

~ October 2017 Newsletter ~

Children's Centre Happenings

We provide a wide variety of materials to the children for them to express their ideas and thought processes. These materials can provoke memories, tell stories, inspire reactions and communicate theories that the children have. For the children to be able to represent their ideas and develop their thought processes through the use of materials they need to develop a relationship with the materials and build an understanding of the properties of those materials. Each child is different, they each have their own special way in which they learn and figure out the world around them through play. Experimentation with materials allows the child to learn in their own way and in their own time.

Inspired by the book Material Encounters, we have embarked on an experiment as a staff to explore ways of offering materials to the children in ways that challenge them to experiment with the materials to deepen their understanding of them. "As educators, we tend to understand materials from a scientific, rational, or functional viewpoint and through predictable properties of colour, shape, density, mass, friction, and gravity. Further, our understandings of materials are shaped by deeply rooted cultural dichotomies-animate/inanimate, active/passive, self/other, to name a few." But what if the human role in shaping materials is not as central as we believe? What if materials shape us as much as we shape them? How might we experience materials differently if we acknowledge them as joint participants in our interactions with them? What happens when we choose to see materials, not as lifeless objects, but as events?" (Kind 2014, p.1) We will be observing the children to see how they interact with the materials and how the materials interact with them. We have chosen paint to begin with and have so far observed that the children use their skin to learn about the properties paint has to offer. Please visit the large display board in the kitchen to see the documentation of some of the experiments the children have embarked upon to understand this versatile material. Running along-side this exploration into paint we will continue to harvest the bounty from our garden. We recently had a very rich experience picking and juicing the grapes from our vines. You will find documentation of this experience in the hallway.

Holidays in October

From Monday, October 2nd through Friday, October 13th Dee McPhee will be on holidays. In her absence Barbara Clark will be acting as our Administrative Director and working in the Quadra Kids program. Following that Barbara will be on holidays from Monday, October 16th through Friday, November 3rd.



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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 23rd @ 7:00pm

Quadra Kids Reminder

Pro-D Day

Friday, October 20th

Thanksgiving Closure

We will be closed on Monday, October 9th to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Community Kitchen

Wednesday, Oct. 11 & 25

Please send a \$2 donation



Quadra Kids News

It has been a wonderful and busy transition from the lazy days of summer to school days and the start of fall. The children are figuring out their roles with the older children gone. There are decisions to be made – like who gets the older children's fort...hmmm. They were very generous with this decision and decided that all children can play in the fort. The new children are figuring out our space and how to interact within it. The older children have been very helpful in assisting the new children in learning our routines.

Each September the children are reminded that eating their protein at lunch is very important to be a great learner at school. It has become apparent at our snack time that often some children are not eating very much lunch at school. Please revisit this with your child and stress the importance of focussing on eating when it is lunch time at school. Outside we are enjoying playing Cupcake Monster Tag on the climber, riding bikes, catching bugs and making mud creations in the mud kitchen. Inside we have enjoyed hot wheels, art materials, and of course the perennial favorite – plasticine.

Friday, October 20th is another Pro-D Day at Quadra Elementary. Q-Kids will be open for the full day. We will venture over to CR to go bowling. Please watch for more details as we get closer to the date.



Mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending this entertaining and nummy evening at the Heriot Bay Inn in Herons Restaurant. There will be a two course meal, an outstanding and diverse line-up of entertainment and a Silent Auction.

Tickets are \$55+ tax and you can reserve your table by calling the Heriot Bay Inn at 285-3322

36% of the ticket sales go directly to the Children's Centre and profits from the Auction go directly to us.

We rely on these fundraisers to help us keep our childcare fees affordable for our families, to support our operational costs and financial well-being! Please help spread the word to friends and family and let's make this our best fall into winter to date!

Halloween Party



Tuesday, October 31st from 10-11:30

Please join us for our Halloween festivities!
There will be games, stories, costumes and a very special visitor that you will not want to miss!
Everyone is welcome.

Shake Out B.C.

We will be participating in the 7th annual ShakeOutBC province wide drill on Thursday, October 19th @ 10:19a.m. This standard drill and evacuation uses simple steps to inform all teachers and children how to perform Drop, Cover and Hold-On – a quake-safe action that is designed to protect lives and prevent injuries in a quake.

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