\*Due to low enrolment.

On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be going to the Courtney Wave Pool, leaving on the 10am ferry and returning on the 3:30pm ferry.

Cost: \$7.00

The rest of the days we will play, bake, go on hikes and relax!

## Weather Closure Policy

At our last Board of Director's meeting our weather policy was discussed. It was decided that we will follow the School District 72's weather closure policy and close our Centre when the schools close.

## Firewood Work bee

### Participating Parents

#### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 10-12

Recently there has been some trees taken down near our Children's Centre, we are welcome to use them for our firewood however we need to get this job done quickly. Given that, we are having a firewood work bee on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be chopping and moving rounds to our outside woodshed and filling our inside woodshed. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer of the preschool building.

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

## Tax Receipt

Childcare fees are a tax deductible expense. If you require a tax receipt for 2016 we will be happy to provide one upon request.