
Pre-Program Considerations

Parent Information Sessions will provide:

- An overview of the program
 - A question and answer period
 - Distribution of program applications as pre-registration is required
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“Creativity is intelligence having fun.”
- Albert Einstein

Research/Premise

Ministry of Education – Early Learning Framework

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework>

First Peoples Principles of Learning

<https://www.setbc.org/2018/07/classroom-technologies-and-first-peoples-principles-of-learning/>

Reggio Emilia

<https://www.reggiochildren.it/en/reggio-emilia-approach/>

Play Today – BC Handbook

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/play-today-handbook.pdf>



“The qualities developed through play are the same [qualities] required to succeed at school. Children who [have] strong oral communication skills, are confident, able to make friends, are persistent and creative in completing tasks and solving problems and are excited to learn, have pathways set for academic success.”

- McCain, Mustard & Shanker 2007, p.49



We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People and within the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanose) First Nations.

Qualicum School District Primary Learning Community



The *Qualicum Primary Learning Community* supports learners in spaces where creativity, curiosity and wonder are the fundamentals of learning through play.

Qualicum Primary Learning Community

The *Qualicum Primary Learning Community* is a primary program which explores learning for students and educators through play, inquiry and curiosity.

The community will encourage collaborative conversation between educators, learners and families.

Play is the foundational principle of the program as research has indicated child development and growth requires children to practice, imagine, and be curious so they are able to build resiliency and take necessary risk to grow and learn.

Our goal for the *Qualicum Primary Learning Community* is to work and learn with children between the ages of 5 and 8 years old in multi-age learning spaces.



Learning Details

The *Qualicum Primary Learning Community* will be based on the BC Curriculum and Early Learning Framework. A key focus will be on Play-Based Learning and other features will include:

- Multi-aged learning environments. Learners will be grouped in a variety of ways for different purposes.
- Co-Teaching/Planning model for Educators.
- Cross-Generational Learning
- Focus on learning continuums
- Possible year-round learning schedule
- Possible childcare component
- Indigenous teachings

SHARING OUR LEARNING

We will be eager to share our learning experiences.



What Does The Learning Look Like?

- Children, with the support of educators, will seamlessly learn through play-based exploratories, children will pursue personal interests to support their curiosities and passions as part of the curriculum.
- Engaging in outdoor learning experiences using assets of the Oceanside community.
- Learning spaces will be inviting, engaging, and calming for young learners (*Reggio Emilia inspired*)
- Fostering a deep understanding and care for the natural environment and sustainability.



Whole Child Focus

- Contributing member of a community
- Clear sense of self
- Building empathy
- Manages emotions
- Joy for learning