

# HAIDA GWAI

## Early Years News

For professionals, parents, and caregivers with children aged 0-6

### EMBRACING OUTDOOR PLAYSPACES

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Outdoor playspaces are abundant on Haida Gwaii. But what is it about these spaces that makes outdoor play so special?

Here are just a few suggestions for your outdoor playspaces that will support early child development and will enhance and extend play...The true work of childhood.

#### Natural Materials

Natural materials are absolutely essential to an outdoor playspace. They provide stimulation to all of the senses with their colours, textures, patterns, and odors. They are also inherently “open-ended”.

**“Loose Parts”** - Bricks, sticks, stones, rounds of wood etc. (Large or small “biscuits” or “cookies” as arborists call them).

**Wood** – In all states of growth or decay, wood of all kinds can inspire endless play ideas and we have plenty of it around here.

**Variety of ground cover** – Our feet are literally what keep us grounded on the earth but spiritually and emotionally too. We learn deeply in our souls through our soles!

Varying ground cover enhances balance, core strength, emotional grounding, and allows for the manipulating of materials...Embrace mud, revere puddles!

**Trees/Shrubs/Regenerating Forest**- Forests, no matter how small generate a wonderment of materials for the young child to explore.



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## Seasonal Sights

**Spring** – Buds and shoots. Eg. Spruce tips, Elderberry blooms, Salmon berry flowers, forsythia, daffodils etc....

**Summer** – flowers, insects, hives, seeds, berries, dandelion crowns, metamorphosis is everywhere!

**Fall** – Horse chestnuts, fungus, crabapples, harvest gourds/pumpkins the children have planted.

**Winter** – Cones, needles, and of course snow!

**Edible Garden** – Scented herbs, vegetables, climbing vines, and fruiting trees and shrubs.

**Perennial Garden** – Bulbs, garlic, tulips, daffodils, lillies, berry bushes

## Tools that Inspire

**Age Appropriate Tools** - Tools should be regularly purchased, cared for, and replaced when needed for both students and teachers. The children will learn by what they *see* the adults in their midst actively *doing*. Similar “child-size” versions of real adult tools are most inspiring.

eg. Shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, brooms...

## The Elements

**Water** – Install a water source/catchment with a spout that the children can operate.

**Earth** – Embrace natural ground covers that the children are free to explore, examine, move and manipulate

**Wind/Air** – Weathervanes, windmills, and tree canopies can bring attention to the whirling winds.

**Fire** - Find ways to include fire education with care and respect if possible.

## Freedom

**Space** – to be able to engage in a variety of movement Opportunities like climbing, crawling, digging, hanging, balancing, and running freely.

**“Yes” Opportunities** – This means creating a space where the children can play with limited rules of conduct, where appropriate risks can be taken by the children and their ideas are encouraged instead of being policed and constantly told “No”.

## Make your children's playspaces naturally phenomenal!

When planning a playspace for young children it needn't require fanciful design plans, a large budget or manicured landscaping. It does however require a little creative thinking, as well as understanding of the intricate world of play and how nature provides the nourishment that young children require.

So with a few tweaks, tools, and additions, any playspace can become a wonderland for the imagination and naturally **PHENOMENAL!**

~Sarah Pansino



## The Marathon of Hope

This year commences the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Little Fox Run, a Terry Fox Run geared towards children under 5.

