

December 4, 2015



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Dec 4: Purdy's Order Pick Up
Dec 7/8: PAC Christmas Store
Dec 9: Hot Lunch: B.P. Pasta
Dec 15: Christmas Concert Starry Night #1 (6:30PM)
Dec 16: Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs
Dec 17: Christmas Concert Starry Night #2 (6:30PM)
Dec 18: Winter Wonderland Skate
Dec 18-Jan 4: Winter break
Dec 20: CPF Skate 4-5:30

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BELL SCHEDULE

Table with 2 columns: Time and Activity. Rows include Welcome bell, Classes Start, Recess, Eating period, Outdoor Play Time, and Classes End.

"When I respect others, others respect me and I like that"

~Grade 6 Student

Principals Message:

I'd like to thank our PAC parents who have steadily worked like Santa's helper to compile over 2000 items for the Christmas Store. The store will be open for children to purchase some lovely items for their families on Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday. Each class has selected a buying time. Please check with your child as to which day and time he/she can go shopping. The presents will be wrapped, so no one peaks at these wonderful items before Christmas Day. A special thank-you too for all the families who so gave so generously to this special event, your donations are most appreciated. A reminder that most items will cost between 25 cents to \$2.00, and students this year will be allowed to choose at least 3 gifts for family members. Happy shopping!

Our teachers have been very busy writing report cards and these will be going home on Wednesday December 9. It is my hope that parents will spend time reading to their child about the great learning that has taken place, but also discuss concerns and changes in attitude or behavior that would support even more learning next term. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you require more information or need some additional learning strategies to support your child.

We experienced a power outage this week. It was a good experience for us as we now have discovered that the heavy metal doors close in our hallways and emergency lighting comes on immediately. In the few areas that emergency lighting didn't come on, we know that batteries needed to be replaced and this has been done. So we will be prepared should this happen again.

There is a new parking lot located directly across from our school which is now available for parents to use. This parking lot should accommodate at least 22 vehicles and hopefully will reduce the congestion in our school parent lot.

Our two Christmas concert dates with class performances is included in this newsletter. We hope that you will be able to join us for our Starry Night performances, which no doubt will be brilliant!

Gwendolyn Flynn — Principal

"Starry Night" 2 Nights of performances!

(Order of performances still to be determined)

Tues. Dec 15

- Gr. 1/2 - Kolmatycki
Gr. 2/3 - Anderson
Gr. 2/3/4 - Bergink/Lawrence
Gr. 5/6 - Stagg/Dodd
Gr. 6/7 - Bown
Gr. 6/7 - Preston
Gr. K - Charnock/Finotti

Thurs, Dec 17

- Gr. 1 - Keen
Gr. 1/2 - Dragani/Janssen
Gr. 2/3 - Stutt
Gr. 4/5 - Dodd
Gr. 4/5 - Raviglione
Gr. 6/7 - St-Arnaud
Gr. 6/7 - Snyder
Gr. K - Tickell

CPF *Canadian Parents for French*

PRESENTS NOËL SUR GLACE!

When: Sunday, December 20th from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Who: District 69 Families with children registered in French Immersion

What: Family Skate rentals and a 1.5 hour skate on Oceanside Arena's festively decorated *Winter Wonderland* rink!

Refreshments: "Pain au Chocolat" (right from France!), Chocolat Chaud (Hot Chocolate), Cidre de Pomme (Apple Cider) "Café" (Coffee) and Thé (Tea)



**** By Donation ****

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club has moved to a new spot! If you love playing chess or you are just a beginner, you are welcome to come!

- Every Tuesday
- 12:05
- MPR



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Qualicum International Student Program is currently looking for families to host international high school students. Homes are needed for both short-term weekly programs as well as long-term semester programs.

If your family can provide:

- A warm and welcoming home environment
- Three meals per day
- A private bedroom with a Bed, Desk, Lamp, Closet and a Window
- A criminal record check from the RCMP for all residents 19+

Then hosting a student will offer you:

- The opportunity to make new friends from around the world
- An exciting cultural experience to share with your family
The chance to enrich the life of an international student

SIGN UP TO BECOME A HOST FAMILY TODAY!!! Contact Sandie or Jenny at: 250-927-3351 or by email at: homestay@sd69.bc.ca



FRENCH IMMERSION PARENTS INFO MEETING (GRADE 6/7)

Attention Grade 6/7 parents. We are pleased to be able to provide you with an opportunity to learn all about the French Immersion Program in high school. To that effect, we will be holding a meeting at 6pm on Wednesday December 2nd at Ballenas. Please come and hear all about what we anticipate the French Immersion will look like over the next 5 years. It's your opportunity to get questions answered.

BRAND NEW PARKING FOR EOES AVAILABLE

The new gravel parking lot is now available for parent parking. This parking lot is located on the corner of Wembley and Lowry Rd. The lot will hold 30 vehicles which should reduce the



congestion in our school parent lot.

There will be a fence around it, but that is still to come. Please be careful as you use the crosswalk to come and go to and from EOES.

