

THE VOICE



Preparing Stone Soup!

Housekeeping

1. Thursday, November 3: Parent Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at noon
2. Friday, November 4: Parent Teacher Conferences continue, centre closed
3. Friday, November 11: Remembrance Day, centre closed
4. Monday, November 14: Break Day, centre closed
5. Thursday, November 24: Spirit Day
6. Thursday, November 24: Annual General Meeting, Location-At the centre, Time-5:30PM
7. Friday, November 25: Pro-D Day, centre closed



A Message From our Executive Director

Dear family, staff and friends,

November is here, and with it the chilly, rainy season. However, the weather doesn't stop our children and staff from going outside to enjoy the crisp fall weather. The past month, we have taken advantage of the sunny days we've had including going out for our monthly neighborhood cleanup.

Unfortunately, with the change of weather comes cold and flu season. Inside the Centre we continue to follow our [Communicable Disease Plan](#) to ensure we do our best to keep children and their families, as well as our staff, safe. We are so grateful for your continued support!

The theme for the month of November is fairy tales and nursery rhymes. The children will have opportunities to learn about them and build discussion around them. Please see the I Spy Goldilocks activity on page 8.

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 24th at 5:30 PM. This year it will be held in-person at the Centre and we welcome all families and staff to join us. All families registered in current programs are eligible to vote and will receive a notice of the AGM in early November. At the AGM the auditors will present the financials for the previous fiscal year, and Board and management will share highlights of the past year.



Dawn McKenna
Executive Director



First Words Halloween

First Words had a Halloween party on October 28th. It was lovely to welcome families for an in-person party at the centre this year! The children were all decked out in costumes. We made crafts, sang songs, and read stories about pumpkins and then the children trick or treated around the centre. It was a great event to get in the Halloween spirit and to practice trick or treating ahead of October 31st.



High School Club to Fundraise for Children's Hearing and Speech Centre of BC

The W.I.S.H. Club, a school club from Burnaby Central Secondary, has selected Children's Hearing and Speech Centre of BC (CHSC) as their focus charity for the 2022/2023 school year. This philanthropic and socially minded group typically selects one charitable organization and supports that charity through student lead fundraising initiatives throughout the school year.

The charity is chosen via a competition in which club members from all grades (9-12) put together a pitch. In the past, the club has supported such organizations as the Canadian Food Bank, Alzheimer's Association, and various initiatives in developing countries that focus on the WE's five pillars of impact. Sometimes the selected charity has a global or international focus, but this year, grade 9 students Eva, Liana, Sarah, Shreya, and Sneha selected CHSC as their charity!



This team pitched their idea and won, which was no small feat as they were competing against several worthy causes and against more senior students. You may be asking how a group of grade 9 students even heard about CHSC. This was no coincidence, one of the members Eva, has a deep personal connection to the Centre. Her baby brother was born with profound hearing loss and is part of our First Words program. She has seen the positive impact CHSC has had in her brother's development and wanted to bring awareness and support to children with hearing loss.

This year they have already held a few bake sales, and more activities are in the works.

We are so grateful for the amazing support from Burnaby Central Secondary, and the incredible work the W.I.S.H. Club does in the community! Also a BIG thank you to Eva Liana, Sarah, Shreya, and Sneha for shedding light on our organization, we wish them the best of luck!



Book of the Month: If You Find a Leaf

Written and Illustrated by: Aimee Sicuro

Every year, gusts of wind blow colourful autumn leaves to the ground. Some leaves make a crunch under foot, and others are so beautiful they deserve to be saved.

In this story a young artist draws inspiration from the leaves she collects and every leaf sparks a new idea. She imagines turning a Japanese Zelkova leaf into a boat to sail far away, a Honey Locust leaf into a swing to sway in the gentle breeze, and an American Basswood leaf into a hot air balloon to float high above the trees.

If You Find a Leaf, by Aimee Sicuro, is a beautiful picture book that embraces the fall season. Through captivating images of fall leaves she encourages children to use their imagination and to see a leaf as a source of endless possibilities.

Symbolic play is not just for fun. It helps with social and emotional development, cognition, develops problem solving skills, creativity, and language development, among other things. Next time when you are out on a walk, pick up some leaves and other objects found in nature and ask your child to imagine what else can they be. Use this book as a jumping off point to start transforming everyday objects into wondrous adventures!



Purdy's Chocolate Season Is Here!



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60th Anniversary Celebrations

Hello CHSC Community!

Next year marks the 60th anniversary of Children's Hearing and Speech Centre of BC and we want to make it our best year ever!

We are putting together a committee of family, friends, staff, and alumni to help plan events and activities that will take place throughout the year!

You have ideas and we want to hear them! If interested please email our Marketing and Development Officer, Elysha Cohen, at ecohen@childrenshearing.ca.

Let's put our heads together and plan a great 60th Anniversary year!



Goldilocks I Spy Activity

by Rita Francis

November's Theme is fairytales! Here's a fun activity courtesy of our wonderful SLP Rita!



The graphic features a pink background with a white zigzag pattern and a black scalloped border. On the left is a cartoon girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a blue dress and brown boots, sitting on a green chair with a yellow star. On the right is a cartoon bear wearing a red vest and a blue bow tie. In the center is a red rounded rectangle containing the text "Goldilocks" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, and "I-Spy" in a black, cursive font below it. Below the rectangle is a list of skills to practice, and a small cartoon character of a woman with glasses is in the bottom right corner.

Practice listening and spoken language skills by.

- Giving clues
- Using descriptive language
- Listening for details
- Asking questions!

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