

### *From the Desk of the Supervisor*

As you are already aware, **Terry Tan's Withdrawal Policy** requires one month's notice in writing if you decide to withdraw your child from our program. If you already know your plans for withdrawal, please, (as a courtesy to those families who are on the waitlist), notify us as soon as possible. This not only assists a future family (and eliminates a whole lot of stress) but also the projections to place already enrolled children in the next age group. Thank you for your consideration in this matter!



Many Canadians celebrate Mother's Day by showing their appreciation for mothers or mother figures. The Mother's Day date in Canada is on the second Sunday of May each year. Mother figures may include step-mothers, mothers-in-law, guardians (eg. foster parents), and family friends. It is the time for people to thank mothers and mother figures who took the time care for them and help them through life's challenges. Early celebrations of Mother's Day originated from Canada's neighboring country, the United States. Carnations are a popular Mother's Day symbol in both Canada and the United States. Some people may choose to wear a carnation as a brooch on Mother's Day. However, other flowers are also given to mothers or mother figures to symbolize one's love and appreciation for them.

### Board and Staff News

The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 in the Eatonville school staff room. Please notify Shannon if you would like to attend.



Congratulations to Nancy who has been with Terry Tan since May 1986!

### Special Dates

10<sup>th</sup>- Parent Event 4:30-5:30

12<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day

6<sup>th</sup>- Ramadan begins

20<sup>st</sup>- Victoria Day (Centre Closed)



### Interesting to Note

#### Tips for Gardening With Children

Gardening gives children a chance to learn an important life skill, one that is overlooked in standard school curriculums. Gardening is also a great way to teach environmental awareness by exploring the workings of nature

#### Give Them Their Own Garden Beds

Whether you use raised beds, containers or ground plots, be sure to give each child his or her own separate plot. Keep it small, very small for young kids. Put their plots right in the middle of the action, with the best soil and light. Set them up for success.

#### Reuse the Sandbox

If your children have grown past their sandbox years, consider converting the old sandbox to a garden bed. This gives the child continued 'ownership' of a familiar space and encourages a sense of responsibility to the gardening project. Of course, a productive garden bed needs to be in good sunlight and soil should be free of tree roots. It may be necessary to relocate the sandbox if growing conditions are less than ideal.

