



# The Kwalikum Report

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Greetings:

September has always been my favorite month. I love the weather, I'm energized by the enthusiasm of the students' excitement for a new school year and inspired by the preparations teachers put forth to enable student success. The early tone of the school has been extremely positive and our school community has returned eager to work "together to realize our full potential".

The school has been buzzing to start the year: a great first day with our new Grade 9's, a super first week with all students, a successful Family BBQ, a school photo day, an extremely thrilling Terry Fox Run, and finally a School Planning Day in which the teaching and support staff spent the day discussing grading, reporting, and assessment. I am looking forward to working with students and teachers to make this school year great.

For the past two years we have had a community member drop off an anonymous envelope for me. In amazement, I opened the envelope and have received a donation from the generous donor to help students with book fees and whatever else might help. I didn't get a chance to thank the benefactor but wish I had since I'm so grateful for her generosity. These are the type of acts that I have experienced from our KSS community. Thank you so much for being such a supportive community to our students.

Parents, a friendly reminder that we are three weeks into the school year and students should have an indication of their standing in classes. Please have those conversations with your child about their success and, if needed, please contact teachers for additional support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jesse Witte, Principal

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[jwitte@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:jwitte@sd69.bc.ca)



## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS.

Please check the District Website -  
[www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)

for updated Community News and Events. Click on the second tab on the left to access current information on all upcoming activities.



## INTRODUCTORY MUSIC CONCERT

Kwalikum Secondary School Multi Purpose Room

September 30th  
7:00 PM

Join us for an entertaining evening of music.

*"Working together to realize our full potential"*



## UPDATED BUSSING INFORMATION

Thank you to all the parents who have made application for bus passes for their children. The goal was to have all applications in by September 11th, 2009, and to first assign seats for all the eligible riders. Once that was done, remaining available seats would be assigned to courtesy riders and those parents/guardians would be contacted, informing them of their eligibility. The intent was to have this process completed by September 18<sup>th</sup>. As most applications have been made in the last week and to ensure the information is correct and children are properly accommodated, the process should now be completed by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21st – 25th, 2009, IF THERE IS A COURTESY PASS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILD. PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR PASS TO THE DRIVER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 28th, 2009



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Qualicum School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. However, the School District does provide the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

All parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance, either through their own insurance agent or through the Student Accident Insurance Policy. Applications from IAP Kids Plus™ are available in the main office or application can be made on-line at [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://www.iapkidsplus.com)

Board of Education  
School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

## *A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES*

*Restorative Practices can provide you with cooperative interventions to use effectively with your children, your peers, and in your life as a whole. Is gaining cooperation with others a goal that seems elusive? Restorative Practices presents a model that will help you develop new skills and possibilities in your relationships with others.*

The District Restorative Justice Committee would like to offer an introductory training in restorative processes and practices. During the last few years, the RJ Committee has provided four such training opportunities with over forty district teachers and educational assistants participating. Participants have found the training valuable and transformative both personally and professionally. This year we would like to offer this training to the parents and staff of our school community. The fall training session will consist of 3 two hour sessions along with suggested reading material, and is limited to 12 participants.

The concepts introduced draw on the work of Diane Chelsom-Gossem and locally developed materials from the restorative justice training in our district.

For more information or to register for the sessions please contact David Osborn or Darcy Dalgaard.

Dates: Monday, October 19th, 26th, and November 2nd. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM Location: Arrowview Elementary

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District Counsellor, SD. 69  
752-5651 ext. 405 [dosborn@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:dosborn@sd69.bc.ca)

Darcy Dalgaard  
District Counsellor, SD. 69  
752-9212 [ddalgaard@sd.69.bc.ca](mailto:ddalgaard@sd.69.bc.ca)

website: <http://aes.sd69.bc.ca/> (click: programs & services, then school counselling, then Restorative Justice)

School District 69 (Qualicum)

## STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS (ALERTS)



Please note it is the responsibility of parents/ guardians to make the child's school aware of any life threatening medical problem/s your child/children may have. This includes any changes in condition for those students already on our medical alert file.

