

November 6, 2015



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE OCEANSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Nov 4:** Hot Lunch: SUBWAY
- Nov 10:** Remembrance Day Assembly (11am)
- Nov 11:** Remembrance Day
- Nov 13:** Pick up day for Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- Nov 18:** Hot Lunch: Boston Pizza
- Dec 15:** Christmas Concert Night 1 (6:30PM)
- Dec 17:** Christmas Concert Night 2 (6:30PM)
- Dec 18:** Winter Wonderland Skate

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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

"Peace is more important than all justice: and peace was not made for the sake of justice, but justice for the sake of peace."

~Martin Luther

Principals Message:

We certainly enjoyed a very busy but productive day of Halloween activities last Friday. I'd like to thank all the parents who came and supported our events by either helping their child dress in a costume, providing healthy snacks or lending a helping hand in our Primary classes. The creative learning centers that were developed by our Primary staff proved to be very successful. Parents we appreciated your participation and support, this certainly ensured that everything throughout the day ran smoothly.

During the month of October we practiced our second fire drill. It just so happened this was the first day of our Hot Lunch Program. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the parents who were so helpful in modelling great emergency behavior and followed the request to go outside when the alarm rang. Thank you, I know this made getting your orders out on time a little hectic, but you followed the safety procedures we expect for all during drill practices. This month we will be practicing our Earthquake safety measures. Parents you can support this by having a conversation with your child at home about what is the best thing that he/she should do in case of an Earthquake in order to be safe.

The Book Fair this week has been a tremendous success! Thank you parents for supporting this important fund raising event for our school. Any profits that are made go directly to supporting classroom libraries, so all children can enjoy new and interesting books.

The roadway on Wembley Rd is currently under construction. As there is a traffic controller out directing traffic, I have not been out on Crosswalk Duty, as they are in control. On Monday there will be more construction going on as the trees will be taken down on the corner lot. This will be done in order to start the development of an extra parking lot for EOES. This parking lot will not be paved but will accommodate 30 cars and hopefully reduce the congestion we are now experiencing. Please be cautious when travelling through and near this area.

As Remembrance Day quickly approaches many of our classes have been busily talking about the idea and concept of PEACE. Living in a peaceful country it is often difficult for children to comprehend that others do not live as we do, enjoying the luxury to speak and travel throughout Canada free of harm. It is important for all of us to remember that the cost of having such a peaceful way of life was provided for us by brave Canadians who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We hope to recognize and remember these brave women and men by holding an assembly on Tuesday November 10 at 11:00. We will be having many of our students sing, read poems, and be a part of this assembly. We extend the invitation to parents, grandparents and guardians to join us in this special tribute assembly, which will take place in our gym.

On Monday we will be planting a special garden of 150 tulip bulbs to recognize our Canadian Veterans who died. This Peaceful garden is being created in honor of those whom we want to remember. Each class will have two students help with the planting. In the Spring we hope that this beautiful garden of flowers will bloom into a fitting tribute for those whom we want to be thankful to and for.

~Gwendolyn Flynn

Remembrance Day Assembly: Families are welcome to attend. The assembly starts at 11am. **Please remember to send a donation** for a poppy with your student for the assembly if they want to wear one.



10-17YRS


CARTOONING FOR YOUTH


Join Meghann for Saturday morning cartoons. Specifically designed for YOUTH interested in drawing graphic arts genres like comics, animation and game design.

Qualicum Commons

Saturdays
10:00am-12:00pm

#35508 Nov 14-Dec 12
\$85/5






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:



LEGION CONTESTS:
POSTERS, WRITING ESSAYS AND POEMS
Category Grades 1-7 Essays Gr. 4-7 Poems: Gr. 4-7
Two Categories- Black and White or Colour Drawings
Theme for All Categories: Write or draw about what Remembrance Day means to you and Your Country
Entry Forms: Must be attached to every entry and are available in the office.
Due Date: November 15 for entries
Prizes: Cash



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

LOST AND FOUND

A student at OES is missing a very valuable and special item. A black and tan baseball glove was taken from the outdoor basketball courts on Wednesday morning. The glove says Roberto Alamar on it and has his number. Please check with your child to see if they have seen it or picked it up by mistake. If you know the whereabouts of the glove, please let the office know.

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







CONSTRUCTION NOTICE; WEMBLEY RD.

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Operation Christmas Child; Filling a Shoebox of Gifts



Each classroom is being asked to bring in small useful items for either a boy or a girl who lives in an impoverished or war torn country. Gifts like pencils, pens, crayons, colouring books, toothbrushes, bars of soap, hair clips are all appropriate items. Shoeboxes need to be filled by Monday, November 16th. Thanks for your support.

REMINDER: Please ensure your child has utensils in their lunch. Many students are forgetting a spoon or fork. Thank you!



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.



You are invited to participate in **Ecole Oceanside Elementary School** Christmas

fundraiser. Please support this worthy cause by going 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! 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).

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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

Claytime Creations 5-12yrs

Join local pottery artist Anne-Marie Veale to learn the skills and creativity of handbuilding and wheel work. Create your own masterpiece with clay. Fee includes all supplies and firing. Qualicum Commons, Tuesdays 3:00-5:00pm \$92/4 34839 Nov 3-24

Drop-in Gym

All grades welcome! Mon/Wed/Thu 3:00-4:45pm at Qualicum Commons 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

Student 10x Active Pass \$38.01

Grade 5 and 6 Active and 10X Active passes will also be accepted for drop-ins.

Monthly gym, skate and swim drop-in schedules are posted online at rdn.bc.ca/recreation.

Music and Movement

1 month-4 years

Experience a warm, happy introduction to the world of music, using song, dance, games and rhythm instruments. Little ones will develop listening and social skills and improve language development. Parent participation required. Qualicum Commons Thursdays 9:15am-10:00am (1 month-4 years) #35452 or 10:15-11:00am (2-3yrs) #34812 Nov 5-Dec 17 \$52.50/7 additional child \$31

Sports for Shorts 3-5yrs

Running, jumping, throwing and laughing... this is the key to any great sport. Children will be introduced to a variety of sports and games that develop their physical literacy skills. Qualicum Commons Mondays 10:00-10:45am #34808 Nov 16-Dec 14 \$32/5

Tot Soccer 4-5yrs

Here's a chance to get small bodies moving and learn the basics of soccer. Other games will be introduced to develop fundamental movements such as running, jumping, kicking and balance.

Qualicum Commons Mondays 11:00-11:45am #34810 Nov 16-Dec 14 \$32/5

Events

Youth Red Cross Emergency First Aid with AED/CPR 14-18yrs

This course is designed to teach injury prevention. This course covers home hazards, safety education, CPR, automated external defibrillation and first aid skills for common emergencies. Pro-d day: Friday, October 23 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, cost is \$81.95.

Parksville Lion's and Save-On-Foods Free Family Skate

Free family skating at Oceanside Place Arena every Sunday from 12:15 to 1:45 pm, courtesy of Parksville Lion's and Save-on-Foods. Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult, 19 years or older.

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



Family Resource Association

**DISTRICT 69 YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY -
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-8:30**



**WINCHELSEA PLACE . FOR AGES 13-18
FREE DROP-IN .**

(not available during school based holidays)

A COMMUNITY BASED FLOOR HOCKEY PROGRAM

**Any questions call Family Resource Association Youth services Coordinator
Donna @ (250) 752-6766 Ext. 206**