

THE VOICE



"The more we get together the happier we'll be"

Housekeeping

1. Break Day- CHSC Closed: Friday, October 7th
2. Thanks Giving- CHSC Closed: Monday, October 10th
3. Pro-D Day- CHSC Closed: Friday, October 21st
4. Spirit Day: Thursday, October 27th
5. Picture Day: Tuesday, November 1st



A Message From our Executive Director

Dear Family, Friends, and Staff,

It is hard to believe we are already in October. September seemed to rush by so fast. It was very heartwarming to see so many families and friends at our Welcome Back Barbecue last month. We had such a great turnout and it felt so nice to be able to hold a gathering at the Centre after two years of isolation. We want to extend a big thank you to the Vancouver South Lions Club for supporting this event and taking care of the barbecuing, as well as Real Canadian Superstore Vancouver for supplying the cookies and chips. It was truly a lovely afternoon.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing in the province we hope to hold more in-person events, however, we must remain vigilant to keep our staff and students safe. We will continue to keep you updated about any changes as we receive them. We have made important updates to our previous Safety Plan, which is now part of our [Communicable Disease Plan](#). If you have not familiarized yourself with this document, we strongly encourage you to read through it, and reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

While we still have a week or two of blue skies in the forecast, please note that October can be unpredictable. Come rain or shine we embrace the outdoors so it is imperative that children come dressed appropriately for outdoor play. This includes proper rain gear, warmer under layers, extra socks, and change of clothes. If you are not sure what to bring please reach out to your child's teacher/ECE.

Yours sincerely,



Dawn McKenna
Executive Director



Let's Play!

by: Sarah Chodos & Vivian Ip

On Friday September 23rd, the centre had a professional development day for all the staff. One of the topics covered was the importance of play. Play is an integral part of CHSC. Through play children: learn to problem solve, become familiar with the idea of cause and effect, nurture their creativity and imagination, develop fine and gross motor skills, learn to communicate with their peers and use language during play, learn basic skills and concepts like counting, colours, shapes, sizes, numbers, letters and so much more! Play is so vital to a child's development that it has been recognized by the [United Nations High Commission for Human Rights](#) as a right of every child.

Play can be both structured (i.e. directed by an adult) or it can be freely chosen by the child. Both types have merit, though there are concerns that time for "free play" is diminishing due to a variety of socio-economic factors. Free play improves children's health, well-being, and development. Our kids were recently asked "What do you like to play" and here are some of their responses:

"I like to play at home. I have a doll house."

"I like to play with magnets. I like to play with everything."

"I like to do art and playing with beads."

"I like to play with marbles at home. I roll them with my hands. I play with my sister and mom."

"I like to play with sand in the sandbox. I like to play with my friends. One time we played this hiding game with my dad and my friend's dad."



Let's Play Continued...

Play can also spark some interesting conversations. Here are some of the conversations overheard during play time at the Centre and in one of Rita's sessions

Playing with glass marbles on wood strips:

"Those are not marbles they are for your eyes"

"I was trying to make something on the wood"

Playing with a wind up toy:

"I can help do it. It crawled over here. He jump roped-ed. Maybe this one. It landed on here. I think I'll pick something else."

"Do you have those ones? Help me. I'm catching it. I caught it. So fancy. It jumps around. Go! It jumps over to change colour. Hold him up. He is a bear."

Playing with a sensory sand bin:

"Not your turn it's my turn. I'll bury him. He says yes. He didn't go in here. He magnets. It's mystery in there. What could it be? I found a mystery. This is so strange. This guy goes in the smallest one."

Look at all the different conversations, vocabulary, expressions, and dialogue that immerses with play. Try and make time for both structured and free play throughout your child's day and have fun with it!



There's Nothing In My Bag Today



Today I did math and science and I toasted bread,
I counted, measured and I used my eyes, ears and my head.
I added and subtracted and used magnets and blocks on the way
I learned about a rainbow and I learned how to weigh.
So please don't ask me, "Is there anything in your bag today?"
For you see, I'm learning all about sharing as I play.

I learned to listen and speak clearly when I talk,
To wait my turn, and when inside, I learned I have to walk.
To put my thoughts into a phrase,
To guide a crayon through a maze.
To find my name and write it down,
To do it with a smile and not a frown.
To put my painting brush away.
So please don't say, "Nothing in your bag today?"

I've learned about a snail and a worm.
Remembering how to take my turn.
I helped a friend when he was stuck,
Learned that water runs off a duck.
I looked at words from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight.
So please don't say,
"Did you only play?"

