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### New Garth Homer Society Partnership

Artemis is pleased to be a new community partner with Garth Homer Society. A coordinator and four women are coming weekly to volunteer at Artemis. They are helping us with gardening, garbage pick-up and recycling. They have been volunteering with us for just a short time, but things around our property are looking terrific! (Mel, Lynne, Laurie, Mai Lin and Tina)



### A Message From the Board

As the end of another school year approaches and the staff and students prepare to leave for a break, the board continues to work on governance issues, a probationary review for the Executive Director, and finalizing plans for a staff pension plan (no rest for the wicked)! Ensuring our long term staff will have a pension, when they retire, has been an important goal for the board for many years. It is especially needed for a number of long time staff who have worked with the agency for over twenty years: Heather Kay, Daycare Co-coordinator, Jackie Hurst and Marta Pascolin, Caregivers, and Shirley Lee Doucette, who has been a caregiver for seventeen years. We thank and honour the four of them for their many years of dedication to Artemis moms and babies. Thanks also to the board members who have met, ad hoc, to bring this to fruition, particularly to Enid Elliot, who kept this goal alive over the years.

### Update From Artemis Young Parent Program

The year is coming to an end. It's hard to believe how fast the time has gone, but it only takes one look to see how much the babies and toddlers have changed to realize that time has NOT stood still. We've been enjoying the beautiful weather and as per tradition headed out to Beacon Hill Park for our year end field trip. Moms and their children met us at the Petting Zoo in time for the morning "running of the goats" which brought on lots of shrieks and laughter. After spending some time with the goats, bunnies and alpacas we scouted out a spot for



our picnic, put blankets on the grass and enjoyed a delicious lunch. It was a very successful picnic - the

sun shone and everyone was relaxed and enjoying each other's company. A great start to the summer holidays!

This too is a time for the Board to honour and acknowledge the Artemis staff who are diligent, dedicated and loyal to the mission of Artemis Place. As they head off for a well-deserved summer break, we recognize that Artemis is not always an easy place to work: the girls' issues can be heartbreaking, 38 adolescent girls can be noisy and challenging (some of the time). We are blessed to have a group of women who have the skill and endurance to do this work.

- Peggy Palmer, Vice Chair

## End of Year Programming & Activities, *Maria Mulrone, Teacher-Principal*

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year, but here we are with only 6 more teaching days left. We managed to squeeze a lot into the month of May. Alongside our regular programming, the girls learned to make different crafts from Karen (Seven Teachings). We had a Project Respect; TCO2, a presentation on sexual exploitation; Lifecycles, the girls learned about plants, and how to grow and care for a garden; Living Life to the fullest; and Career week. We had presenters from Camosun, Academy of Excellence, Access Midwifery, and two entrepreneurs and owners of their own businesses, Make House, and Café Fantastico. And last but not least we had a team participate in the Goddess run, thanks to funding from Kidsport Victoria Active Girls.



As there are only a few days left, students are furtively working on course completions. Speaking of completions, we have four graduating. We celebrated their graduation on June 15 with the generous sponsorship from Central Baptist Church. The 17th is the last day for students attendance, and we have our year end celebration at Willows Beach. Also, on June 24th we have three girls writing Provincial exams, for Science 10, English 10, and Math 10 and Social Studies 11. During the last two weeks of June Martina and I will be working on, marking, report cards, IEP's and cleanup.

## Vital Youth Event, *Heather Kay, Program Coordinator*



I attended the celebration of the Victoria Foundation's Vital Youth Program at the Bauman Centre, the beautiful new space for the Pacific Opera. Seven schools participated and were given \$2,500 to grant to local charities of their choice. Each school gave a short presentation on their selection process and we were one of the recipients chosen by the students at Belmont. It was an impressive evening and very inspiring to be surrounded by such committed and caring young people. I applaud the Victoria Foundation for recognizing that youth can make a difference!

**Save the Date:**

**Artemis Place Society**

**\* OPEN HOUSE \***

**October 1, 2015**

**3:30-5:30 PM**

## Your Donation Can Change Lives!

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