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### Important Dates

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 29th @ 6:30pm

#### Community Kitchen

Wednesday, May 10,

last Community Kitchen for this season.

Please send a \$2 donation.

#### Victoria Day Closure

Monday, May 22nd

#### May Day

#### Float Decorating

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

#### May Day Parade

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am-

Parade starts @ 10a.m.



#### Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

## ~ May 2017 Newsletter ~

### Children's Centre Happenings

The children continue to explore the recycled materials offered to them in the kitchen room. Some of the common threads we have seen are: boxes used for collecting treasures, practicing their scissor skills and the introduction of a zip line. To support these threads we will be unpacking the boxes and asking the children how they may sort out the treasures. This way they will have the chance to revisit their thoughts as they gathered the treasures and give us insight as to how they view materials and how they would sort them. Classifying materials helps children develop cognitive skills such as planning and prioritizing and organisation, skills necessary for math literacy. The zip line hung in the kitchen created excitement as the children tried it out and tried to hang different objects on the line.

In May we will begin growing scarlet runner beans in ziplock bags on the large window in the kitchen. Growing them this way will allow the children to see how they grow. In past years the children have recorded their bean's growth by drawing the changes they observe or representing them with plasticine. Possible outcomes include: measuring their beans which introduces them to mathematical concepts; develop an interest in biology and botany; an awareness of symbols being used to represent ideas, a form of early reading and writing literacy. Eventually we will plant the beans around the horseshoe bed and create a bean teepee for the children to play in.

### Second Step

We will now be teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> Step program to the children on Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 1p.m. We feel this will best serve our group as the program is becoming harder for our younger children to follow. This month we are moving onto Unit 2, Impulse Control. *Problem solving and behavioral skills training* are the teaching strategies that help children stop and think through a problem rather than doing the first thing that comes to mind. *Problem solving* applies a strategy to use in any interpersonal conflict. *Behavioral skills training* provides individual sets of skills formulated for specific target behaviors such as "joining in" or "interrupting politely". Problem solving describes a cognitive process while behavioral skills training, supplies a list of specific overt behaviors. Both strategies utilize similar techniques: modeling, role playing, performance feedback, reinforcement and transfer of training. We will be reinforcing the lessons in our daily interactions with others so our younger children will be experiencing our role modeling of the behavioral skills.

## Quadra Kids News

We have been very blessed in April in regards to the weather as most days after school there has been sunshine. This leads the children to be outside doing what they love best – playing! They play in the mud kitchen mixing and cooking; they play in the forest making forts; they play in the sandbox building and creating; they play imaginative games created from equipment that is typically used for other things. Play is truly magical. It allows the children to be present in the moment and to have the freedom to choose what is important to them and express it.

Inside, we have completed our handmade paper mural using the various papers we made. It turned out beautiful. The children are very pleased with it. They worked on it for several weeks in small groups and were inspired by each other's creativity. Sue Anderson's daffodils have just finished and she brought in the stems and faded flowers for us to make paper with. Thanks Sue! We have started the process by cutting them and cooking them. Now we will pulverize them, add them to water and pull sheets of paper. It will be interesting to see how organic materials make handmade paper versus using recycled paper. The children continue to create things using the hot glue gun and the array of rich materials available to them. Thanks to James and his family for the ongoing donations of materials for our creations.

### Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, June 25 @ 6p.m.**

To ensure our eligibility for funding we need our families to be at this meeting. A sufficient amount of members must be present to receive \$15,500 in gaming funds.

There will be a slideshow of the comings and goings of both programs and we will share a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and utensils.

This really is a lovely, entertaining, yummy and important gathering!

### Sunscreen and Hats

We eagerly await the sunny days to come in May! With that in mind we request that you send your child with a **labelled hat** each day. On the sunny days we will apply sunscreen, if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen please let us know. We would appreciate a \$4 donation from each family which can be put in the bin beside the sign-in sheet. Thank you.

### Annual Butterfly Release

Another special event you and your family can be involved in is the 2nd Annual Butterfly Release. We will be raising butterflies again at the Centre, in coordination with several childcare centers in C.R., which will be released at the Campbell River Education Centre, on Sunday May 28th. This project symbolizes a child's growth and development during the time we spend with them, while supporting them so they can eventually fly by themselves.

### Welcome to

- Quinn May and family

### Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

We ask that you return your sold books of raffle tickets when completed.

The draw date is May 31 and our goal is to sell all of the tickets! Raffle ticket books must be returned by Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

### May Day – Celebrating Canada

This year's May Day theme is "Celebrating Canada". Each year it is exciting to see how our teachers, parents and children will interpret and display the theme on our float.

We will enter a float in the May Day parade, but we can't do it without your support. We need parents to help us decorate the float on the Friday night before the parade, Friday May 26th, and to help take down the float before heading to the May Day celebrations (Once you have collected your child from the float, if you stay for a few minutes and help with the take down it usually happens quickly and smoothly). A sign-up sheet for the float decorating and take down is posted in the welcome area on the parent participation board. This will be voluntary and will not count towards your participation hours. Also if you are interested in riding on the float with your child, please let us know.