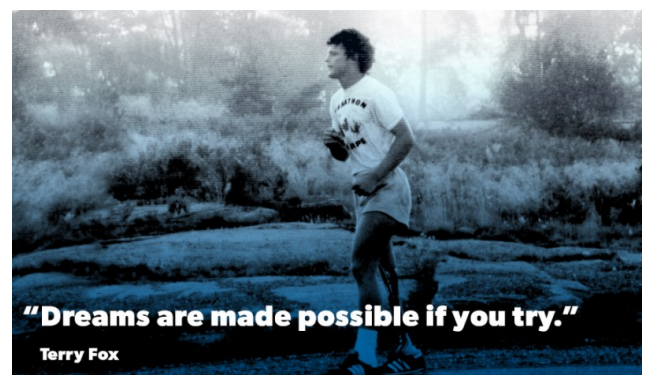
Little Feet Following In Terry's Footsteps...For Cancer Research This is a chance for daycares and preschools to introduce Terry's story to the newest generation of Canadians and to host its very own Little Fox Run to teach young children the values of perseverance and giving that Terry embodied! It's easy! The organizer plans the route and collects donations. The run would take place at their own facility, leaving the organizer free to determine the route and the length of the route. The event can be as large as your imagination can take you.

The Terry Fox School Run Day is Thursday, September 28, 2017 and daycares and preschools are free to host their run on this day or any other day that works best for them.

It's a great opportunity to share Terry's dream and join us in contributing to a world without cancer!

For more information: [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org)

Message from: Justin Sibia  
Events Assistant—BC/Yukon



# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

July 2017

## **WORKSHOPS ON EARLY LEARNING**

[www.workshopsonearlylearning.com](http://www.workshopsonearlylearning.com)

These workshops allow ECEs in BC hours toward their professional development to renew their License to Practice.

All our workshops are \$15 CAD each. The Ministry also has access to our database to check on the validity of any certificate they may think is a forgery. All our certificates are numbered and unique to their owners. All the courses are sent via email, and certificates of completion are also issued through email.

Our workshops are also a great help to nannies wishing to take the International Nanny Association (INA) examination.

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### **Anaphylaxis Training**

[allergyaware.ca](http://allergyaware.ca)

This website offers three online anaphylaxis training is for school, community and daycare. It helps to understand the basics of anaphylaxis, ways to reduce risks in different settings and the recommended emergency treatment. The duration of the course is about 30 minutes.

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### **BC Ministry of Education**

[ocr.openschool.bc.ca/course](http://ocr.openschool.bc.ca/course)

This website offers two online courses. The courses are module based with each module duration about 45 minutes. The courses are on the Early Learning Framework and Connecting with Families. These workshops allow ECEs in BC hours toward their professional development to renew their License to Practice.

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### **Canada Day!**

**Port Clement**

**June 30 & July 1 & 2**

A day of family fun-filled activities to celebrate Canada's 150th year! There will be a parade, mini-golf, Mud Bogs, baseball, fireworks and so much more. All weekend long this is where the action is on Haida Gwaii!

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### **Skidegate Days**

**Skidegate**

**July 6, 7 & 8**

This event features the world famous Totem to Totem marathon, fish splitting contests, Haida dancing, salmon BBQ and plenty to see and do in Skidegate. Join the fun!

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### **Sandspit Loggers' Sports Day**

**Sandspit**

**July 22**

The community of Sandspit goes all out with this traditional loggers sports day, complete with axe throwing, log burling competition, plenty of fun for the whole family.

## August 2017

### **Tlell Fall Fair**

#### **Tlell Fair Grounds**

**August 6**

The fair features agricultural competitions, activities for the kids, live music and much more. Celebrate BC's earliest fall fair!

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### **Edge of the World Music Festival**

#### **Tlell Fair Grounds**

**August 11, 12, 13**

The Edge of the World Music Festival on Haida Gwaii is a singular west coast festival experience. Three days of quality music, both local and off island talent, up and coming, as well as top notch performers, is what awaits. Announcing our headliners: The Zolas, Joey Stylez, Dirty Radio, DJ Shub and David Beckingham!

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### **Kay Anniversary**

#### **Haida Heritage Centre**

**August 19**

This annual event is a chance for locals and visitors to celebrate the Haida Heritage Centre and its accomplishments. The Kay Anniversary offers us as Haida peoples a chance to share our culture with visitors, come together as a community, eat delicious food and showcase the living culture of the Haida peoples.

