



Parksville April 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

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.

Study Topics

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

Our letter studies will continue with the letters N, O and P

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

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday April 5: Multigenerational Easter celebration at Stanford Seniors Village

Thursday April 6: School Easter Celebration

Friday, April 7: NO SCHOOL- Good Friday

Monday April 10: NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

Wednesday, April 19 – Picture Day

Friday, April 21 – Earth Day Celebration

Stanford Seniors village

We have been invited to participate in an Easter Scavenger Hunt at Stanford Seniors Village on Wednesday April 5. We will walk from the school @ 9:45 and plan to return @ 11. We are really looking forward to connecting with the seniors and are hopeful that the children will all be well for our visit.

Picture Day

On Wednesday, April 19 we will be doing our class pictures. We hope to start with group shots and would like to start promptly at 9am. Individual and graduation photos will follow.

Plant and Flower Program

We invite families who would like to participate in our plant program to sign up for a day to bring a potted plant or cut flowers to the classroom. Small plants that can be

transplanted into our outdoor flower containers or our garden would also be an option at this time of year.

Garden Update

We have started planting seeds and are very excited to get growing now that spring is here! So far the seeds we have planted are: Snow Peas, Sweet Peas, Yellow Beans, Sunflower seeds (3 different varieties) cucumbers and tomatoes. Many of our plants are in small biodegradable containers that can go directly into the garden soon, some will be transplanted from plastic cups.

The children have been eager to participate in all aspects of the garden including mixing and scooping of the soil, picking out which seed to plant, and taking turns watering. We have transplanted some seedlings into the garden and explored the needs of the plants and whether they will grow in this colder season.

We have been discussing what plants need to grow and have been composting as well. We are hopeful to have some parent participation in whatever ways are meaningful to you and your child. We are willing to offer suggestions and invite suggestions to help grow our garden.

Earth Day Celebration Friday, April 21

In honour of Earth Day we will be having a work party to get our garden spruced up and ready for a new growing season. We welcome parents to come and spend a little time with your child digging, planting, watering, and beautifying our garden space. Please come anytime between 1130 to 1230 or between 3:00 and 4:30. We will have a list of options available for families to choose which activity they might feel most comfortable helping with.

Wish List

We have had our folding wagon taken from our garden area a couple of weeks ago. If anyone has a comparable wagon that they are not using we would be very happy to receive a gently used donation.

Communication changes

We would like to encourage parents to text our school cell phone when you want to reach the classroom or teachers directly. It is the best way for us to get your message in a timely manner and to minimize distractions during class time. Our school cell # is 250 228 5923.

As many of you know Miss Lindsay is no longer taking care of administrative matters for Bright Star Montessori. If you have any administrative questions please send an email to Adriana at island@brightstarmontessori.ca

Also parents are encouraged to stay up to date by checking out the Parents corner on our website brightstarmontessori.ca The user name is brightstar and the password is 3503

Sincerely,
Miss Linda, Miss Karen,
Miss Juhee, Miss Rita, Miss Evgeniia