

November 20, 2015



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE OCEANSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Nov 25:** Hot Lunch: Sushi
- Dec 1:** Last day for Christmas Store Donations
- Dec 2:** Hot Lunch: QF soup
- Dec 4:** Purdy's Order Pick Up
- Dec 7/8:** PAC Christmas Store
- Dec 15:** Christmas Concert Night 1 (6:30PM)
- Dec 17:** Christmas Concert Night 2 (6:30PM)
- Dec 18:** Winter Wonderland Skate
- Dec 20:** CPF Skate 4-5:30

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Secretaries:
Kimberly Barron
Miranda Andersen

BELL SCHEDULE

8:45	Welcome bell
8:50	Classes Start
10:30	Recess
11:50-12:05	Eating period
12:05 - 12:45	Outdoor Play Time
2:50	Classes End

"Every morning when we wake up we have 24 brand new hours to live. What a precious gift!"

~Hick Nhat Han

Principals Message:

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was so respectful. It truly honored and recognized through the performances by students the sacrifices of Canadian men and women who have given so much to ensure that we live in a safe and peaceful country. The assembly was very student oriented with poems from our smallest students in Kindergarten to beautiful melodies song by our Intermediate choir. The artwork that is currently hanging in our foyer is also a powerful tribute to this special day and time of "Remembering". I'd like to thank all of our students for showing such great respect during this formal assembly and to our staff who helped make this a meaningful event for our school. To the parents and guardians who came to be with us your presence was very much appreciated.

This week our students participated in a School Wide drawing activity based upon the Book by Kadir Nelson IF You Plant A Seed. I had the good fortune of sharing the story with students, which talks about how inclusion, sharing and working together helps to build strong communities of friendship. Exclusion does just the opposite. I thought this book really exemplifies the type of community we are working together on at EOES. It is my hope that the friendship garden we will plant together is a symbol of our efforts and a reminder to all of us that working together is better than working alone and produces better results! Please take some time to look at these beautiful drawings that have been put up in our foyer bulletin board.

Parents I would appreciate your support with reviewing safety guidelines once again when your child crosses the road. Looking both ways before stepping out onto the roadway is a safety practice that is so important and could avoid potential injury. Hopefully, the new lights will be in place on the highway which will make this a safer route for our students to travel.

Our first term ends next Friday. Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday December 09, 2015. You may find that next week your child may be working to complete some assignments for this reporting period. Having a discussion with your child about what is the priority to do each night will help him / her with making good use of time spent completing this work at home.

The month of December will have many classes continuing on with their learning but also practicing for our two concerts, which will be held on Tuesday Dec. 15 and Thursday Dec. 17. Both concerts will be starting at 6:30. The classes have been divided amongst these two nights so that we can accommodate all the families who attend. Dress rehearsals will be in the morning on those specific days, starting at 9:15 in our gym. Grandparents might find that a better time to come and watch the performances. Our students who are not in concert on the specific evening concert will watch their fellow performances. We hope to see as many families out to these concerts as is possible.

Next week our Spirit Day Committee is setting up a photo booth to capture all the silly moustaches that will be coming to school on Thursday November 26. This should prove to be a fun event for so many of our students!

Remember to keep sending in any items for our Christmas store. The shopping adventure looks as if it will contain some nice gifts for special family members. Again, we want to thank our PAC for creating and organizing this special but meaningful event for our students!

~Gwendolyn Flynn

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 meets every Tuesday, right after the eating period in the Library. If you love playing chess or you are just a beginner, you are welcome to come!

- Every Tuesday
- 12:05
- Library



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



Mother Goose goes to school

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their preschool aged child (younger siblings welcome) to join Mother or Father Goose weekly for a 1/2 hour of songs, interactive activities, story time and more in each of School District 69's Elementary Schools.

Mother Goose		Starting October 13, 2015
Errington Elem.	Tuesdays	8:30 am
Oceanside Elem.	Tuesdays	9:45 am
Nanose Bay Elem.	Wednesdays	8:20 am
Springwood Elem.	Wednesdays	9:30 am
Father Goose		Starting November 5th, 2015
Bowser Elem.	Thursdays	9:00 am
Qualicum Beach Elem.	Thursdays	10:30 am
Arrowview Elem.	Fridays	10:00 am



WWW.OBLT.CA
250-947-8252



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 3rd 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.

JUNIOR BONSPIEL AT QUALICUM & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB

Saturday, December 5, 2015

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Come out and watch your school friends curl

If you are interested in curling, contact Eileen at 250-248-5212



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 NEED 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 kids - 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 if they can, the program will fold very quickly and be unable to serve those that do need it. Please take a moment to see 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 can contribute to help the program stay viable - we look forward to serving all of you!



Our Christmas Store will be happening in early December. At this time, we are accepting donations of gently used items to include in the sale. Keep in mind that the items should be desirable for all different ages, Bring your donations to the OES foyer.



Time is running out to get your Purdy's orders in for Christmas! Oceanside Elementary's Christmas fundraiser is ready for your orders, and catalogues have gone home with ordering info. To order quickly online, go to: <https://www.purdysgpp.com/join/26196> Once registered and logged in, you should be joined to Ecole Oceanside Elementary School . From there you are able to Invite other members, Shop online, Pay for your orders! Have a sweet shopping experience! Orders must be completed by November 20, and will be at the school for pickup Dec. 4. Thank you for your support!

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



Outdoor Christmas light show for the whole family to enjoy.
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).

REMINDER: STUDENT FEES

If you haven't paid your student fee/supply fee, please stop into the office to do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



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We're on the web!
<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/>

RDN & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

10-17YRS **ACRYLIC PAINTING**

Join Meghann and explore your artistic side. Learn the basics of composition and design, colour mixing, brush use and design techniques using acrylic paint.

Qualicum Commons

Tues & Thur
4:45-5:45pm
#35512 Nov 24-Dec 17
\$76/8
All supplies included



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO RECREATION AND PARKS
Register at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre 737 Jones St, Qualicum 250-752-5014
Oceanside Place Arena 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville 250-248-3252


Find us on:   

10-17YRS **CREATIVE DRAWING**

Join Meghann and learn to sketch like the masters...da Vinci, Michelangelo, Matisse. Explore working with charcoal and chalk pastels.

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Tues & Thur
3:30-4:30pm
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\$68/8



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