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THE HOT WEATHER IS HERE!

Just a reminder to please send sunscreen and a hat for your child each day. We would also love to have a bathing suit and a towel here for your child so we can break out the sprinkler! If you like, we can keep these items at the Centre (labeled) for your child's daily use. We will wash your child's towel and bathing suit as needed. If you have not yet filled out a sunscreen permission form, please see Kristen! (you know she will find you otherwise!)

Please take this change of season as a great opportunity to go through your child's cubby and change out the extra clothing and inside shoes. It's time to bring those cooler inside shoes (fuzzy slippers aren't going to be so comfy in 30 degrees) and spare clothing. Some other suggestions for needed summer items: water bottles and sunglasses. Oh yeah. The kids definitely need sunglasses. ☺

LANGUAGE NEST

Our Language Nest Cultural Advisors Julia Lucas, Katherine Frazer and Joshua Shaw, helped the children make Mother's Day Cards and the Elders led the children in singing some new Nuu-chah-nulth songs and stories. The children have learned to count to 20 and to recognize colors and shapes in the language as well. Josh brought in salmon berry stalks for the children to try-we peeled the stems, careful of the thorns! And were able to sample a little bit of the tender green stems.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On June 7th our Teachers will be attending "Active Play for Children" (in the evening). We hope to learn some new skills to bring to the Centre and incorporate into our daily outdoor and indoor gross motor play routines.

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DAYCARE GRAND OPENING & PAFC 50 YEARS CELEBRATION

Thank you to everybody who came out and joined us for our Grand Opening and Celebration! We had a wonderful time ☺ The children worked hard on creating artwork to decorate our Centre and they even helped us make bannock for the special day!

ACTIVITIES

We have been busy in the 3-5 Room! Miss Bree and Miss Chloe planned and implemented a tremendous amount of activities for the children this past month. As you know, the children made vanilla-lavender bath salts and special cards for Mother's Day ☺. We hope you all had a lovely day! The children have been very interested in learning about trains. There were many opportunities for dramatic play around trains, lining up chairs and taking turns pretending to be the engineer while the friends take a ride, train prints, the children learned the "Goodbye Train" at circle time, and we took a walk to our local train station to check out the real deal ☺ We made Stone Soup (an old legend about community) and smoothies and we also planted a butterfly garden in the backyard. Some of our older children in the group have expressed an interest in learning to print their names and we have been helping them do that and also promoting name recognition with a children's version of the sign in board. The 3-5 classroom is bursting with life! If you haven't come inside lately, please pop in and see some of your children's artwork and check out our documentation boards of your children's day.

In the Infant/Toddler room, Miss Lisa and Miss Brianne have been busy creating their own documentation boards. We have boards showing the children doing art, making free choices, having snack and just chillin' with their buddies ☺ Please come in and check them out! The children made footprint "tweethearts" for Mother's Day, that was a blast! Lisa and Brianne are also working on name recognition with the children, and we have noticed the children have started to move on from doing buckles (mastered!!) to opening and closing the doors……aaand running out. Don't worry-we just changed all the door knobs to slow them down ☺ Lisa has introduced her "Food Club" where she gets to bring in exciting and new tastes and textures for the children to try. So far the children have sampled pineapple, kiwi, oysters, seaweed, and mini donuts. The Teachers have also made a couple of ventures out to the Harbor Quay with the group (a big hit!!).

Just a note—unless we have your specific signed permission, any photos of your child are displayed ONLY in the Child Care Centre for our specific use, they are NEVER published or shared.