Parents are to provide medication in its original container clearly marked with the student's name. Please check the expiration date of the medication. If the medication requires administration (I.e. injection) it is important that those charged with the procedure have the proper training. Please call the Health Unit 250-248-2044 for assistance.

## BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!!



Parents are encouraged to return *all stray and/or still at home* KSS books to the main office or the library.

*ALL STUDENTS* should now have their textbooks for Semester 1. If your son/daughter does not have any textbooks; they need to come to the library; check the status of their accounts, and SETTLE / YES ...PAY for any lost or damaged books.

Thanks for all your support in this matter. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Jenkins (ext. 250) or Mrs. Doyle (ext. 269) at the school.

## Attention Students of Drama, Art, Photo and Music

There are important opportunities for students to enhance their learning in the Fine Arts through financial assistance for a number of activities. Each of the Fine Arts areas has extended learning possibilities that are suitable for students, so don't miss a chance to expand your learning. *Read on...*



The KSS Fine Arts Society is a group of individuals from the community who co-ordinate the annual Premiere Performance event so that student work can be showcased in the community of Qualicum Beach.



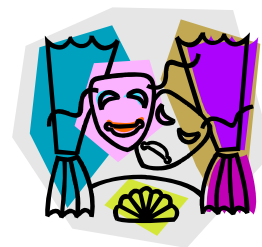
As a charitable organization they manage funds for distribution to benefit students in the arts who apply for *specialized training* in addition to their school programs.

The purpose: to provide opportunities to students that will extend their skills, knowledge, and attitudes in the Fine Arts, helping them develop understanding of, and participation in, arts related activities.



The process: With the recommendation of their teacher, students may apply for funds to support their participation in camps, workshops and specialized training.

Applications with further detail are available in the KSS main office or from the Fine Arts teachers. Opportunities present themselves throughout the school year so be sure to submit your application before June 15<sup>th</sup>.





**Embracing Change Workshop**  
**October 3rd, 2009 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

We all can be assured of change. Some changes we choose. Other changes are imposed or happen throughout the natural course of our lives. If you would like to learn valuable ways to embrace the changes in your life, come join us for our workshop.

We will present how Mindfulness and Self-Compassion practices along with Alexander Technique can help you cope with change.

Facilitators: Lynn Redenbach, RPN, MA, RCC  
& Shirley Wade-Linton, BA, RD, CanSTAT

Serious Coffee Heritage Center Mall, Parksville  
Cost: \$15.00 Preregistration Required: (250) 927-5099

*Office Location:*  
155 Weld Street  
Parksville, BC

*Mailing Address:*  
Box 1534  
Parksville, BC V9P 2H4  
Tel 250-248-0076  
Fax 250-248-3465  
Email [s-odyssey@shaw.ca](mailto:s-odyssey@shaw.ca)

**AFCSS**

**ASSOCIATED FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES LTD.**

You are invited to attend  
A Parent Education Group:  
**Understanding Youth Eating Disorders**  
October 3rd, 2009, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Serious Coffee, Heritage Center Mall  
Parksville, BC

This free workshop will assist parents to:

- Identify ways they can support their children in developing healthy relationships with food and their bodies,
- Understand more about healthy eating,
- Opportunities to examine factors that may contribute to eating problems,
- Resources and ways to intervene if concerns develop.

For Information & Registration Call:  
Lynn Redenbach, RPN, MA, RCC  
Youth Disordered Eating Counsellor  
(250) 248-0076

## Public Performance of *Gauche, the Cellist* by Kenji Miyazawa (Translated and Adapted for Double Bass by Ron Hadley)

*Gauche, the Cellist*, a short story written in the 1920s by the well-known Japanese poet and author Kenji Miyazawa (1896-1933) will be presented as a multi-disciplinary (narration, mime, dance and music) on Monday October 5th, at 7:00 PM., at The Old School House Arts Centre, 122 Fern Road West, Qualicum Beach, BC (tel.: 250-752-6133 [www.theoldschoolhouse.org](http://www.theoldschoolhouse.org)) as part of that organization's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest of Music (October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) festival ([www.harvestofmusic.com](http://www.harvestofmusic.com)).

