



Newsletter October 2022– Parksville

Dear Parksville Parents,

We are very grateful to continue our learning journey with returning families. It has also 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.

Study Topics

In October we will be talking about Fall and the changing of the seasons. We will be winterizing our garden area and invite family participation (details below)

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.

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)

A new Teacher

We have a new Early Childhood Education Assistant joining us in October, Miss Karen! With a background in teaching/French immersion, we are excited to have her join our classroom community and share her skills and knowledge with us.

Halloween Celebration

On Monday Oct 31st we will have a morning Halloween party. Children are welcome to come in costume and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. We will post a signup sheet for snack contributions that we look forwards to sharing. Please no costumes that involve weapons and no picture taking.

Garden Update:

Thank you to everyone who continues to help care for our garden. We have harvested tomatoes, green beans, yellow beans, peas, cucumbers, strawberries, kale, lettuce and more! Going forward we are still looking for: A garden Gate, Rain Barrell, and Outside cabinet/shelving.

We would also appreciate any offers to helps us winterize our garden. Please chat with the Teacher's if you might be able to help in this regard.

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

Friday, Oct 7th - Classroom Thanksgiving Celebration
Monday, Oct. 10th - Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, Oct 21st – Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL
Monday, Oct 31st – Halloween Celebrations

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 Karen & Ms Lindsay