

THE VOICE



Up and Away!

Housekeeping

1. Friday, April, 7th and Monday April, 10th: Statutory Holiday, centre closed.
2. Thursday, April, 20th: Tunes and Tots Begins (formerly Mother Goose).
3. Monday, April, 24th: Pro-D Day, no classes.
4. Thursday, April 27th: Spirit Day!



A Message From our Executive Director

Dear families, friends, and staff,

Happy April everyone! It is so nice that spring is here and that we are starting to get some nice weather. The cherry blossoms are in bloom and it is a beautiful time of year!

This month's theme is all about spring and the changes that come with it. Children will explore such concepts as the different plants and animals that come to life in the spring and the different types of weather spring brings. The nice weather also means we will be spending more time outside, so please ensure your child comes prepared for the weather. If you have any questions, please touch base with your child's teacher.

Some of the fun activities we have planned this month include our annual Easter egg hunt taking place on April 6th, and come the end of the month our butterfly kits will arrive. For the past few years the children have had the opportunity to experience the beautiful butterfly lifecycle by nurturing caterpillars and watching them transform into majestic butterflies. This activity provides great opportunities to learn about the butterfly lifecycle, spark creative conversations, and build vocabulary. Once the butterflies transform the children will get to release them into the community.

Lastly, we are very excited to announce that we will be holding our big 60th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Centre. This will be an incredible opportunity to come together with friends and family both past and current and celebrate our 60 years of excellence. More details will be coming out shortly, but please save the date!

Have a wonderful April everyone!

Warmest regards,



Dawn McKenna
Executive Director



CHSC First Words Farm Day

by Konika Kakar (SLP)

On March 30th, our First Words Program held our Spring Event on Maplewood Farm in North Vancouver. Parents, along with their infants and toddlers, visited the farm for a fun and enjoyable opportunity to see friendly farm animals and meet other parents.

We gathered at the picnic shelter, and it was hard to miss our morning announcement by the rooster’s loud “cock-a-doodle-doo!” We sang Old MacDonald Had a Farm on our way to each animal. The parents really enjoyed seeing their kids having fun.

Our families brought fresh vegetables from home to feed to the cute little bunnies and guinea pigs along with their kids. Want to know the secret to get your kids to eat their broccoli and kale? Let them feed the bunnies with them first.



CHSC First Words Farm Day Continued...

by Konika Kakar (SLP)

Luckily, the weather was on our side and it was a beautiful sunny day. We were able to spread out our blankets on the grass in a circle and participate in story time and sing-a-longs lead by our early interventionists. We distributed snacks and farm handouts to each family, and while the kids enjoyed their fish crackers, parents continued reading farm books to them.

We have all been using animal sound effects while reading books and singing songs, but this field trip gave the children a chance to get muddy, feed the bunnies, see the real animals, and make lifelong memories.

It was a farmtastic day outdoors and we are quite optimistic about many more First Words events for our infants and toddlers in the future.



Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms

by Julia Rawlinson (Author), Tiphonie Beeke (Illustrator)

Fletcher the Fox is taking in all the wonders of spring, that is until he sees a snowy sight in the orchard and is worried that it is still winter. Out of concern, he runs to tell the birds that they must fly south as it is still winter and much too cold for them to stick around. The little group of woodland creatures increase in size as they go off to warn their furry friends. However, they eventually discover that all might be okay and that spring is actually upon them.

This is a beautifully illustrated story that shows the transformation of the seasons. It talks about the ways different animals take shelter until spring and how they wake up and resume their activities. This story uses rich vocabulary that really paints a vivid portrait of spring!

Our theme for April is all about spring, from the different weather we experience, to the different animals and plants we see, and this story connects nicely with the concepts we will be learning about this month.



Tunes & Tots Resumes on April 20th!



Tunes & Tots

Spring Term: April 20th – May 25th, 2023
Thursdays 10:30-11:30am



- Come learn together, sing songs, and meet other families!
- Offered to families with children from birth to 3 years old.
- There is NO cost to attend the program.
- A healthy snack will be provided after each session.
- Masks are optional, with sessions held in the gym.
- Sessions are lead by our audiologist and a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing.



Location: Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of B.C.
3575 Kaslo Street
Vancouver, BC

For any questions or to register please RSVP to Lauren at ladirim@childrenshearing.ca



Join Us on Saturday, May 27, 2023!



Children's Hearing
& Speech Centre of BC

Come Celebrate 60 Years of Excellence With Us!

You have helped make CHSC what it is today. Please join us in celebration of our 60th anniversary for an afternoon of delicious food, games, music, laughter, and **LOTS** of catching up!

Saturday, May 27, 2023 | 1 PM - 5 PM
3575 Kaslo Street | **Must RSVP** to 604-437-0255 or
info@childrenshearing.ca by Friday, May 5, 2023

Spring Listening Scavenger Hunt!

by Rita Francis (SLP)

The graphic features a light blue background with white polka dots and a black scalloped border. In the top left, a cartoon boy waves next to a yellow butterfly. In the top right, the text '© Rita SLP' is visible. The center contains the title 'Spring Listening Scavenger Hunt' in large, bold, black letters. In the bottom right, a cartoon girl waves next to a green frog. At the bottom left, two 'Can you hear...' scavenger hunt cards are shown, each with a 4x3 grid of icons representing various spring sounds like birds, bees, rain, and a lawnmower. A text box at the bottom right contains the text: 'Take a walk outside- can you hear all of these springtime sounds?'.

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