



Newsletter October 2022- Qualicum Beach

Dear Qualicum Beach Parents,

With September behind us we are looking forward to what October holds. We appreciated your understanding on the unusual circumstances surrounding the Queens memorial this past month. As the weather will be changing, please be aware that we follow all SD 69 extreme weather closures example, storms/snow.

Study Topics

This past month the children learned the letters **A** and **B**. We studied the continent of North America, learning which animals can be found there, we talked about the different cultures of countries around North America and how we call North America our home!

During the month of October, we will focus on the letters **C, D AND E**. We will continue our classroom discussions about the changing leaves and weather as fall arrives. We have some exciting activities planned for the children like pumpkin carving, a field trip to the fire hall, and leaf painting.

Please check out our school Facebook page at Bright Star Montessori Qualicum Beach. We post updates and photos weekly; this is an easy way to see what classroom looks like for your child.

Weather changes

With the rainy season coming please send your child with labeled wet weather gear. See attached list of items which need to be kept at school.

Practicum Student

We are excited to announce that we will be having a practicum student joining us from Sprott Shaw College on October 11th. She will be with us for three weeks as she completes her observations and assignments. Please feel free to say hello and introduce yourself when you see her.

Halloween

MONDAY OCTOBER 31st we will have our Halloween party! Children will be asked to dress up in a costume of their choice. Please remember that we do not allow candy at school and ask that you keep it at home.

Thanksgiving Potluck

Some of you may have noticed we have a sign up on our door for a Thanksgiving Potluck. This will take place on Thursday October 6th. If you would like to bring something to share, please feel free to sign up. This potluck will be enjoyed by the children during lunch time so no need to pack a lunch that day, just food for their snacks.

Fire Hall Field Trip

On FRIDAY OCTOBER 14th we will be taking the children on a field trip to the fire hall for fire prevention week. Please know that if your child doesn't attend school on Fridays that we will have more field trips in the future as we try to alternate the days to ensure all the children get to go on a field trip. We will be walking there so we ask that children are dropped off by 9am at the latest as we will be leaving promptly at 9:30am. We would also like to ask that children have good walking shoes for this field trip.

Qualicum First Nation Kits

We are fortunate to have access to the beautiful Culture kits made by the Qualicum first Nations. They provide Aboriginal, Inuit, and Métis resources in different themed kits that are delivered every other month right to our classroom. In some cases, a Cultural Educator will come in and speak to the class about how to use the materials provided. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://aboriginalculturekits.com/>

Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Our school has been enrolled in the CCFRI program since the beginning, and a reduction is already applied to the tuition fee you are paying (see the current rates in the link below). The government announced an increase of the fee reduction starting December 2022. Once we will receive a written approval, we will adjust the tuition fee on the invoices in accordance with the new rates provided by CCERI. Parents do not need to apply for the fee reduction.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-provider-opt-in-status>

REMINDER'S

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Oct 6th - Classroom Thanksgiving Celebration

Monday, Oct. 10th - Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct 21st – Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 31st – Halloween Celebrations

*For future events and closures please see posted calendar outside the classroom door.

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.

Thank you,

Miss Holly, Miss Sierra & Miss Lindsay

PRINTABLE WET WEATHER WEAR CHECKLIST BELOW:

Wet Weather CheckList

(All labeled please)

- Rain pants
- Rain boots
- Waterproof coat
- Spare pants
- Spare socks
- Spare shirt
- Spare underwear