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“Learning and growing together”

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE—DARREN FREEMAN**

**Parent Teacher Conferences** – The goal of these conferences is to make the remainder of the school year as positive as possible for your child. With that in mind, here are some suggestions that might make the conferences more productive and more beneficial for all participants:

<p><b>The Basics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be on time. The 10-minute blocks include movement to and from classes.</li> <li>• Be prepared. Feel free to bring written notes and questions that you would like to discuss.</li> <li>• Work together. Your child is definitely welcome to hear the discussions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Conference Thoughts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you want the teacher to know about your child?</li> <li>• What are your child’s favourite subjects, extra-curricular activities, external commitments, etc.?</li> <li>• What are some factors in your child’s life that might be impacting them in class at this time in their life?</li> </ul>
<p><b>What do you want out of the conference?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask the teacher to define your child’s strengths and weaknesses.</li> <li>• Has your child offered any thoughts that you would like to discuss?</li> <li>• Are there social concerns that might be impacting the learning?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conference Thoughts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is expected of your child for homework (how is it explained, what are the timelines, how are these expectations communicated, etc.?)</li> <li>• How does assessment occur?</li> <li>• How can the home assist the school and vice versa?</li> </ul>

We recognize that 10 minutes is not nearly enough time to fully meet everyone’s needs. Please feel free to contact the office to arrange for a meeting with any of your child’s teachers, support staff, or administrator. Communication is a critical piece of a successful school year.

**SINGING CLUB – WEDNESDAYS AT LUNCH IN THE MPR**

Mr. Ellis, assisted by Ms. Matte, will be leading a singing group of all interested voices at lunchtime in the Multi-purpose room on Wednesdays – come at the start of the eating period. Students will be enticed to bring out their own natural instrument – their voices – and sing for FUN, starting with the Beatles and then covering such genres as African, Rap, Folk and Modern songs with rhythms that will keep the feet tapping and the hands clapping!



**LIFETOUCH PHOTO RETAKES**

Retakes are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15, starting in block 4. Students will need to bring back their original package to return, and if they missed the original day, pick up an order envelope from the school office.



**QBMS BIKE CLUB RE-CYCLES!**

**Parents!** You can help the club with its general fund-raising efforts by donating your recyclable empties (pop/juice bottles, cans, boxes, and pouches, beer, wine, spirit containers). Just drop them off at the school shop’s caged area. We also have an account at the **Qualicum Bottle Depot**. Any donations at either location are welcome and thank you.



**INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY PROGRAM**

There is a grade 8 boy and a grade 7 girl that will be here until June and have been living in the dorm. They will each need a family until June and the homestay fee pays 700.00 per month. They will need to be able to get to and from school and we will provide them with a bus pass. Any family interested can contact Sandie Wassbauer at 250-951-0857 or 250-927-3351.

**GOTCHA WINNER**

Congratulations to this week’s Gotcha winner...*Tahlia of division 6-3!!!*



**GUITAR CLUB – TUESDAYS AT LUNCH IN THE MPR**

Do you want to learn to play the guitar? **Craig Ellis**, a guitar and piano teacher (and an old rock n’ roller himself), will be offering instruction to anyone interested in learning to play guitar in the multi-purpose room at lunchtime on Tuesdays – come at the start of the eating period. All are welcome to come and learn in a group setting some of those famous and catchy guitar riffs that will entice you to learn more (and impress your friends?)...starting with an exploration of the Beatles’ music.

Mr. Ellis has been teaching guitar and piano to kids and adults for 10 years and his fun and engaging approach draws upon his years of experience as a musician playing in a popular Vancouver Island dance band.



So bring your guitars (electric or acoustic) and all your musical energy and look forward to some rockin noon hours!! You don’t need a guitar to start.

**QBMS SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!!**

Spirit wear is here! This year QBMS students have a choice of purchasing hoodies, sweat pants, golf shirts or shorts.

These garments will be for sale in Rm 222 at specified lunch hours this week. Students will see the signs posted in the hallways.

This first order is of limited supply. If we sell out of an item or the size is not available, we will be doing another order before Christmas.

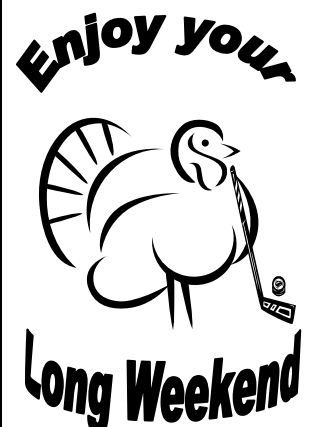
Please make cheques out to QBMS – price includes tax.