## September 2017

### **HDEC 102 - Health, Safety & Nutrition**

#### **Child Care Resource & Referral**

**September 11**

This course examines methods of sound health, safety, and nutrition practice in Human Services and Education settings that involve caring for and educating children. Particular attention is given to the promotion and modelling of a healthy, safe environment through management and prevention. This course will encourage reflection of personal health, safety, and nutritional issues as they apply to Early Childhood Educators.

#### **Skills:**

A student who successfully completes this course will have reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- ◇ Develop an awareness and skills in dealing with health, safety, and nutritional concerns of infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children, as well as those who require extra support
- ◇ Illustrate safe occupational health practices
- ◇ Create and maintain a safe environment for children
- ◇ Describe methods of preventing child abuse and the role of the early childhood educator in situations regarding abuse and neglect
- ◇ Practice and model principles of sound health promotion practices
- ◇ Apply the ECEBC Code of Ethics

This course is offered through Webinar/Teleconference/Group Learning Experience. It allows you to apply for your ECE Assistant License, giving you the opportunity to substitute in daycares, Strong Start, Preschool and Playschool.

**For further information and to register contact Alicia Embree, [crrrh@gmail.com](mailto:crrrh@gmail.com) or 250-559-4711**

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM Masset</b>	<b>Strong Start @ Tahayghen 9am-12pm</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Tahayghen 9am-12pm</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Tahayghen 9am-12pm</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Tahayghen 9am-12pm</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Tahayghen 9am-12pm</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12
<b>AM Old Masset</b>	<b>Chief Matthews Preschool in Annex Building 8:45am-12:45pm</b>  * Closed from June 29 to September 5	<b>Chief Matthews Preschool in Annex Building 8:45am-12:45pm</b>  * Closed from June 29 to September 5	<b>Chief Matthews Preschool in Annex Building 8:45am-12:45pm</b>  * Closed from June 29 to September 5	<b>Chief Matthews Preschool in Annex Building 8:45am-12:45pm</b>  * Closed from June 29 to September 5	<b>Chief Matthews Preschool in Annex Building 8:45am-12:45pm</b>  * Closed from June 29 to September 5
<b>PM Old Masset</b>		<b>Language Nest @ Chief Matthews Annex 2:30pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>Language Nest @ Chief Matthews Annex 2:30pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>Open Gym @ OM Hall 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 2:30pm-4:00pm</b>  <b>Pregnancy Outreach Program @ OM Youth Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 1:30pm-3:30pm</b>	
<b>AM Port Clements</b>	<b>Strong Start @ Port MultiPlex 8:55am-11:55am</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Port MultiPlex 8:55am-11:55am</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12	<b>Strong Start @ Port MultiPlex 8:55am-11:55am</b>  * Closed from June 22 to September 12		

**Masset Strong Start @ Tahayghen—Mary Disney: 626.5572**  
**Chief Matthews K4 Preschool—Bernice Jones: 626.3631**  
**Family Outreach Program Prenatal Group Clinic – Blanche Bell: 626.3911**  
**Language Nest @ Chief Matthews Annex– Blanche Bell: 626.5620**  
**Port Clements Strong Start @ Port Multiplex – Colleen Beachy: 557.4295**

