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Spring 2024 Newsletter



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We respectfully acknowledge that Artemis Place stands on the unceded territories of the Lekwungen-speaking and SENĆOŦEN speaking peoples. We recognize that the original peoples of this place, including the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEC Nations, continue to be the keepers of this beautiful land and its stories.

Meet the New Directors!

Emma has been working at Artemis since 2017 and is stoked to be joining the leadership team. Artemis has been a big part of her life since she started working here and has been lucky enough to be a teacher in the school and a parent in the daycare, as both her children Sasha (6) and Gabe (3) are Artemis daycare babies. She has nearly completed her Masters in Educational Psychology at UVic, with a focus in Special Education Services. Prior to becoming a teacher, Emma spent 8 years working in community and social services, working for the Victoria Cool Aid Society, AIDS Vancouver Island, and Island Health substance use support services. She is passionate about providing holistic services to all students and is thrilled to take this next step in her Artemis journey. Most of her time away from Artemis, you can find her with her kids on an outdoor adventure somewhere. During her leisure time, she enjoys hiking, mountain biking, hockey, playing board games and reading.



Amy has worked in the public and private education sectors for over 14 years. After graduating with her teaching degree, Amy was catapulted into a full-time lecturing position in a UK further education college. Within a year, Amy was managing and teaching across 7 Performing Arts programs. As an avid and passionate lifelong learner, Amy then completed her Master's in Education before moving to South Korea as an English teacher for Busan International High School. Over the last three years, Amy has proudly been running Oxford Learning Victoria. Amy is excited to begin her new adventure working with the community at Artemis Place. A few fun facts about Amy - She spent 2 years solo backpacking across India, Europe and South America. Amy is a budding, self-taught artist and loves getting stuck into painting on large canvases.

Beautiful Junk

There are plenty of things to buy children for entertainment - the stores are full of options. But have you looked around your home for some handy items or collections that may spark some creativity? The school recently accepted a donation of embroidery yarn left over from someone's many projects. With a bit of prep cutting out a shape of flowers or putting the material out and having them do the cutting and with some pipe cleaners...voila! The children were able to make bouquets of flowers, using a vase of tulips as inspiration! What do you have on hand or close by to spark play? For example: empty paper towel rolls, pinecones, seed pods, pipe cleaners, egg cartons, cardboard boxes in various sizes, driftwood, different sized containers. The list is endless - display the materials and enjoy the children's creations!



Active Living– Sophie

The most exciting day of each week here at Artemis has to be Thursday. Going on an active living field trip with Char is always so much fun! Now that the weather is warming the activities are getting invigorating. Some of our favourites have been going to the Butterfly Gardens, canoeing, and sailing. But I know for sure that everyone is the most excited for Artemis's very first class camping trip in June, I know I am. Even though I am excited to move on to post-secondary this year, I will miss having these fun heartwarming moments with my peers and teachers.



Registration Packages

Keep your eyes out for registration packages for the 2024-2025 school year! They will be sent home with all students soon, and the deadline to return them will be June 15th.

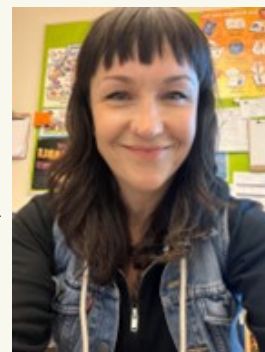
Garden Update

Spring has sprung! What does that mean for the students at Artemis place? It means minty herbal teas, fermenting fireweed leaves, gigantic kale Caesar salads, and bountiful bouquets! We've already planted out our tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, beans, peas, zucchini, squash, lettuce, basil, lemongrass... the list goes on and on. The highlight of the garden year-round is the incredible blooms of our native plant relatives. The camas, woolly sunflower, red columbine, native roses, sea blush, and Oregon grape (just to name a few) circle around the young Garry Oak with a brilliant display of color. A special shout out to the students who helped with planting in the daycare, starting Indigo, planting seeds, and pulling weeds!



Welcome Sarah

Artemis is pleased to welcome back Sarah Warder, teacher extraordinaire. Sarah re-joins our team at Artemis as the Humanities teacher. She brings a treasure trove of experience in alternative education as well as literal treasures - like stickers, chocolate, gluten-free baking, and boxing gloves. We are thrilled to have her back at Artemis!



Board Games as Curriculum

The garden room has seen an explosion in students playing board games - and they are making those oh-so-important connections to curriculum in their everyday lives. As they play chess, skip-bo, crib, and uno, they strategize, use probability, increase their number sense and just generally amp up their math skills. They use their imagination, speed, and spelling skills to make words in Bananagrams. They combine elements of art and English to depict different scenes during Pictionary. All games increase community connections amongst students as well as foster a fun and healthy environment - one in which we compete and root each other on.



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