



April 2022 - Parksville Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe it is already April! The children have all grown and matured so much as many of them approach their kindergarten year. We have welcomed some new families and really appreciate the children being so great at helping new friends become familiar with the classroom routines. They truly are amazing.

St. Patrick's Day gave us the opportunity to learn a little more about Ireland and Irish culture. We enjoyed a little Irish dancing, and decorated shamrocks.

We continued our letter studies with L M, and N

Study Topics

We will continue to learn more about the countries of Europe and invite show and tells that help us explore different cultures.

In Easter week, we will enjoy dying Easter eggs, making our Easter baskets, and hunting for treasures.

We are also looking forward to some spring planting. We will resume our Flower/Plant program with the children and are thinking about putting in some raised garden beds – potentially a family event for Earth Day (April 22nd) – details to follow!

Date Reminders:

Friday, April 1st: Summer Program Enrollment is OPEN (Deadline to enroll is April 21st)

Friday, April 15th: NO SCHOOL- Good Friday

Monday April 18th: NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

Friday, April 29th: NO SCHOOL – Parent /Teacher Phone Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Friday, April 29th there will be NO regular classes to allow us to do phone interviews with parents. A sign-up sheet for times will be posted 1 week prior.

Canada Food Guide Recommendations

Thank you to families who provide a wide variety of food options for your child's lunch and snacks. We strongly support more fruits and vegetables. We also want to encourage garbage-free lunches wherever possible. Also, we would like to remind parents to please cut grapes in half before sending them to school. Uncut they are a high-risk choking hazard.

Reminder: Thanks for keeping our center nut and peanut free.

Warm weather sunscreen and hats

Just a reminder that as the weather warms up, we will be spending more time outdoors. Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school daily and that they have had sunscreen applied before they arrive. If your child is here for the extended day or full day program, we ask that they bring sunscreen that can be applied in the afternoon. It may also be helpful to dress your child in layers in case our afternoons are considerably warmer than our mornings.

Pick up playtime:

As the weather warms up, we understand that families like to connect at pick up time and allow their children to continue playing. We would appreciate parents asking their children to stay within the defined school boundaries. The children that are waiting to be picked up are confused when they see their classmates going beyond the designated boundaries to play. If you need clarification on what the boundaries are please chat with the teachers.

Communication:

If you need to reach the teachers directly, please call the school at 250-586-0018 and leave us a voicemail. We do check voicemails throughout the day and will do our best to return your calls when time permits. Alternatively, call or text the school cell phone: 250-228-5923. The school email address for our Island administrator Lindsay is: island@brightstarmontessori.ca

In closing we would all like to thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Miss Linda & Miss Kate
Miss Juhee, Miss Rita & Miss Katie
Miss Rema, Miss Alicia & Miss Lindsay



April 2022 - Qualicum Beach Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

April is here! April showers bring May flowers, so please check the weather daily and dress your child accordingly. We ask that parents label as much as possible to eliminate any lost belongings.

Many of the children have now been with us since September and are very accustomed to the program and routines. We are encouraging the children as much as possible to be independent and responsible of their own bodies and belongings. In the practical life area of our classroom, we have a variety of different dressing frames, these frames help teach the children to master one skill at a time and use their learned skill and apply them to their lives through dressing themselves, helping friends, etc.

March

In March we continued our letter works with the letters O, P and Q. We also spoke about Asia, and learnt about the different animals living there, the different kinds of food and listened to music from lots of countries. Many children painted flags from countries in Asia which will be sent home with them. The children love to learn about different cultures and asked many questions to further their knowledge.

On March 17th (ST. Patrick's day) we had a visitor in the classroom, a mysterious little man created quite the mess with gold coins and jewels, but the children were very helpful ensuring we got our classroom back to how it should be. The leprechaun gave each child an envelope with some gold coins for their piggy bank, and stickers.

April

In April we will continue our letter work and make our way around the world learning about Europe. If your child has something to share from Europe, please feel free to allow the child to bring the item to school. Please ensure these items are not toys.

For Earth Day (Friday, April 22nd) this year we will going on a FIELD TRIP to Arbutus Meadows Farm. We have a sign-up form located at our classroom door with additional information. We will be sending home a permission form which must be signed and returned BEFORE Thursday, April 14th if you wish for your child to attend. Please attach the \$5.50 fee for your child to the permission form.

Upcoming dates

Thursday April 14th - Easter Celebration

Friday April 15th – NO SCHOOL

Monday April 18th – NO SCHOOL

Friday April 22nd – Field trip to Arbutus Meadows Farm

Friday April 29th – Deadline for summer program registration. (Email Lindsay)

Reminders

Our school building is a scent free zone. Please ensure your children are following this school district policy.

Please guarantee your child is picked up by their program end time. We are unfortunately being asked to police late fees which can make things very uncomfortable. Our late fees are \$1 per minute. If you are aware you will be late for pick up minimum 1 day prior please contact Lindsay and she can talk with you about options. Thank you for your understanding.

Teachers

In March we have had a new Teacher joining us to help with lunch coverage. We would like to formally introduce Miss Maria. Miss Maria has taken and passed her responsible adult course and is looking forward to spending time with us all in our classroom.

Thank you,

Miss Holly

Miss Michele

Momma Linda

Miss Maria