During the Old School House Art Centre's Harvest of Music, *Gauche the Cellist* will be presented in almost every school in District 69. However, children, adults and families who are unable to get to one of the school performances will want to be sure to attend the public performance on Monday, October 5th, at 7:00 PM. Tickets are only \$10.00 and are available now at the Art Centre.

**\*\*\*A special performance for grade 9 students will be held on  
Thursday, October 8th, at 12:30 to 1:30 PM  
in the Multi Purpose Room.**



Although this story is most often categorized as children's literature, it has exhibited lasting, worldwide charm and appeal to people of all ages. *Gauche, the Cellist* is about a frustrated cellist in a semi-professional small town orchestra that is rehearsing for its upcoming performance of Beethoven's *Sixth Symphony* (the Pastoral Symphony). Each night when Gauche returns home to his shabby, little shack next to an old watermill to practice and practice into the wee hours after another day of being scolded for his incompetence by the conductor. The cellist is visited by various local animals. These strange and enchanting dreamlike visitations gradually transform Gauche's frustration into a more constructive and beneficial awareness of how music and compassion can bring contentment and good health to all beings in the world.

The performance troupe is called The Pastoral Players, and its members are Yayoi Hirano (an internationally celebrated mime and dance artist and mask-maker from Japan who now resides in Vancouver; who has created four delightful animal masks for this presentation.), Victoria dance and movement artist Lori Hamar, Vancouver double bassist Wilmer Fawcett (acclaimed for his work as the Principal Bassist in the Edmonton Symphony, the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, and Viveza), Qualicum Beach jazz pianist and freelance Japanese translator Ron Hadley (narration and music) and Victoria percussionist Kelby MacNayr.

A kabuki and/or bunraku theatre dimension will also be provided by Satoko Ōmura, a young mime artist from Japan who will work as a *kuroko* (the clad-in-black, "invisible" stage hand so characteristic of those well-known forms of Japanese theatre). In addition, the October 5th performance will be preceded by a brief talk/demonstration about Beethoven's *Sixth Symphony* by University of Victoria School of Music Professor Harald Krebs.

Two Harvest of Music workshops offered on Saturday afternoon, October 3rd are:

- 2:00–3:30 PM —Creative Movement Workshop with dance artist Lori Hamar and percussionist Kelby MacNayr
- 4:00–5:30 PM - Mime and Masked Movement Workshop with internationally celebrated mime, dance artist and mask maker Yayoi Hirano (a change for everyone to bring Yayoi's exquisite masks to life with their own movements)

Admission for each workshop is \$10.00.

# School Calendar 2009-2010

## SEPTEMBER

Thu. 24th

Fri. 25th

Wed. 30th

## OCTOBER

Tue. 6th

Thu. 8th

Mon. 12th

Tue. 13th

Wed. 14th

Wed. 21st

Thu. 22nd

Fri. 23rd

## NOVEMBER

Tue. 3rd

Mon. 9th

Tue. 10th

Wed. 11th

Fri. 20th

Tue. 24th

Wed. 25th

Fri. 27th

## DECEMBER

Tue. 1st

Tue. 8th

Wed. 9th

Fri. 18th

21st—Jan 1st

## JANUARY

Mon. 4th

Tue. 5th

Wed. 6th

Wed. 13th

Thurs. 14th

25th-19th

25th-29th

Mon 25th

Tue. 26th

Wed. 27th

Thu. 28th

Fri. 29th

## FEBRUARY

Mon. 1st

Tue. 2nd

Fri. 5th

Wed. 10th

Thurs. 11th

Mon. 15th

Thurs. 18th

Fri. 19th

Mon. 22nd

Thurs. 25th

Terry Fox Run

School Based Pro-D Day. Students Do Not Attend.

Introductory Music Concert, 7:00 pm

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Presentation of "Gauche The Bassist" KSS MPR

Thanksgiving Holiday

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Information Evening,  
6:30 pm (for Students and Parents)

Interim Reports (issued in AG)

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, 6:00-8:00 pm

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, 9:00-12:00

Noon. Non-Instructional Day

Provincial Pro-D Day. Students Do Not Attend.

