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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 28th @
6:30pm

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, Nov.9 & 23

Please send a \$2 donation please.

This is a delightful outing,
feel free to join us.

Remembrance Day

Closure

Friday, November 11th



Goods and Services Auction

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Saturday, November 5th @ 7pm

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT
YOUR CHILDCARE CENTRE!**

~November 2016 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

One of the highlights in October was our trip to Fire Hall #1. We walked through the Community Centre trail to the Hall where we were greeted by Fire Chief Sharon Clandening and her team. We were given the full tour of the station including one of the fire trucks. We practiced crawling under a blanket which represented smoke and what to do if our clothes were on fire - STOP, DROP and ROLL. Special thanks to Claire's Daddy, Graham, who lead the tour and to Finn's Daddy, Evan, who dressed up in his full gear for us.

We participated in Shake Out B.C. on Thursday, October 20th. We talked about what an earthquake might be like and practiced crawling under the tables, holding on to the table legs and waiting for the shaking to stop. Some of your children may have more questions about earthquakes, please take time to listen to their questions and answer them as best you can with age appropriate responses. It is important that you discuss with your child where they can crawl and hide in each room of your house as you might not be able to get to them straight away.

In both of these emergencies you can help your child be prepared by having a flashlight in their bedroom and practice your family evacuation plan.

The majority of the children here love playing with Lego; making ships that they then use in their dramatic play. They are engaged during the building process which shows us that they find it challenging, rewarding and satisfying. With this in mind we have begun to offer the children pieces of wood for them to create things that are more permanent. However, instead of focusing on the end product, we are more interested in the process the children go through in learning more about the wood. Some children may need more experience with the material: to explore its properties, and practice their ideas before deciding what they really want to make. Therefore we are going to slow the whole process down in several ways:

- Much of the wood is rough and splintered, so we will sand it.
- We will offer the wood without glue to foster exploration.
- We will sort the wood.
- We will build collaborative structures.

Please take time to read our documentation of their learning.

Quadra Kids News



Our Halloween party was a great success, we enjoyed a variety of games and crafts including: pin the mouth on the pumpkin, telephone scare, monster charades and a scavenger hunt with a candy bag reward, naturally! Quadra Kids made a very generous donation to our preschool program. Their skillfully made "Minion Bob" piñata was enthusiastically received and used at their Halloween Party. Thanks Quadra Kids!

Our second trip to "On the Rocks Climbing Gym" was again thoroughly enjoyed by the kids. When given the option of taking the short 5 minute bus trip back to the ferry or the long half hour ride it was an overwhelming YES to the long trip. Quadra Kids LOVE to ride the bus!

Using a variety of materials, we continue to make structures and then, taking it to the next level, the children "test" these handmade creations. Physics has been widely tested when they attempt to launch the objects, at first with limited success and then tweaking their object to gain more distance. We are in huge need of more materials: paper rolls, springs, boxes, etc. so that they can continue their explorations in physics. Please keep this in mind before recycling or putting those "seemingly useless" items in the trash.

On Thursday, November 17th is a Parent Teacher Interview Day at the school, we will be staying close to home at Quadra Kids.

December Enrollment Policy

For the month of December we require that all families submit an enrollment form, these requests are due on Monday, November 21st however we would appreciate you submitting your form as soon as possible. We will base our Christmas closure around families enrollment needs.

The School winter closure is from Monday, December 19th through Monday, January 2nd. Schools re-open on Tuesday, January 3th.

We will be closed on Monday, Dec.26th, Tuesday, Dec.27th and Monday, Jan.2nd. Our complete holiday closure will be posted as soon as we have received all of the December Enrollment forms. **A reminder that changes made to enrollment in December will not be reimbursed.**

Important Reminder

With the inclement weather truly upon us we really need the parents support in labelling all of your children's items. It can be a nightmare sorting through the cubby and woodstove area at pick up time and very challenging for the teachers at transitions. Please label everything! Thank you.

Banking E-Transfers

We accept payments through email with interact e-transfers. You can do this through your online banking where you will select an interact e-transfer on your payments page.

The information you will need is:

1. Quadra Children's Centre
2. quadrachildrenscentre@telus.net
3. (250)-285-3511
4. Send transfers by email
5. Security Question: How do children learn?
Answer: Play
6. Put in the amount of payment.

A service charge may apply.

Welcome to ...

- Felix Richardson and Family
- Brynn Milek and Family

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

