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Winter 2025 Newsletter

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Artemis YPP

Winter is upon us! We are grateful that January brought so much sunshine. The children enjoyed listening to the birds chirping and watching our resident hummingbird bird zoom by. We have welcomed two practicum students who will be with us until April. Ashley joins us in the Infant Toddler Centre and Margaret is in the Multi Age Centre.



It's lovely to share our program with them and learn together. At Artemis we love the outdoors no matter what kind of weather awaits us! Winter frost makes for a lot of fun to slide and slip on as well as to taste; rainy days are spent splashing and digging in the mud; and snow is always a fun and enjoyable surprise!



Drum Making

We had another great Drum Making Workshop with Rob & Chalia Sam this year! We have been lucky to have local Indigenous culture keepers come share with us again, and we look forward to making rattles next. We so are excited to sing & drum with Chalia when the weather



warms up, the sun warms the soil, the flowers start to bloom, and we can get into the outdoor classroom again!

Field Trips!

It's been an exciting time at Artemis for our Thursday afternoon field trips! We've been skating, climbing, bowling, swimming, and playing soccer this winter. It's been a blast! It's so nice to see so many students engaging in some active living trips and encouraging each other to achieve new heights (including Education Director Emma, who got to the top of the climbing wall!). We'll be dancing, curling, and playing laser tag coming up. We can't wait for some fun competition and more trips out in the community to move our bodies.



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.

Garden Workshop

We started our Garden workshops in the new year with an ancient intention-setting practice that involves collecting sticks and plants from the garden and tying them onto a piece of string. Students wove together dreams and wishes for the coming year and goals they



want to set for themselves. With spring fast approaching we will be shifting into planning mode!

Students will conduct a school-wide survey to determine which plants folks are feeling excited about and how we want to use the garden space this season! Fun is sprouting all around.



Student Voices

Last week, Artemis Students had the opportunity to join a workshop lead by Char, the math and socials teacher, about tariffs. Students learned about the type of tariffs enacted by Trump on Canada and Mexico. We learned what it means for the future of all parties and the livelihood of Artemis people as a whole.
-Artemis Student

Foods at Artemis

Artemis Place has a terrific foods course for students to partake in. Even if you are not in the course all students are welcome to come help out! We have cooking on Tuesday mornings with Emma and baking on Thursday mornings with Sarah. Tuesday cooking is for our community lunch. Students, teachers, and staff join in the kitchen and before we eat we always give a territory acknowledgement. Thursdays



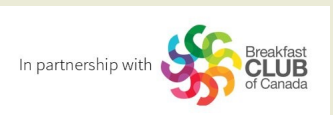
are for baking, our weekly sweet treat for students and staff. These mornings are very fun, they give the students a chance to connect with one another, practice and learn the important skills of cooking, baking, and safe food practices. So far this year we have experimented with many foods and baked goods. We have explored different ethnic foods and gotten quite creative with baking. Two of my personal favorite recipes we have made are strawberry shortcake and the Christmas dinner we had before the winter break. - Student Tamara



Thank you to the **Victoria Knit and Crochet Group** for the beautiful knit hats and crochet hedgehogs that are handmade and donated each year to the students and children in the daycare!



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