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Music Parents General Mtg. 7:30 pm

Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:30 am

Remembrance Day

Post Secondary Liaison Day

Grade 11/12 Post Secondary Visit to V.I.U.

Report Cards (mailed to students)

School Based Pro-D Day. Students Do Not Attend.

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Music Program Christmas Choral Concert, 7:00 pm

Music Program Christmas Instrumental Concert,  
7:00 pm

Last Day of Classes before Winter Vacation

Winter Vacation

School Re-Opens

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Grad Polar Bear Swim, 3:30 pm

Honours Society Luncheon

Grad Transitions Package Due

School Based Exams

Provincial Exams

Geography 12, Biology 12

Comm 12, Physics 12, Prin. Math 12

English 12, Socials 11, Lit 12

English 10, BC First Nations 12, French 12,

Princ/App/Ess Math 10, App of Math 12, History 12

Science 10, English 12 First Peoples, Chemistry 12

Semester 2 Begins

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Course Change Deadline

Report Cards (issued in AG)

Grad Transitions Interviews

Grade 8 Orientation, 7:00 pm

(for Students & Parents)

Course Selection, Grade Assemblies

Jazz Extravaganza, 7:00 pm

District Pro-D Day. Students Do Not Attend.

Waterloo Math Contest, Grades 9-11

## MARCH

Mon. 1st-3rd

Tue. 2nd

Thurs. 4th

Fri. 5th

8th—19th

Mon 22nd

## APRIL

Thurs. 1st

Fri. 2nd

Mon. 5th

Tue. 6th

Wed. 7th

Thurs. 8th

Fri. 9th

Mon. 12th

Wed. 14th

Thurs. 15th

Fri. 16th

Wed. 21st

Fri. 30th

## MAY

Tues. 4th

Thurs. 13th

Fri. 14th

Mon. 24th

Thurs. 27th

Mon. 31st

## JUNE

Tue. 1st

Wed. 2nd

Thurs. 3rd

Sat. 5th

Mon. 7th

Wed. 9th

Fri. 18th

21st-23rd

21st-29th

Mon. 21st

Tue. 22nd

Wed. 23rd

Thurs. 24th

Fri. 25th

Mon. 28th

Tue. 29th

Mon. 28th

Tues. 29th

Wed. 30th

## JULY

Mon. 5th—Fri 9th Report Cards available for pick-up, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Course Selection Visits to Classes

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Interim Reports (issued in AG)

Course Selection Form Submission Deadline

Last day of classes before Spring Break

Spring Break

School Re-opens

Final date for Passport letter to Principal

Good Friday

Easter Monday

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Waterloo Math Contest, Grade 12

Scholarship Application Deadline

Report Cards (mailed to students)

Waterloo Math Contest, Grades 9-11

Music Parents Exec Mtg. 7:00 pm

Music Parents General Mtg. 7:30 pm

Honours Society Luncheon

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences,

6-8:30 pm

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences,

9-12:00 noon. Non-instructional Day

Premiere Performance, QF Civic Centre, 6:00 pm

District Pro-D Day. Students Do Not Attend.

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm

Grade 10 Visit to V.I.U.

BC High School Math Exam at V.I.U.

Victoria Day

Grad/Staff Banquet, QB Civic Centre, 5:30 pm

Music Program Presents "A Night At The Movies"

7:00 pm

PAC Mtg. 7:00 pm. Music Program Presents

"A Jazz Affair", 7:00 pm

Honours Society Banquet

Deadline for Commencement Eligibility

Prom/Dry Grad

Music Parents Exec Mtg. 7:00 pm

Music Parents General Mtg. 7:30 pm

Music Program Social, Rotary Park

Last Day of Classes Prior to Exams

School Based Exams

Provincial Exams

Physics 12, App/Princ of Math 12

English 12, Socials 11

Comm 12, Chemistry 12, Lit 12, English 10,

History 12

English 12 First Peoples, French 12, Biology 12,

BC First Nations 12

Science 10

App/Ess/Prin Math 10, Geography 12

Japanese 12, Mandarin 12

Awards Ceremony, KSS Gym, 6:30 pm

Commencement Ceremony, KSS Gym, 3:30 pm

Administration Day