



## Newsletter October 2021 – Parksville & Qualicum Beach

Dear Qualicum Parents,

It's hard to believe September has already flown by. The children have all been settling into our new location nicely and seem to be enjoying the new materials and outside play space. We'd like to welcome all the new and returning friends and families to our Bright Star family and thank you for your patience and support during the transition from Parksville to Qualicum Beach.

Throughout the year we will be learning a new letter each week. In September we learnt the letters **A** and **B**. With the letter **A** we learnt about apples, from how they grow to tasting some delicious home-grown apples from Momma Linda's apple trees. With the letter **B** we discussed all things which begin with the letter **B**. Many friends drew pictures of bears and berries.

As the trees and their leaves are changing colours the children created beautiful fall wreaths from leaves, they collected outside. As their curiosity for fall has grown, we have created a nature themed science area in our classroom. We have leaves, pinecones, and acorns on display, while also observing how colours mix with paper and water.

In October we will be celebrating thanksgiving and Halloween.

For Thanksgiving we will be talking all about what we are thankful for and how we can follow our golden rule 'being kind and helpful'.

For Halloween we will be having 2 celebrations:

On THURSDAY OCT 28<sup>th</sup> children will be asked to dress up in a costume of their choice. We will be having a dance party, Halloween party games and Halloween crafts.

On FRIDAY OCT 29<sup>th</sup> children will be asked to dress up as a grandma or grandpa as we will be going to Berwick nursing home for an outside Halloween parade for the elderly.

Birthdays at Bright Star QB

As our friends celebrate their birthdays, we would love to celebrate with them. Please bring in photos of your child from birth to their current age so we can have a wonderful birthday circle to celebrate them.

\*Please see the Reminder's section on the last page of the newsletter

Dear Parksville Parents,

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding with our continuing Covid protocols. Hopefully everyone has received the policy about when to keep your children at home. We are all doing our best to maintain a healthy and safe environment and really appreciate the continued support and understanding of our parents.

It has been great getting to know the new children and their families over the past few weeks. The children are settling in and we anticipate continued progress as new friendships form and new bonds are made.

We have started our alphabet introductions with the letter **A**. For the letter **A** we talked about parts of the apple and explored apple varieties. We made apple prints and decorated apples to match the varieties that were introduced.

### Study Topics

In October we will be talking about Fall and the changing of the seasons. We will go on short nature walks to look for signs of fall.

For Thanksgiving we will talk about how much we have to be thankful for and will enjoy individual snacks as a group. Sadly, we are not able to do a potluck as originally planned.

We will continue to introduce a new letter sound on a weekly basis.

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### Halloween Celebration

On Friday Oct 29 we will have a morning Halloween party. Children are welcome to come in costume and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Sadly, we will not be able to do a communal snack but are planning some extra crafts and games for the children. Please no costumes that involve weapons and no picture taking.

### Lost and Found

We will have a lost and found out for 1 week starting Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. A few things left over from summer, as well as found in our storage room. Please look and pick up anything that belongs to your child. After Oct 8<sup>th</sup> any items left over will be donated.

### Plant/Flower Program

We will be starting a plant/ flower program to bring more nature into the class. Each week we will welcome either cut flowers (for the children to arrange) or a small potted plant (for the children to care for). A sign-up sheet will be posted near the door if you would like to participate. We appreciate any donations of large flowerpots to be put outside our doors (heavy enough to remain outside)

In closing we just wanted to say how thankful we are to all our families for this time in your child's life. We value their individuality, creativity, and passion for learning.

Sincerely,  
Miss Linda, Miss Kate, Miss Juhee, Miss Rita & Miss Lindsay  
Miss Holly, Miss Michelle, Miss Rema & Miss Linda H

## **REMINDER'S – Parkville & Qualicum Beach**

### Upcoming Dates

Friday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - Classroom Thanksgiving Celebration  
Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL  
Friday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL  
Friday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Celebrations (Qualicum 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - Observations  
Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences -NO SCHOOL

A sign-up sheet will be posted beside the entrance door 1 week prior to conferences.  
We ask that parents wear masks for their interview time.

### Arrival, Dismissal & Safety

Thank you to parents for keeping your goodbyes brief and at the classroom door. It has been our experience that short, happy goodbyes are always the easiest way for your child to transition into the class. Once a child has been dismissed from our care, we would ask that parents be extra vigilant about supervision in and around the parking lot. As we share our school grounds with several different programs there can be unexpected vehicles that are not always as watchful as we would hope.

### Weather changes

As we get deeper into fall, we would just like to remind families that we will be going outside to play daily unless it is pouring rain. Please ensure that your child has appropriate rain gear including muddy buddies, raincoats, and boots. (Please ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name.)

We also need to ensure that each child has a full change of clothes at school. (Please ensure that each item is labelled with your child's name)

### Additional Fee's

**Any additional fees are to be paid via e transfer to: [info@brightstarmontessori.ca](mailto:info@brightstarmontessori.ca)**

Fees for drop in (existing children only, less than 5 days/week programs):  
Full day \$50/day, Extended Day \$40/day, Half day \$30/day

Additional hour to any program will be \$10/day

Late pick up fee \$1/minute

\$25 late payment fee if the payment will be received after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month

\$20 not sufficient funds fee if the bank returns the transfer.