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<b>AM Skidegate</b>	Headstart @ SKG Heights Early Childhood Development Centre snack at 10:30 *Summer Hours: 10am-2pm, Closed for month of August **Check Skidegate Daycare/Headstart FB group for updates and field trip info	Headstart @ SKG Heights Early Childhood Development Centre snack at 10:30 *Summer Hours: 10am-2pm, Closed for month of August	Headstart @ SKG Heights Early Childhood Development Centre snack at 10:30 *Summer Hours: 10am-2pm, Closed for month of August	Headstart @ SKG Heights Early Childhood Development Centre snack at 10:30 *Summer Hours: 10am-2pm, Closed for month of August	Strong Start @ SNES 9am-12pm * Closed from June 24 to September 13
<b>PM Skidegate</b>			Strong Start @ SNES 12pm-3pm * Closed from June 24 to September 13		
<b>AM Queen Charlotte</b>	Queen Charlotte Child Center Playschool 8:15am-12:15pm *Closed from June 24 to September 5 Queen Charlotte Child Center After Care 3:00 pm-5:15pm *Starts September 6 Nunaays, Chinaays and Lullabies @ Haida Gwaii Hospital-Upstairs, Long Term Care Facility 10am-12pm * Every 2nd Monday	Queen Charlotte Child Center Playschool 8:15am-12:15pm *Closed from June 24 to September 5 Queen Charlotte Child Center After Care 3:00 pm-5:15pm *Starts September 6	Queen Charlotte Child Center Playschool 8:15am-12:15pm *Closed from June 24 to September 5 Queen Charlotte Child Center After Care 3:00 pm-5:15pm *Starts September 6 Childhood Experience Club @ QC Teen Centre until July 15th then moves to Queen Charlotte Child Centre Playschool 10am-12pm * drop in program for families with children 0-5	Queen Charlotte Child Center Playschool 8:15am-12:15pm *Closed from June 24 to September 5 Queen Charlotte Child Center After Care 3:00 pm-5:15pm *Starts September 6	Childhood Experience Club @ QC Teen Centre until July 15th then moves to Queen Charlotte Child Centre Playschool 10am-12pm * drop in program for families with children 0-5
<b>PM Queen Charlotte</b>	Baby Steps Dinners @ QC Teen Centre last Mon of the month 5:00pm-7:30pm * For new and expectant parents. *Check FB Baby Steps for details				
<b>Sandspit</b>	Strong Start @ ALM 9am-12pm * Closed from June 23 to September	Strong Start @ ALM 9am-12pm *Closed from June 23 to September Mother Goose @ Fire Hall-upstairs 10:30am-12:30pm	Strong Start @ ALM 9am-12pm * Closed from June 23 to September	Strong Start @ ALM 9am-12pm * Closed from June 23 to September	Strong Start @ ALM 9am-12pm * Closed from June 23 to September

Skidegate Headstart / 3 year old preschool – Jenny Cross: 559.8120

Skidegate Nursery School - Corrine & Norrina: 559.4511

Skidegate Health Center Maternal Child Health Program - Nadine, Michelle, and Carla: 559.4610

Skidegate Strong Start @ SK'adgaa Naay Elementary - Merewyn Nicol: 559.8889

Child Care Resource & Referral - Alicia Embree 559.4711

The Queen Charlotte Child Center –Sarah Pansino: 559.8338

Sandspit Strong Start @ Agnes L Mathers Elementary School - Rhonda McNeil: 637.5454



## Toy Lending Library Hours

**Monday:** No scheduled hours, by appointment

**Tuesday:** 9 am – 4 pm

**Wednesday:** No scheduled hours, by appointment

**Thursday:** 9 am – 4 pm

**Friday:** No scheduled hours, by appointment

Website: <http://islandswellnesssociety.com/lending-library/>

Contact: Donna Douglas @ 250-559-4711, [ccrrfamilyresource@islandswellnesssociety.com](mailto:ccrrfamilyresource@islandswellnesssociety.com), or visit the Toy Lending Library at the Islands Wellness Society in Queen Charlotte.

**Haawa and Thank you!**

## CHILD CARE FIRST AID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



**Do you require Child Care First Aid to work with children ages 0-6yrs? You may be eligible for the Success By 6 reimbursement program!**

### ELIGIBILITY:

- \* Be a resident of Haida Gwaii
- \* Following your course, work or volunteer a minimum of 10 hours in an on-island childcare facility
- \* Submit a letter from the facility reflecting your hours, along with course receipt, to Success By 6 Haida Gwaii for reimbursement

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## MORESBY ISLAND TRAVEL FUND

Did you know Success By Six provides ferry cards to help Moresby Island families travel to programs and events for children aged 0-6 on Graham Island?

Contact us for more information!

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