MILNER CHRISTMAS MAGIC

Dec 4 to 6, 11 to 13, 16 to 20, 2015
5pm to 8:30pm, recommended last entry by 8pm
2179 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach, BC. www.milnergardens.org 250-752-6153. Over half a kilometre of lit and decorated trails. Santa, live Christmas music, Teddy Bear Cottage, Storytelling, Refreshments, Tearoom. Onsite shuttle for mobility challenged. We suggest you bring a flashlight. Sorry, we are unable to take reservations for the tea room and Full Afternoon High Tea is not available during Christmas season. All entry donations help support the garden. Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$2.50/child, \$12.00/family (2 adults and up to 3 minors).



A MESSAGE FROM PAC







The Bagel Cafe is running each morning at EOES, and we would appreciate if parents could discuss with their children the reason for this program at our school. We do have students that do not get any breakfast, and the program was set up primarily to serve those that are in need. It's success is dependent on a few community donors, Thrifty Foods and Quality Foods, and on the loonies that the program itself brings in. Please discuss this with your children. While we are very happy to serve all that come to us in the morning, we very much rely on those suggested loonie donations for those that do have the money to pay for an extra bite in the morning. Unfortunately, if this program is used heavily by students who are not in need and who also do not give any donation, the program will fold very quickly we will be unable to serve those that do need it. Please take a moment to ask if your child attends the bagel cafe - if you are a family in need, we look forward to serving you and your children each morning. If however your child has had breakfast and likes to visit for a little extra snack, please ensure that they know what the program is for and contribute to helping the program stay viable - we look forward to serving all of you!

Christmas Store, December 7 & 8

Christmas Store Gift Wrappers, Personal Shoppers, and Cashiers needed! If you have some time on December 7 or 8, we need parents/grandparents to help the kids shop and get their treasures wrapped! Please sign up on the bulletin board near the kindergarten classrooms - Moms, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas - anyone that wants to help is welcome! This is our favourite volunteer gig of the year!



| December | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 7 ← PAC CHRISTMAS STORE →  | 8  | 9 Report Cards go home Hot Lunch: BP Pasta | 10 | 11 |
| 14 | 15 Christmas Concert Night 1: Starry Night @ 6:30 9:30am Dress Rehearsal Grandparents welcome  | 16 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs | 17 Christmas Concert Night 2: Starry Night @ 6:30 9:30am Dress Rehearsal Grandparents welcome  | 18 Winter Wonderland Skate Primary 12:30–1:30 Intermediate 1:30–2:30 *Parents needed to help tie skates* Last Day Before Winter Break! Have |

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We're on the web!
[http://www.sd69.bc.ca/
school/OES/](http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/)

RDN & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Drop-in Gym is open and is a great afterschool activity. If your child takes the bus to either Parksville Elementary School or Qualicum Commons, you can arrange to have them get off and join in the gym fun.

Mon/Wed/Thu 3:00-4:45pm at Qualicum Commons

Mon/Tue/Thu 3:00-5:00pm at former Parksville Elementary

Your Active Pass is valid for swimming, skating and drop-in gym.

Child 10x Active Pass \$28.46 or Student 10x Active Pass \$38.01

Grade 5 and 6 Active and 10X Active passes will also be accepted for drop-ins. Child and Youth Drop-in schedules are posted online at rdn.bc.ca/recreation.

Register online and view
RDN programs and
schedules at
www.rdn.bc.ca
(250) 248-3252
or
(250) 752-5014

Cupcake Icing 101, 13 yrs+

Indulge your inner baker with this workshop on decorating cupcakes with buttercream icing. Please bring six pre-made plain cupcakes. All decorating supplies are provided. Tuesday, December 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, cost is \$25 per person.

Claytime Creations

Join Anne Marie Veale to learn the skills of handbuilding and wheel work. Fees include all supplies and firing. Qualicum Commons Tuesdays 3:00-5:00 pm #34840 Dec 1-22 or #34841 Jan 12-Feb 2 \$92/4

Register for January programs now and save your spot – the Active Living Guide is filled with programs for all ages and interests.

Events

Frozen Swim

Elsa will be making another appearance at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Come enjoy games, crafts and frozen fun with this theme swim. Saturday, December 5, 10:00am to 12:00 pm Family Swim.

Teen Swims 13-18yrs until December 18, starts again Jan 8

Bring your friends to Ravensong for a teen only swim. Enjoy the Pool toys and rope swing or just hang out in the pool and hot tub. Ravensong Aquatic Centre, Fridays, 7:00-9:00 pm regular admission.

Santa's helper swim

Come to Ravensong Aquatic Centre for the annual holiday swim on Monday, December 21st from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Join in reindeer pool games and a visit with Santa. Drop the children off (8 years of age or older if unaccompanied by an adult) and take the afternoon off or relax in the pool with your children. Admission is reduced rate: \$2 child/student, \$4/adult.

Winter Wonderland on Ice

The elves have been busy transforming Oceanside Place Arena into a Winter Wonderland. Join us for a variety of public skate sessions from December 15 to 31. View schedule online at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Winter Wonderland on Ice Free Skates:

December 20, Sunday from 12:15-1:45 pm FREE Family Skate sponsored by Parksville Lions & Save On Foods. December 27, Sunday from 12:15-1:45 pm FREE Everyone Welcome Skate sponsored by Ocean's Edge Orthodontics. December 27, Sunday from 2:00-3:30 pm FREE Everyone Welcome Skate sponsored by Tim Horton's

Winter Wonderland on Ice Free Teen Skate 13-18yrs

Tuesday, December 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Admission and skate rentals are free, courtesy of the Youth Recreation Strategic Plan.