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Making Friends, Daycare Staff



Ayla and Mikaila have been at the child care centre since they were wee babies and have been friends ever since. They are the oldest in the group, both 3 this year and are looked up to by the younger toddlers who marvel at their antics.

They like to sing their favourite songs, belting them out from the top of the stairs insisting that the staff let them sing on their own. They love to dance in tutus, read stories and work on puzzles together. It's always heart warming to hear them giggle and laugh together. There are some rocky moments which most often work out on their own but if not, there's always someone close by to help them negotiate and problem solve. Mikaila and Ayla will be saying goodbye in June but will always have these beautiful memories of friendship as will we.

Climbing at Craig X, Jasmine (Artemis Student)

On Mondays in February we have been going rock climbing at the new Craig X on Pandora. The routes are all numbered to show their difficulty, so you can choose your own challenge. The Craig X staff are so friendly and help a lot while they are belaying. Climbing is a great workout, especially for legs and arms. Make sure to stretch afterwards or else you might be really sore after climbing.



**Thank you to
Kidsport Victoria
Active Girls
Committee!**



#Gratitude

Thank you to all the Christmas Elves (and donors) who put together thoughtful and generous gift bags for our students for Christmas - they were a huge hit!

Thank you to 100+ Women Who Care Saanich Peninsula for selecting Artemis Place as the recipient of their December 2015 meeting. Artemis was awarded a cheque for over \$12,000!

Thank you to Root Cellar for contributing fresh fruit and veggies each month to feed our students!

Thank you to Real Estate Agents Who Care for selecting Artemis as the recipient of a winter meeting and awarded us donations of over \$5000!

Thank you to Victoria Foundation for choosing Artemis Place for the Leadership Victoria, Community Leadership Award. The award recognizes an organization that is building community capacity and achieving positive change. Some staff and board members attended a beautiful reception hosted by Leadership Victoria at the Victoria Convention Centre. It was truly an honor and a privilege to be recognized in the community for the work that we love to do!




Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our programming in so many ways!

The Day I Taught in University, Brianne (Artemis Student)



I was chosen. As a young mom, I have a unique perspective on parenting and life; therefore, I was asked by a university professor in the Child and Youth Care faculty to speak to her about my personal experience. At first, I was nervous, but I was excited! I have never been in a university class, so it was nerve wracking! It was exciting to be chosen, and I thought it was cool to be invited to talk about myself. I always love talking about my baby, and my experience, because I hope that my unique perspective can encourage others to not be judgemental of young moms, and see young moms in a different way. It was especially important because I was speaking to a Child and Youth Care class, and they directly work with people in similar situations to me, so I was hopeful to inspire them to see the work differently. I think more young moms should talk about their positive experiences, particularly to people who plan to work with this population, because it is never talked about in positive terms, so young moms are judged harshly.

Brianne received a heartfelt and meaningful *thank you* from all the students of the UVIC Class she spoke to. Here is a beautiful example of one of the enclosed notes:

Brianne, Thank you. Really. As someone who went through my own battles at your age, who had to find an alternative and welcoming way to finish high school, and who made some tough choices, I really have to say - I am so, so proud of you. I know we are all strangers, but so many of us here at UVIC can really deeply relate to everything, the ups and the downs, that you have experienced. Seeing you stay so true to yourself, knowing yourself so well and working so hard is really meaningful and inspiring. You are so strong and having the resilience and integrity to keep going, keep looking forward and rolling with the punches - WOW. We all really liked meeting you and think you are a wonderful mother and a wonderful person. Never give up, even when life hits you the hardest. All those beautiful and meaningful moments with your daughter (as well as the great folks at your school) are what you deserve.  Sincerely, go have an amazing life!



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