

# Dear AES Families

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and restorative winter holiday with your loved ones. As we begin this new term, I am so grateful for the warm welcome I've received during my first week at the school. It's been a joy meeting students, staff, and families and learning more about this vibrant community. I am especially appreciative of the current staff for their dedication and the solid foundation they have maintained during this time of transition. Their commitment to supporting students and fostering a positive school environment is evident, and I feel fortunate to join such a dedicated team. If you'd like to connect, I'm always happy to meet with parent(s)/caregiver(s). Please feel free to contact me at the school to arrange a time. I'd also like to take a moment to welcome some new faces to our staff team. We are fortunate to have Denise Spencer-Dahl and Linette Woods, experienced teachers, joining us to cover Jessica Miller's maternity leave until the end of June. Mrs. Spencer-Dahl and Mrs. Woods bring valuable expertise and enthusiasm to their roles, and I know they will contribute meaningfully to our school community. Please join me in making them feel at home as they settle into their new positions. Thank you for your ongoing support as we embark on this exciting chapter together!

Warm regards,

Flo Wong Principal

# **Important Dates**

Jan 10: <u>Hot Lunch Subway</u>

Jan 14: PAC Meeting at 6:30 in the library

Jan 16 (1:15): Ready Set Learn

Jan 17: Hot Lunch Sushi

Jan 20: Kindergarten Registration Opens

Jan 22: Panago fundraiser lunch

Jan 24: Hot Lunch Panago

Jan 26-Feb 2: Family literacy week

Jan 30 (1:15): Ready Set Learn

Jan 31: Hot Lunch Extreme Eatery

Feb 7: Hot Lunch Subway

Feb 14: Hot Lunch Sushi

Feb 14: Free Throw Competition at Springwood.

Feb 18: PAC Meeting at 6:30 in the library

Feb 19: Panago Fundraiser Lunch

Feb 21: Hot Lunch Panago

Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day

# Culture Club

Culture Club happens on Thursdays during lunch recess for grades 1-3. Before Winter Break, students learned about many different winter celebrations around the world. Now, we are excited to be learning about how different cultures celebrate the New Year, including the Inuit Winter Festival in Canada's North and Lunar New Year celebrations throughout Asia. Join us on Thursdays for crafts and stories of cultures near and far.



# Hul'q'umin'um Language

Each week on our morning announcements we include Hul'q'umin'um' words that we have been practicing. Kwasun is the Hul'q'umin'um word for star, hwikw'us is the Hul'q'umin'um word for Pacific loon, and ka' is the Hul'q'umin'um word for water.

Click on the picture to take your learning further with the Kw'umut Lelum website or download their app!



# News from the Office

\*\*\*Kindergarten registration is open from Monday, January 20 to Friday, January 31. Kids with a birth year of 2020 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please remind your friends and family to register during this window of time.

♣ For the <u>2025-2026 School Year Cross-Boundary Applications</u> are to be submitted via the on-line form beginning Monday, January 20, 2025 to the Thursday, prior to Spring Break (March 13, 2025).



■ ■ Please ensure your kids have a change of clothes to keep in their classroom.

MMMSchool volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck Access Code: 2NCAZFWAWT



# QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT Kindergarten Registration January 20 to January 31, 2025

Online Kindergarten registration (through MyEdBC) for the 2025-2026 school year opens on January 20 through to January 31, 2025. To qualify for Kindergarten enrolment in September 2025, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2025. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School District website registration page to see what else you need to know. <a href="https://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> Schools School Registration

#### PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

French Immersion – when registering your Kindergarten child on-line at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child in the French Immersion Program. Then complete the Kindergarten French Immersion application Form.

Primary Learning Community - when registering your Kindergarten child online at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child attend the Primary Learning Community Program. Then complete the Primary Learning Community application form.

More information and the application forms for French Immersion and the Primary Learning Community can be found on the District website <a href="https://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> Programs & Services

#### CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend their catchment area school based on their home address. Transfer of a student to a school outside of their catchment area may be considered upon written application of the parent for consideration by the Associate Superintendent of Schools.

Parents wishing to request their Kindergarten child attend an out-of-catchment school within the district MUST FIRST register their child on-line at their catchment school, and then make their cross boundary request by completing the on-line cross boundary application form. The application process for the 2025-2026 school year will be open from January 21st until March 13th, 2025. The next opportunity to apply will be in the fourth week of August.

