



## Spring Newsletter 2023



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### Artemis YPP

#### VCM Music Program

The Victoria Conservatory of Music offers classes to preschool programs in the community and we have been lucky to be included in their free weekly sessions.

Every Wednesday morning Annika, a qualified early childhood music teacher, facilitates half hour sessions in both centres. The children love the songs, instruments, books and other fun things that Annika brings along. She always follows their lead which keeps them attentive and engaged. Everyone dances, sings, claps and thoroughly enjoys themselves. It's a time that we all look forward to!



### Artemis Needs Board Members

We are looking for people who are passionate about Artemis Place to join our Board of Directors.

While a diverse range in skills, knowledge and experiences are valued, areas of particular need at this time include (but aren't limited to):

- ♥ Indigenous perspective
- ♥ financial knowledge
- ♥ knowledge of the educational system
- ♥ human resources knowledge
- ♥ some understanding of leadership requirements for a non-profit organization
- ♥ skills in communication, relationship building, and consensus building

Don't worry-it is not expected that one member would bring all of these skills and experiences!

\* For information, please contact us at [info@artemisplace.org](mailto:info@artemisplace.org).

### Legislature Tour

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we took a group of students on a tour of the BC Legislature. What an informative tour! We learned about the history of the building; the procedural norms of the Legislature; how government works; and more! We sat in on a session of lawmakers debating a bill about access to 911 services in rural areas – and although that might sound dry – it was tough to get everyone to want to leave! We participated in the Legislature scavenger hunt: hunting for things outside the building on a lovely early spring day. The big highlight, however, was meeting Minister Murray Rankin, who is the MLA for the Artemis riding. He even invited us up to his office to check out his two balconies!



## Chick Chat

This spring we were lucky to have 5 cute chicks visit us a few times a week. While they all go by many names, they are all adored and have bonded well with all of the students. In just a few short weeks the chicks have grown to an enormous size. We learned about how chicks develop in Science, and learned how they sustain nutrients in the egg. Spending time with them is so much fun and I think that we all can say that they have become a wonderful part of our school!

-Ren (Artemis Student)



## Compass Mobile Massage Therapy

Congratulations Compass Mobile Massage Therapy

Natasha and Hailie Masters, Artemis Place Alumni, are a mother-daughter duo who own and operate Victoria's first fully mobile Massage Therapy business. They visit residences, workplaces, long-term care facilities, hospice, and vacation rentals.

Over the past year they have expanded from a team of 2 to 13 offering multiple services such as Acupuncture, Reiki and Personal Training. We congratulate them on winning Victoria's Chamber of Commerce New Business Award!



## Pysanky Eggs

To celebrate spring this year, our students had a wonderful experience with Lydia, a member of our local Victoria Ukrainian community, learning about and making Pysanky eggs (Ukrainian easter eggs)! After the students made an incredible Ukrainian lunch with perogies, cabbage rolls and borscht soup, they nestled up with candles, kistka's and many colorful dyes to learn about the history, symbolism, and techniques of making these beautiful works of art. Our pysanky station was set up for two days and the creativity and focus of our students and staff was fantastic and fun! So many laughs, smiles, and magic moments were shared. Thank you, Lydia!



## From Artemis Leadership Team

Report cards were distributed last week and we are very proud of the learning that is evidenced to date. Even though sunny days are finally with us, our students continue to build on their learning, through individual time, group work, field trips, garden workshops, preparation of food and creating in the art studio. Every student has started a transition plan documented on their Individual Education Plan. Families are welcome to come and review both the report card and the IEP – just call the office for an appointment! We especially congratulate our senior students at this time of year. Everyone has a story and we witness how much effort, perseverance and dedication you have, which we celebrate.

Congratulations!

Heather and Patricia

We remind ourselves to walk lightly and learn mindfully on this unceded territory of the Lkwungen (Lkwungen) peoples, and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ First Nations.

Special thanks to:

