



Qualicum Beach Elementary School

"We are a nurturing community!"

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"There is a growing awareness that the key to successfully shifting schools to a collaborative educational model, we need to shift our thinking patterns, belief systems, and mind-sets or as Sergiovanni calls them... mindscapes."

Sullivan & Glanz

Our Big Buddy Program – The Joy of Learning.



Here we see children reading with each other. It is a regular occurrence in our foyer. In this picture, Mr. Boates' grade 5 students are reading to Mr. Prosser's kindergarten students.

Staff Report

Stormy January has come and gone. We are now beginning February with its promise of springtime bulbs beginning to show although these students definitely enjoyed our snowfall.

We say good bye to Corby Johnsen. We wish him the very best in his education career. We welcome Bonnie Williers who starts her position with us on February 1st.

Thank you for your support of the bake sale held on Friday, January 20th, 2012. Over \$300.00 was raised to the Guatemalan relief fund. Your support is genuinely appreciated. It makes our students more aware of our world and how many people are in need.

We welcome back our student teachers. Breanne Poland is in Mrs. Williams class from February 6-April 13, 2012. Hannah Mockett (Ms. Nemeth); Melissa Hodgins (Mrs. M & M) and Gillian Epp (Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Annau) return to us in the month of February for two weeks and then again in April and May.

Mr. Weirsma and Mr. Selva have agreed to carry on the tradition of Friday morning hockey in the gym with our enthusiastic students. Mr. Johnsen started this tradition and we are so very grateful that Mr. Weirsma and Mr. Selva have stepped up to the plate, or should I say net. Hockey starts at 8:00 am sharp on Friday mornings in our gymnasium.

The annual **Knights of Columbus Basketball Shootoff** at the elementary level is being hosted by Parksville Elementary on February 8th between 11-1 pm in their gym. Four grade 5 students, two boys and two girls will have the opportunity to represent our school. Students will practice shooting during lunch hour and our own shootoff will be held on February 3rd.



Teacher/ Parent/Student Conferences

Teachers will be available between 9:00 am and 2:40 pm excluding the lunch hour (12pm – 1 pm) on Tuesday February 28th. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher please contact the office at 250-752-6989 to arrange a time.

PAC MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month: Next meeting is in the Library on February 8, 2012 at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION For the School Year 2012-2013 February 13 – 24, 2012

Children who become five years old on or before December 31, 2012 may enter Kindergarten in September 2012. Parents are advised that they must bring their child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE as registration cannot occur without it. Schools will also request to see your child's Medical Care Card and Record of Immunization as well as proof of residency (eg: local utility bill). Please contact Public Health at 250-947-8222 to ensure that your child has received their Kindergarten Immunization.

Please register at your neighbourhood (catchment) elementary school. Attendance boundary information is available at each school or by telephoning the School Board at 250-248-4241. Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an **out-of catchment school** within the District are to make their request upon registration at their catchment school and complete a Student Transfer Request Form.

Monday, February 13 – Friday, February 24, 2012 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Winchelsea Elementary School
Arrowview Elementary School
Errington Elementary School
Nanoose Bay Elementary School
Parksville Elementary School

Qualicum Beach Elementary School

Collaborative Education Alternative Program (for students who learn primarily from home)

Monday, February 13 – Friday, February 24, 2012 (excluding Feb 20) 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Bowser Elementary School
French Creek Community School
February 13 – 16 and February 21 – 24, 2012

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Parents of students eligible to enter Kindergarten may register their child in the Early Immersion Program at Parksville Elementary School. An Information Evening for parents considering the Early Immersion Kindergarten program will be held on Tue, Feb 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Parksville Elementary School. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Beil at 250-248-5778.

Children's Discovery Centre

"learning through play"

- Preschool and Daycare for children 30 months to 5 years of age
- Out of school Care for children up to 12 years of age
- ECE Qualified Staff
- Offering fun and stimulating activities in a creative learning environment
- Open Pro D days and during school breaks

Hours of Operation

Before School Daycare	After School Daycare	Groupcare	Preschool Program
7:30 am – 9:00 am	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8:00 am – 5:30 pm	9:-00 am – 11:30 am

For more information contact 250-752-4343 or childrensdiscoverycentre@hotmail.com

Community Events

Rath Trevor Beach Prov. Park Nature House

Monday, March 12 – Friday, March 16 9 am – 3 pm

Ages 6 – 12 (Rain or Shine)

Bring a lunch. Some snacks provided

\$35 per day/\$150 full week

Children get to know about their wild neighbours in the great outdoors with RLC natural history interpreters. Students will explore and discover nature's treasures and then express their understanding of what they have learned through games, arts and a process of collaborative creative thinking.

5 Day Program: Mornings are spent exploring and learning, while afternoons include games and activities to help us remember and communicate what we see on our adventures.

Seedy Saturday - It's all happening at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St., **Sat, Feb 4th**, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission by donation. ATM on-site. Special Pre-Show Presentation by Linda Gilkeson, "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Pollination (but were afraid to ask...)", **Fri, Feb 3rd** at 7 pm in the Windsor Room. Limited seating so get there early. website: www.qbseedysaturday.com For more info contact: 250-752-9650 sandyglazss@hotmail.com



RDN Recreation and Parks Programs

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

Young Guns Pro-D Hockey Camp

The Pro-D Hockey Camp with the Young Guns staff will improve your hockey skills through a combination of on and off ice training. 28329 Monday, February 27, 9:30-3:30pm \$40/1

Winnie the Pooh Family Swim

Bring your preschoolers to this fun family swim! Games and fun will be centered on everyone's favourite Disney character Winnie the Pooh!

Sunday, January 15 10:00am-12:00pm

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

Free admission and skate rentals. Children under 19yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Pond hockey is not available during Family Skate sessions.

Sundays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at Oceanside Place.

Pro-D Day Fun Hawaiian Style

We will create a tropical paradise here at Ravensong! Join us for an afternoon of hula hoop, limbo, and surfing contests! Grab your grass skirts and surfer shorts and join in the fun at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Most events will happen between 2:00-3:00pm. February 27, 1:00-3:00pm. Special rate of \$1.50 (child/student) and \$3.00 (adult). Everyone Welcome.

Minute to Win It Skate

Try out our wacky contests taken from the popular television show. In one minute, can you win it? Prizes awarded for best times on each event. Saturday February 18 at Oceanside Place, Everyone Welcome 2:00-3:30pm, regular admission.

Disco Glow Skate

Groove on down at the arena with some retro music and special effects! Everyone gets a FREE glow bracelet to start. Bring your own glow ropes to add to the effects! Saturday February 25 at Oceanside Place, Everyone Welcome 2:00-3:30pm, regular admission.

Parents, there are programs for you too! Fitness, Yoga, Photography, Zumba and Floor Hockey! Contact Jenn at Recreation and Parks for more information 250-248-3252.

Calendar Dates to Remember

February	3	Basketball Shootoff for Grade 5's at noon
	7 & 21	Artist in Schools (Anne-Marie Veale) Potter
	8	District Basketball Shootoff at Parksville Elementary 11am-1pm
	8	PAC meeting in the Library at 6:30
	13	Golf – Grades 2-5 in the Gym
	27	District Professional Development Day (classes not in session)
	28	QBES Reporting Day (classes not in session) Parent /Teacher Conferences
March	6	Artist in the Schools (Anne-Marie Veale) Potter
	12-23	Spring Break
	26	School re-opens
	29	Pink T Shirt Day because We Care (T Shirts supplied)

