

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #11, April 15, 2024



Message from Principal

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a great spring break and are back into steady routines. With the weather warming up, it's the perfect time to establish new routines and fresh energy in our classrooms. Our students are diving back into their studies with lots of enthusiasm, and working hard on their school work..

As we gear up for the final stretch of the school year there are lots of activities planned. Remember, communication is key to a successful school year. Please make sure to stay in touch with your child's teacher to ensure they have the support they need to be successful.

If you have any comments please reach out.

Thank you
Jesse Witte

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 school year is now open!

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 school year is now open! Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in before

the end of this school year for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child.

TIMELINES

April - May 31, 2024 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an *Eligible Rider wait list* will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after June 1.
- Exact bus route information will be emailed to families before the first day of school.

June 1 – June 30 2024 Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.

Applications received after July 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on busses allow.

POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Reminder popcorn for sale Wednesdays bring your money \$2.50 a bag to help support our Learning Service Department.



Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a change of clothes for your child to keep at school. Thank you!



SES Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is back in full force! Every Friday staff and students show their school spirit by wearing their Springwood gear.

- T-Shirts \$22.00
- Hoodies \$35.00
- Hats \$30.00
- Toques \$22.00



Please see the front office for purchase. Cash or Cheque accepted.


If you would like to use the online option, please contact Candice in the front office.

Candice Nikirk
School Accounts Secretary


PAC UPDATE

KIDS CRAFT FAIR IS HAPPENING AGAIN, MAY 15TH DURING CELEBRATION OF LEARNING.


KIDS CAN SIGN FOR A TABLE BY COMPLETING FORM BY PAC BULLETIN BOARD AND HANDING INTO THE DROP BOX. PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE KIDS.




A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THERE ARE ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUT SO PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR WEEKLY EMAILS.



APRIL PAC MEETING IS THIS THURSDAY AND MAY 16TH PAC MEETING IS EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SEND NOMINATIONS TO SPRINGWOODPAC@GMAIL.COM



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
-CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET MAY 10TH 9-12PM
-WHEELY WEDNESDAY ALL MAY - FUN DAY
JUNE 14TH 8AM-3PM
(DON'T FORGET TO BOOK IT OFF AND HAVE YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD COMPLETED)



Please contact springwoodpac@gmail.com with any questions

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- April 29 - PRO-D Day - Students do not attend
- May 17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day - Students do not attend
- May 20 - Victoria Day - Students do not attend
- June 27 - Final Day for Elementary Students

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Contact Us

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Oceanside Building Learning Together

PETE THE CAT FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL FAIR



Meet Pete the Cat,
 climb aboard a
 school bus, fun
 activities, parent
 resources,
 and lots more ...

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
5:00 - 7:00PM

Qualicum Commons
 744 Primrose St.,
 Qualicum Beach



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MAY 1-11 2024

EXHIBITION HOURS
 MON-THUR 10AM- 8PM
 FRI-SAT 10AM-5PM

OPENING GALA
 MAY 2ND AT 6PM - 8PM
 TOWN HALL LOBBY

Mindfulness in May
"Forest, Sea & Self"
 Annual Youth Arts Exhibition

For more info contact Diane Moran at moraninthemoon@gmail.com.





Grades 4-7

Registration Fee **\$40** /player includes T shirt

Ballenas Senior Boys Present Whalers Nation Skills Camp
May 8th and 10th

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Whalers Fundraiser

About This Camp
 The Senior Boys Basketball team welcomes all those who want to come out to the Ballenas gym and participate in our fun filled, action packed skills camp! The camp will be facilitated by Whalers Head Coach Paul Wright, along with coaching staff and current Whalers players. The camp is also fundraiser for the upcoming season to support travel costs. Space is limited, so register today! All Whalers Academy participants will receive a T shirt and special invite to a home game next season!

Wednesday May 8th and Friday May 10th
 Grade 4-5 5:30-6:30pm
 Grade 6-7 6:30-7:30pm

Registration info to include:
 Players Name, Grade and T-Shirt size
 Parent/Guardian contact info
 Register by email @ paulw@sd69.bc.ca



Keynote Address

SOGI SCHOOL FOR FAMILIES

Understanding and Supporting SOGI in Schools
 (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity)

Diversity amplifies excellence.™



Mischa Oak
 Presenter

Mischa Oak (he/him) is a former BC teacher who has dedicated his career to helping others foster diversity and Two-Spirit & LGBTQ+ inclusion excellence. Through his company LGBTQ Corporate Training, Mischa advises school districts, multinational companies, First Nations, and international development projects.

Mischa's advocacy career includes working for same-sex marriage legalization, coordinating Vancouver Pride, and advocating for transgender rights in the BC school system. Mischa is a Loran Scholar with an MEd in Social Justice Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning.

Families SOGI School
 1.5 hr Keynote

- Understanding SOGI
- Creating a community of allies
- 2SLGBTQ+ 101
- What to say. What not to say.
- Understanding where anti-SOGI pushback is coming from
- How to talk about SOGI
- Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth

- ✓ **What SOGI in schools really means and how you can take part in being a 2SLGBTQ+ ally.**
- ✓ **Build understanding together and turn away from fear and misinformation.**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
6:00pm - 8:00pm
BSS Theatre - 135 Pym St, Parksville

LGBTQ CORPORATE TRAINING
www.lgbtqcorporatetraining.com

Questions? Email: sd69dpac@gmail.com

DPAC & Qualicum School District (QSD) are excited to bring Mischa back for a second year in row!

Families QSD Staff CUPE MATA




May 10th
9am-12 pm

QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

DPAC IS HELPING RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET

- ALL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE AND IS BEING HELD AT SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
- VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE PREPARED TO SIT/STAND ALONG THE COURSE FOR UP TO 3 HRS AND CAN HAVE YOUNG KIDS ACCOMPANY THEM.

**MUST HAVE CURRENT
CRIMINAL RECORD
CHECK ON FILE WITH
YOUR STUDENTS
SCHOOL**



- ONLY A FEW KIDS FROM EACH SCHOOL COME TO REPRESENT AT THIS DISTRICT TRACK MEET.
- EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ISN'T RUNNING THAT DAY - VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO CHEER ON THE STUDENTS AND HELP ENSURE OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A SAFE AND FUN CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET!

We need:

RACE ROUTE VOLUNTEERS

ROUTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LINE THE COURSE ROUTE AND CHEER STUDENTS ON AND MAKE SURE THEY STAY ON COURSE

RACE RABBITS

WE NEED 6-8 BIKE RIDERS TO RIDE THE ROUTE IN FRONT AND BEHIND THE KIDS TO KEEP KIDS IN EACH AGE GROUP TOGETHER

**PLEASE EMAIL VOLUNTEERS NAME, EMAIL, WHAT POSITION
AND WHAT SCHOOL TO DPAC BY APRIL 30TH**

PLEASE EMAIL DPAC WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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