Author Unknown



Book of the Month: The Adventures of Billie BAHA and Her Super HEARo Friends

Written by: Jessica Jordan Hogan, Illustrations by: Jacqui C. Smith

This month's book is about a little four year old girl named Billie who is Hard of Hearing. Billie has bilateral hearing loss due to Microtia, a congenital condition of a little or missing outer ear. Billie wear's a Bone-Anchored-Hearing-Aid (BAHA) to be able to hear the world around her.

Like the children at CHSC, she attends a school for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Her friends at school wear different devices including behind the ear hearing aids, cochlear implants, or no devices at all. One thing they all have in common is that.... They are all SUPER HEARo's!

Billie's superpowers are kindness and acceptance and together they will discover communication repair strategies, self-advocacy, and how to bring everyone's differences together!

Enjoy the read!



First Outing For Our Adopt A Block Program

We had our first Adopt-A-Block outing on Thursday, September 29th where we went out around Kaslo and the surrounding neighborhood and cleaned up our beautiful community! We kicked off the morning with some tunes in the gym for Morning Music and then grabbed our cleanup gear and got to tidying! The Adopt a Block Program is sponsored by the City of Vancouver, and they provided all the gear needed!

If you are interested in starting your own Adopt-A-Block initiative in your community visit <https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/adopt-a-block.aspx>.



Regency Auto Fundraising For CHSC

Regency Auto's ReggieFromRegency philanthropy campaign is fundraising for Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC!

They will donate \$50 to CHSC for every new and used car sold during October 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022.

All supporters who donate \$50 or more will receive a FREE ReggieFromRegency Panda Plushie, as a token of appreciation from their philanthropy campaign. To redeem your plushie, simply present your donation receipt at any Regency Auto dealership or service centre.

Regency Auto has raised over \$125,000 for various charities in British Columbia since launching their philanthropy campaign last year and they're committed to growing this number!

To learn more about this campaign, you can visit <https://www.regencyauto.com/en>.

To give this campaign a boost please like and share our upcoming social media posts!



Pumpkin Patch Bingo!

by: Rita Francis

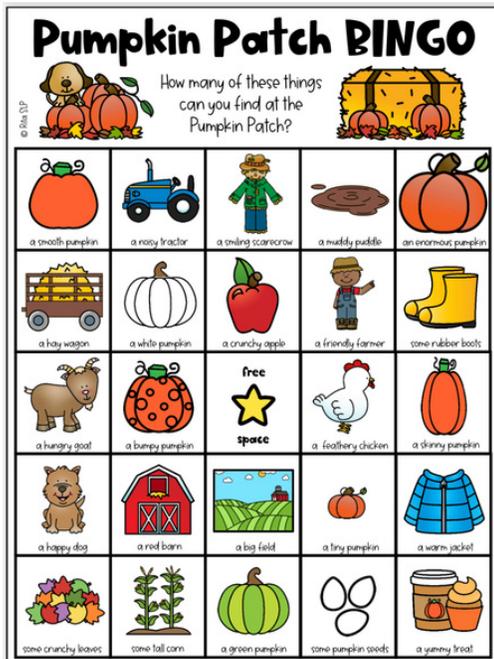
A visit to the pumpkin patch is not just a fun activity for your family, it’s also a great opportunity to work on your child’s listening and spoken language skills!

Before your trip: Make a plan for your visit to the patch. What kind of clothing should you wear? How will you get there? What kinds of activities will you do? What do you want to do first?

At the Pumpkin Patch: Enjoy searching for the perfect pumpkin, going for a hayride, and petting some cute animals (and any other fun activities offered at your local patch). There will be lots of opportunities to talk about your five senses- What do you see? What do you hear? What can you smell? How does it feel? How does it taste? You might also enjoy searching for the specific items that are included in the “Pumpkin Patch Bingo” activity (see attached). There are lots of fun vocabulary words and adjectives (describing words) to learn and explore!

After the Pumpkin Patch: Sit down with your child and look at the photos that you took on your trip. What was their favourite part? Talk about the things you did, and model past tense verbs in your conversation (“we saw a big pumpkin”, “we ate pumpkin pie”, “we jumped in a puddle”).

Have fun!



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Mother Goose



Fall Term: November 3rd – December 15th, 2022
Thursdays 10:30-11:30am

- Come learn together, sing songs, and meet other families! No instruments or props needed, we'll simply be using our voices.
- 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 will be run 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 email Lauren at ladirim@childrenshearing.ca by October 20, 2022



60th Anniversary Committee

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!

