



Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

May/June 2017

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

May has finally arrived and with that comes busy times. I've been meeting with the committees to arrange our Parade (June 3rd), Family Picnic (June 17th) and finally, Grad (June 23rd).

We are encouraging all families to join us and walk in the annual Pitt Meadows Parade. The theme is Red and White to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. We understand that kids miss out on getting their fair share of candy if they walk in the parade instead of watching, so as an incentive all participating kids will get their own GOODIE BAG of candy!!!! Please sign up and show your support for Discovery Playhouse!



The Family Picnic will be held at Harris Road Park June 17th from 11-1:30pm. Bring your own picnic and entertainment will be provided by the Society. Since this is the day before Father's Day we will be organizing a special game of Father against kid's soccer game starting at 11am! Fathers, watch out, those kids can be FIERCE!!! - more details to follow on Facebook and email.

Graduation for our children entering Kindergarten in September 2017 is fast approaching! Save the date June 23rd. It will be held in the gym of PME. More details to follow by email and Facebook.



We have started to plant some of our garden in the playground. Thank you for all the donations! The Preschool will be planting herbs, the Daycare helped me plant some flowers, and this week we will be planting seeds and watching for the peas, beans, and sunflowers to grow. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to see the garden grow! I'll be posting pictures capturing the transformation.

May 8th 7pm is the General Meeting located in the gym of PME. See you all then!

Rachel Hess



DAYCARE COLUMN

Hey there Daycare/Buzzing Bees families! Over the past month, the children have been interested in flowers, bugs, snakes, and of course, Easter! We had a super cool fieldtrip to the firehall, where they all had a turn going inside the firetruck and a fireman demonstrated what they look like with their gear on! Did you know they sound like Darth Vader when they breathe?

We also had a fun time with our Easter Party, where we enjoyed special treats at snack, dyed Easter Eggs, decorated cupcakes...and I heard that the Easter Bunny snuck by and left treats for the children to look for! Thank you for supplying us with the delicious snacks, and a special "Thank you" to Danielle and Jen for helping us out!

May came quickly and we are in preparation for Mother's Day Tea! If you are new to this experience, it is a special treat for all of you Mom's that the children are busy getting ready for! This is a day where we suggest you book a "dentist appointment" at work, so that you can be there. It is on Thursday May 11th at 3:00pm! If you are unable to make it, please see staff right away.



If your child is going into Kindergarten in September we will need a 4"x6" baby photo by May 26th. Please be sure to put your child's name on the back.

Our hot lunch menu has changed! We are excited to tell you that we have incorporated some new fun foods and your children are our top chefs! So far, we have made chef salad, Caesar salad, spaghetti, and chicken fried rice!



Some days ahead to mark on your calendar are:

May 4th- Visiting the seniors at Wesbrooke

May 8th- General Meeting 7pm at PME gym

May 11th- Mother's Day Tea 3pm

May 22nd- Victoria Day- center is closed

May 23rd- No Buzzing Bees (pro-d day for PME)

June 3rd- Pitt Meadows Day Parade

June 17th- Year End Picnic

June 22nd- Last day of Buzzing Bees

June 23rd- Graduation Ceremony for children going into kindergarten

Christina C, Christina H,

Sheryl, Emily

To my dad for fixing our sandbox. We appreciate your hard work!

Thank You!

PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Wow! As I'm putting this last newsletter of the year together I am realizing that the school year is almost at an end. Where did the time go?



We had a great educational fieldtrip at Rachel's chicken farm. We learned a lot about different types of chickens, how chickens must eat because they have no teeth, etc., and we got to hold a baby chick!

We have been busy preparing for Mother's Day Tea. We do NOT have preschool on the Tea Party day. You arrive with your child at your invite time. Just in case you have misplaced your invitation, here are the times:

M/W/F - Morning class - May 12 9:30am

M/W/F - Afternoon class - May 12 12:30pm

Tu/Th - Morning class - May 11 9:30am

Tu/Th - Afternoon class - May 11 12:30pm

Please, no siblings. If you cannot attend, please let a teacher know.

After Mother's Day Tea we are hoping to do some gardening and go on a Nature Walk to Hoffman Park. We will go to the park rain or shine. Let's hope that we will have good weather!

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Hopefully we will get warmer weather soon; when we do, please don't forget sunscreen. Also, flip flops are not the best shoes for the gym and outside. We hope to spend more time outside as the weather becomes nicer.

Since this is the last newsletter, Sonja and I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to everyone for all your work (duty days, committee work, and support). We wish everyone who is leaving us all the best in their next adventure, and for those who will be returning in September we look forward to seeing you again.

Have a great summer everyone!

Lori W and Sonja

ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

School is almost over! With the end of school the warmer weather appears to FINALLY be here. We have been enjoying this weather by spending more time at the park. We may even go to some of the local parks. If you don't know where to find us look beside the sign in book. It will say where we are and what time we will be getting back. We enjoy being outside so much that if we must go back early the children will complain to me. When we are outside, soccer remains a favorite. There is a rush every day to be the first one to use the soccer ball. When they get tired of soccer, California kickball has been popular. For those that do not know what that it is, it's a mix of soccer and baseball. The children also enjoy looking for worms and building a "village" for them in live in. All this outside play makes the children very thirsty so please bring water bottles, hats, sunscreen and weather appropriate clothes for them.

Back at the Centre we are up to many great activities. A garden has just been planted and we hope to learn about growing flowers and vegetables. Some of these vegetables will be used to make salads and other food. Although games like Chess and Stratego have remained somewhat popular, Marbleworks is the favorite right now. They have built so many great tracks and love to race marbles down them. They have even given their favorite marbles names like Captain Sparkles and Big Blue. The children are also making paper airplanes and have recently discovered the Rainbow Loom. Pretending to be different types of animals is also very popular.

If you ever want to see more about what we do in a day, check out our Facebook page. We try and put pictures up there often. There are some great ones of the activities I have mentioned above.

The summer is coming up soon. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so ASAP we are full in about half our weeks. We have so many great fieldtrips and activities planned for it. We are super excited for rock climbing and our trip to Rocky Point Park to name a few. We are working hard to plan and bring some great staff on board to make this an amazing summer for your children.

A big thank you to Kaelyn and Carina for all your help during Jane's absence. You rock!

If you have an question for me, feel free to call, email or talk to me in person. Last of all I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes on my recent marriage.

Rob & Jane

