



May 2022 Newsletter - Parksville

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is already May. 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 used to the classroom routines. They truly are amazing.

In Easter week, we especially enjoyed dying Easter eggs, making our Easter baskets, and hunting for treasures that the Easter Bunny left.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday May 6 – Mother's Day Celebrations 230pm (Room 1) & 330pm (Room 2)
Monday, May 23- Victoria Day- **NO SCHOOL**
To Be Announced - Class Photo Day

Earth Day

Thank you to the families for their time and donations to the start of our community garden. The children are really enjoying plant classification and are looking forward to having fresh fruits and vegetables to pick.

Community Garden

Over the next few weeks, we are planning to have some raised garden beds built so that our seedlings can be transplanted. We are hoping that families will enjoy tending the garden with their children and experiencing the joys of growing our own food.

Mother's Day Tea

On Friday May 6th we are hosting a Mother's Day tea in the gym. Miss Linda and Miss Kate's class will be hosting at 2:30pm. Miss Juhee and Miss Rita's class will be hosting at 3:30pm. If your child does not typically attend on a Friday, please drop them off at their respected classes 15 minutes prior to the start of their teatime. Looking forward to hosting Moms and/or Grandma's for this annual event. We will post a sign-up list so we know how many guests will be attending. Lastly unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate siblings (except for babes and arms)

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.

Labeling clothing and personal items

Thank you to families for labeling personal items. We are doing our best to help the children keep track of their personal belongings but inevitably find items that are lost and unidentifiable.

Class Photo Day

Our class pictures are in the process of being scheduled. The date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed with the photographer. If your child does not normally attend on the day it is booked, it would be great if they could come with a parent for approximately 30 minutes so that we can include everyone.

In closing we would just like to say thanks again for all of the support of our families. Your children are highly valued, and we appreciate sharing this time with them.

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



May 2022 Newsletter – Qualicum Beach

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe May is here, time really does fly when you're having fun, and we had lots of fun in April. Thank you to all the amazing support we have felt from parents with the ever-changing world we live in. We are incredibly lucky to live on this island.

April

In April we focused lots on the outside world. We learnt about a variety of animals, wild, farm and pets. Our farm visit was amazing and not only did the children love the experience, but the teachers did too. Arbutus Meadows is a truly hidden gem and a huge thank you to the staff at Arbutus Meadows for hosting us. Please visit them on your own time and support this local farm and business.

With the children's curiosity blooming after the farm and we have begun to learn all about birds. From where they live to the size of their eggs. If your child has something bird related and would like to share it with the class, please feel free to allow them to bring it in for show and tell. Please do not send stuffys or toys. Books, feathers, anything from nature are all welcome. 😊

In April we celebrated Easter which already feels like a lifetime ago. The children created many easter themed crafts, easter games, and even a small easter hunt in the classroom.

May

As April was so busy, we will continue our lessons 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.

Mother's Day is on May 8th, we will be having a Mother's Day celebration on Thursday May 5th. Unfortunately, we will NOT be having an in-person event but don't worry the children will be bringing home lots of special things for you.

We will be having our school photos on MAY 18TH, please ensure your child is at school BEFORE 9AM on photo day as photos will begin at 9am. If your child is graduating, they will have the opportunity to take photos in their cap and gown.

Observations will be held May 16th-19th. Parent teacher interviews will be held on May 20th. Sign-up sheets for both will be placed outside of the classroom for you to sign up. Please choose 1 time slot per child. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS THAT DAY.

Upcoming dates

Thursday MAY 5th – Mother's Day Celebration

Monday MAY 16th – 19th – OBSERVATIONS

Wednesday MAY 18th – School Photo Day

(CHILDREN MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 9AM AT THE LATEST)

Friday MAY 20th – Parent Teacher Interviews **(SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**

Monday MAY 23rd – Victoria Day **(SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**

Teachers

Miss Michele left us at the end of April, and we wish her the best of luck in the future. Miss Maria is still with us supporting us for lunch break coverage and Mumma Linda will still be with us on Thursdays and Fridays. For now, Miss Lindsay from Parksville will be coming to QB to support us until further notice.

Reminders

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. These are school policy rules not personal rules. Thank you for your understanding.

We are encouraging the children to be as independent as possible with their bodies and belongings. We ask that parents try to allow this at home too. What this can look like is following through with them cleaning up after themselves before moving onto something else, allowing the opportunity to dress themselves with easy to do clothing and shoes, trusting their ability to do more than we think regarding practical life skills (example: using real plates and cutlery, carrying glass, assisting in the kitchen using real utensils) and following the child's interests.

As the weather is getting warmer, please send your child with a LABELLED sunhat and LABELLED sunscreen. We will be applying sunscreen on sunny days before we go outside in the AM and PM.

Thank you,

Miss Holly

Mumma Linda

Miss Maria

Miss Lindsay (Parksville)