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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 27th @ 7:00pm

Quadra Elementary School Closure

Student Led Conference Day
Thursday, November 9th

Quadra Kids will be open from 7:30-6pm

Remembrance Day Closure



We will be closed on Monday,
October 9th for
Remembrance Day

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, Nov.8 & 22

Please send a \$2 donation



November 2017 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

October gave us some fantastic weather which we took full advantage of. During our abundance of outdoor time, we have been up to all kinds of fun. Your children have been nourished by tomatoes, kale, beans and carrots while helping to put the garden to rest for the winter. Our bounty of carrots amazed us this year; one idea we have had is to use them in a Stone Soup (a favorite story of ours). Early in December we will be asking children to choose a veggie to bring from home to contribute to the soup that will be shared during snack times. Yummy! Also during our outdoor time, the children have been noticing and enjoying the changes that fall brings to the natural world around us. We have been spending time in the fields and trails. With more moisture in the air and a few rainy days, the children continue to be mesmerized with water play in the mud kitchen and sandbox. We would like to take this opportunity to give you a friendly reminder that your child comes to the centre equipped with labelled, weather appropriate clothing: muddy buddies or snow pants, rain or snow jacket, boots, hat and mittens along with a spare set of clothing every day. Thank you for supporting our love of the outdoors!

When we aren't romping about outside, we have continued to offer paint improvisations for the children to invent and create with indoors. Our observation of an interest in the fluidity of paint has led to encounters where the children have had a chance to explore pouring, blowing, scraping, sponging, absorbing, and squeezing the paint onto a variety of different surfaces with a variety of tools. As educators, we make a conscious effort to allow the children's natural tendencies to emerge as we try to stand back and watch carefully to begin a process of interpretation. Our collaborative interpretations allow us to follow through with growing their relationships with paint in meaningful ways. You may have noticed that these explorations can get pretty messy, if there is particular clothing that you are attached too, it may be best to save it for home. We encourage you to follow our documentation posted in the kitchen room and share with us your observations and insights. Some questions we ponder include: How do the materials we offer (brushes, sponges, pipettes, easel and all other props) work together to motivate these paint assemblages? How do they break into parts and how do they reconvene again? How do they hold together and prevail? What possibilities arise from these alliances? (Ketchabaw, Kind and Kocher 2017 p48).

We ask these questions to extend our own learning. We share this with you to begin a conversation because as the parents of these children we seek your knowledge and insights as a valuable part of this process; after all, you know your children best and they will greatly benefit from your interest in their experiences!

Quadra Kids News

Our bowling fieldtrip was a very fun outing on the last Pro-D Day. We were blessed to be able to walk in the sun to the bowling alley and along the way we stopped and ate our lunches in the middle common area at the Thrifty's mall. Much to our delight there is an amazing electric train to watch in the dentist's window. The children delighted in figuring out which mountain the train would come out of next. The weather was not so co-operative on the hike home but your children are troopers and they did it with no complaining. Thursday, Nov. 9 is student led conferences at Quadra Elementary so we will be staying close by so families can take their child when needed to the conferences.

The beautiful October weather had us spending lots of time outdoors. The sandbox and mud kitchen are still a favorite among the children along with the climbing structure.

Our Halloween party was a lot of fun. We played Ghost Bingo, did marble painting, had a few favorite stories, a yummy snack and ended it with a rhyming treasure hunt for candy. Whoo Hoo!



Change of Season

Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 5th. With this in mind we would like to encourage you to have a conversation with your children regarding the fact that with the season change it will gradually become much darker, earlier. If a child is used to his/her pick-up occurring in the daylight he or she might become concerned that it is dark out and their parents have not arrived. Having age-appropriate discussions such as this can alleviate a child's unnecessary fears.

Quadra Kids Pick-Up

With the darker days ahead please feel free to come through the preschool building to pick up your children from Quadra Kids program. We will have the porch light on between the two buildings.

Weather Closure Policy

The Centre will follow the School District 72's weather closure policy and close our Centre when the schools close. You may check for notices on the School District 72's web page, www.sd72.bc.ca and the Children's Centre will post our closure on our Facebook page. We will also call each family that has a child enrolled for that day to let them know we are not opening.

December Enrollment

Policy Reminder

Along with your November billing you will also receive a December Enrollment Policy. It is very different from our regular monthly enrollment so we ask you to read the policy and please **submit your December/1st week of January enrollment request no later than Monday, November 20th**. You may submit this by email or by filling out the specific December enrollment form in the file folder located in the preschool building foyer. We sincerely appreciate everyone's timeliness with this.

Welcome to...

- Vince & Seth Denis and family
- Cassie Ensa and family
- Scarlett Blum and family
- Gwen Black and family



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