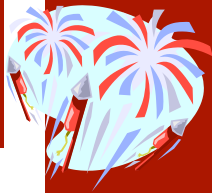


**Fundraising  
Should be “FUN”  
say the  
children at  
Children’s House**



# ORCAS ISLAND CHILDREN’S HOUSE

## Dakota New Mayor

### LOOKING FORWARD

July Preschool FIELD TRIPS

Week of 7/06 -Cascade Falls

Week of 7/13-Mt. Constitution

Week of 7/21- Museum &  
Indian Island

Week of 7/28-Swimming at  
Cascade Lake

Other Short Trip

7/15 -Walk to Library



## EASTSOUND MAYORAL CAMPAIGN HUGE SUCCESS!

Dakota was given a Key to the “City”. His Campaign Manager, Lori Wix broke down in tears as she accepted the key along with a plaque. Wix said, “Dakota possesses over 200 pounds of love, loyalty, wisdom and intelligence.” Dakota says he will confer with his running mates, Mikey, Darwin, April and Eggitha on important political matters during his term as mayor.

“This fundraiser is one of the best we’ve ever seen!”, exclaimed a bystander at the closing ceremony for the Eastsound Mayoral Race. The feeling was shared by many who expressed how much they enjoyed a fundraiser that was really fun!

Children’s House would like to thank all the voters who raised almost \$10,000 for the programs at Children’s House. We also want to thank the candidates and their owners and campaign managers for all the time and effort that went into the election.

Congratulations to Dakota, the first Mayor of Eastsound!  
Thank you to the runners-up Mikey, Darwin, April and last, but not least Eggitha.



**Above Preschoolers find out who lives under the rocks on Crescent Beach.**

**Below some of the children have found a cave to hide in out of the sun.**



## Children's House Summer Fields Trips Help Them Get to Know Their Island

School's Out and summer field trips are helping the Preschoolers at Children's House learn about the island they call home.

Our first trip was the Week of June 22 and the children visited the Orcas Island Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week. They learned about fire prevention and then everyone had an opportunity to climb up into the fire truck.

The next trip the preschoolers went on was to Crescent Beach where they went on a scavenger hunt planned by Teacher Bari Willard and her wonderful helper, Emilie Gincig. They found crabs, oyster shells, seaweed, mussels and barnacles.

Our next trip will be to Cascade Falls. We also plan to visit the Historical Museum , Mount Constitution and Camp Moran for a class in Creatures and Critters in July and August.



# Toddler Room News

by Emily McGerty

June has been quite an exciting month in the Toddler rooms. We have had friends move up to the preschool, friends leave us for the summer and in the infant room friends have moved into the room next to ours!

The warmer weather has allowed us to spend every possible moment outdoors. We often eat our meals outside, as well as do our activities, such as painting outside. We even move the sensory table out to enjoy the lovely weather

Parents, please remember to apply sunscreen prior to drop-off, and you may bring swim clothes when the weather is warm.

Our play yard is really looking beautiful after our last work party. We love the peep holes in the fence that Scott Whiting made for us to look through. We also enjoy the wide sidewalk that parents and teachers dug out. Thanks to Annie Allan, Kerissa Shaepe and Jean Dickerson!. Thanks also to Erin O'Dell who wielded the weed whacker and to Deb Jones, Kate Long and Patrick Bennet, who did lots of weeding, and digging in our new sandbox.. If you were not able to come on June 26, don't worry, because we will have another work party soon and we hope this might really be a Potluck!

Summer in the Older Toddler Room is in full swing!



Forest Frausto cleaning up after an outdoor meal



The children decorated their trikes, wagons, and strollers at school a few days before the parade on Saturday. We also decorated some late comers as we waited for the parade to start. We were all ready to go as the parade started at 12:30.

*Getting ready for the Fourth of July Parade*



Our entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Historical Parade was colorful and well attended by most of the Children's House families.

Everyone was dressed in red, white and blue. Kelly Hilger made a great banner for Steve's truck, and was busy adding stars and stripes to faces with face paint.

The children were troupers as they waited in the sunshine for the parade to begin.

Eggitha can be seen on the right with her Campaign Manager Dale Heisinger