For further information, please contact Mr. Worthen at [bworthen@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:bworthen@sd69.bc.ca)



Prices are:

- Hoodies \$30
- Sweat pants \$25
- Dry Tech Running shirt \$28
- Golf Shirt \$27
- Dazzle Shorts \$23



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**

- Monday, October 12 - Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday, October 15 - Lifetouch Photo Retakes
- Wednesday, October 21 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 6-8pm
- Thursday, October 22 - QBMS Reporting Day (no students in attendance)
- Thursday, October 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 9am-12pm
- Friday, October 23 - Provincial Pro D (no students in attendance)
- Week of October 12 - Interim Reports



**SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

6-1	Sarah Heine	7-1	Gabby Courtorielle	8-1	James Reinhardt
6-2	Taylor Biscan	7-2	Charlotte Telfer-Wan	8-2	Knute Ellingson
6-3	Rosie Addiscott	7-3	Mis Wicikowski	8-3	Daniel Bras
		7-4	Ross Pratt	8-4	Rebecca Newton

**OBMS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Our yummy lunch program has started up. All foods are freshly prepared at Deb's Deli, and are delicious and healthy! Lunches may be pre-ordered for any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the month. Order forms are in the office.

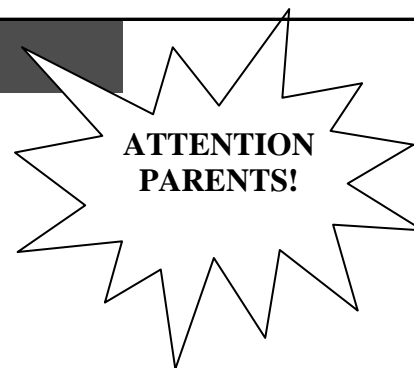


**HALLOWEEN EVENTS**

**Halloween Family Dance and BBQ:** Dress up at our annual Family Halloween Dance and BBQ on Tuesday, October 27th at QBMS. The BBQ is from 6-7pm and the dance is from 6:30-8:30pm. Parents and siblings are welcome! Siblings must be supervised by attending parents/guardians. Purchase Dance Tickets and BBQ tickets through next week's newsletter.

**Halloween Spirit Day:** Friday, October 30th. Dress up and earn spirit points for your homeroom! Costume parade at lunch. Categories: Scariest, funniest, most unusual etc.

**FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER**



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

- Give the gift of reading and help support your school! We thank you and appreciate your participation. Every order counts, more than ever.
- Our school will on average receive \$10.00 from every order. These funds will be used to **support important goals and programs that benefit our children.**
- Over 600 magazine titles — there's an amazing selection and something for everyone at a great value. Magazines like People, SI Kids, Our Canada, Canadian Living, Everyday with Rachel Ray, The Hockey News and more...
- Fantastic savings over newsstand prices! Better offer coupons accepted.
- **RENEW** your favourite subscription, **ORDER** a **NEW** title, or **GIVE** a **Gift**.
- Ask family, friends, neighbours, co-workers and don't forget local business professionals or service centers with waiting rooms (doctors, salons, etc.).
- Receive cool prizes for all your hard work!

**SATISFACTION GUARANTEE**

Toll free customer service # (800-667-2536) is printed on the back of the customer receipt (pink copy). IT'S SO EASY TO PARTICPATE! Every Order Counts!

**DATE OF SALE:** OCT 09/09

**SCHOOL/STUDENT GOAL:**  
School Goal is \$20,000

**The Catalogue**



- Choose your favourite magazines. Complete the order form including address and postal code.
- Include seller and organization name.
- Enclose white/yellow copies with payment, and keep pink copy.
- Extra order forms are available at the school.
- Allow 10-14 weeks for delivery.
- If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to: **QBMS PAC**
- Order forms due back to the school by: **OCTOBER 23, 2009**

**SAFTEY FIRST! NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLING!**

**Order Online**

**GREAT FOR OUT OF TOWN FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- **Online orders are processed immediately, save up to 4-6 weeks delivery time.**
- Go Green! Paperless Fund Raising!
- Easy pay with credit cards.
- Sell 24 hours a day, year round.
- Accurate, safe, and simple, and fun!
- On-line gift cards are available!



- Go to [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) to order online.
- Use our School Code: **3589** and follow the instructions.
- Send emails to your friends and families.
- Plus — Receive a cool Hoodie Sweatshirt Key-chain and Weepul just for sending 12 emails.
- Anyone from anywhere in Canada can help!

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