The on-line cross boundary application form can be found at <a href="https://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> > Schools > School Registration > Cross Boundary



#### **Kreg - Qualicum School District**

Our district will be using the MyEdBC on-line registration process for Kindergarten student registration. The On-Line Registration functionality is currently inactivated until dates stated below.

Parents will then be able to create their MyEducation BC login account, and begin to prepare the application.

☑ sd69.bc.ca

# A message from Oceanside Public Health Regarding Immunizations

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250) 947-8242 to book an appointment at the health unit.

For more information about immunization, please go to <a href="https://immunizebc.ca/">https://immunizebc.ca/</a> or contact the school nurse at Oceanside Public Health Services.









Qualicum Beach Elementary – January 8th & 29th @10am –11am
Bowser Elementary – January 13th & 20th @11am –12pm
Errington Elementary – January 13th & 20th @1pm –2pm
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – January 14th & 28th @10:30am – 11:30am
Arrowview Elementary – January 16th & 30th @1:15pm – 2:15pm
Nanoose Bay Elementary – January 17th @9:45am – 10:45am
Springwood Elementary – January 24th @9:45am – 10:45am

Ready, Set, Learn is a free drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their parents/caregivers with the intent of supporting children's transitions into school.

Check out our website to book your spot: www.oblt.ca

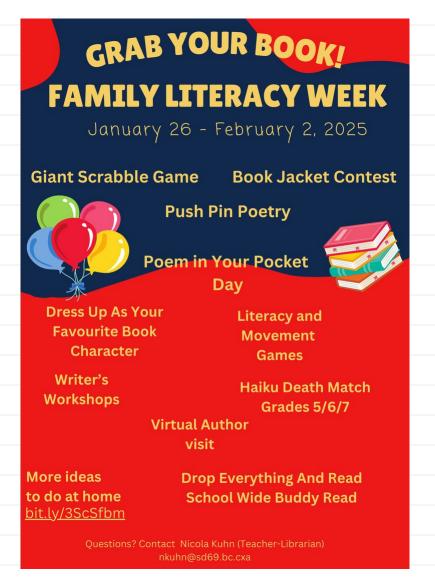


# Chess Club



Chess Club happens every Monday in the Library and is open to all students to come and learn to play chess or take on a friend in a chess match!





# Book to Movie club is back!

Book to Movie Club is a great way to create a community of readers who come together to talk about a book. We will meet Friday at lunch recess in the library 3 or 4 times to discuss the book as we are reading. When we have completed the novel, we'll gather to celebrate by watching the movie version. After, students



will have the chance to reflect on the experience of reading versus watching. Attendance at the meetings is mandatory in order to attend the movie viewing. There will be exceptions if a student is away that day. Students in grade 4 - 7 are encouraged to attend. There will be a fee in order to purchase individual copies of the novel. Local libraries may have copies and can often bring them in if requested.



#### 21st Annual Qualicum Beach

# Seedy Saturday

'It starts with a seed'

### Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

## Saturday, February 1, 2025

10 am - 3:30 pm

- Seed Swap
- Master Gardeners answering questions
- Seed, Plant and Garden-Related Vendors
- Demos
- Educational Displays
- Children's Activity
- Door Prizes
- Seedy Café
- 50-50 Draws (cash only)
- No ATM on site
- Pesticide/chemical drop off (in original package)

### Swap and Shop: bring your seeds

bring your seeds for the seed swap or buy local seeds that have been swapped!

#### Admission: suggested \$5 donation

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association
www.qbseedysaturday.ca • qbsschair@gmail.com
facebook.com/qbseedysaturday • instagram.com/qbseedysaturday



# Family Literacy Day!

Monday, January 27, 2025 3pm to 5pm

744 Primrose St, Qualicum Beach



FREE activities for children 0-8 and their caregiver, take aways, warm chili, refreshments, children movie passes draw & more!

Please dress for the weather as this event takes place outside at Storybook Village. The event will move indoors if there are adverse weather conditions.

For updates, follow us on 100@OceansideBLT

www.oblt.ca





**Arrowview Elementary School** 

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/AES/Pages/default.aspx#/=

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