

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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March 14, 2025

Message from the Principal

Spring is Arriving!

As the days grow longer and the air begins to warm, we are excited to welcome the arrival of spring and the Spring Equinox. This special time of year marks a moment of balance, where daylight and darkness are equal, and nature begins to blossom all around us. It's a beautiful reminder of growth, renewal, and fresh beginnings.

Just last Friday, our dedicated teachers participated in a professional development day focused on enhancing their skills to better support our students' growth and well-being. Highlights included learning about trauma-informed approaches to create safe and nurturing classroom environments, exploring gardening as a way to promote hands-on, experiential learning, and many other topics aimed at deepening our commitment to student engagement, social-emotional learning, and equity. We're excited to see how these new strategies will enrich your child's learning experience this spring and help us continue fostering a supportive and inclusive school community.

We are excited to share that Learning Updates are going home today! It's always a pleasure to read through and reflect on the progress your child(ren) have made in their learning journey. These reports provide a valuable snapshot of their achievements, growth, and areas of focus. We hope you find them helpful in celebrating your child's successes and discussing goals for continued growth. As always, we encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress further.

As we head into Spring Break, we want to wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and restorative two-week break. This is a wonderful time to unwind, enjoy quality time with loved ones, and recharge.. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back refreshed and ready for more learning adventures. Enjoy the break!





Important Dates

March 2025

March 14:

- School Dance in the afternoon with DJ Connor
- Learning Updates to go home
- [Hot Lunch Subway](#)

March 17-28: SPRING BREAK☀️

March 31: Indigenous Language Day

April 2025

April 8: Coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance

April 10: 1:15 @ [Ready, Set, Learn](#)

April 15: Coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance

April 17: Pete the Cat Welcome to Kindergarten (see below for more info)

April 18: Good Friday (No School)

April 21: Easter Monday (No School)

April 22: Coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance

April 24: [Grade 6/7 vaccinations](#)

April 24: 1:15 @ [Ready, Set, Learn](#)

April 28: Pro-D (no school)

April 29: Coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance

April 30: Student Led Conferences

May 1: Student Led Conferences

Talent Show

Our recent Talent Show was a true celebration of the diverse talents within our school community! Students from across all grades took to the stage, showcasing an incredible range of performances that had everyone cheering. From energetic dance routines and impressive hockey stick moves to powerful singing, Taekwondo demonstrations, rock band performances, and hilarious jokes, the variety and creativity were nothing short of spectacular. The event was a hit with students, staff, and families alike, leaving everyone excited and proud of the amazing talent in our school. A big thank you to all the performers for sharing their skills and making this an unforgettable event!



Brant Wildlife Children's Festival

Yesterday, our school was buzzing with excitement as we hosted the Brant Wildlife Children's Festival! Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of interactive displays, from examining fascinating fossils to learning about the life cycles of local wildlife. The festival also showcased impressive student work, highlighting their curiosity and dedication to learning about the natural world.



A special thanks to Ray Worniak for organizing and bringing this event to life. It was a fantastic day of hands-on discovery and environmental education, and we are grateful to all the exhibitors and volunteers who made it possible!





Staff Undercover SpiritWeek: Did You Notice?

This week, our staff took on the challenge of *Undercover Spirit Week*, sneaking in quirky dress codes and props to see which students were paying attention. Some students were sharp-eyed detectives, while others might've missed the clues altogether!



Here were the secret challenges:

- 👞 Mismatched shoes making bold fashion statements.
- 🧺 Plaid Day – from subtle to head-to-toe flannel.
- ☕ Anything But a Cup Day (creativity at its finest).
- 🧦 Socks and sandals – the ultimate style rebellion.
- 🍌 Carrying a piece of fruit everywhere (even to meetings!)

Take a look at our staff's creativity!



Mismatched Shoes



Anything But a Cup



Socks and Sandals

Coffee Tuesdays - hosted by PAC



**Tuesdays from 8:30-9:30am
outside the front entrance**

Join Arrowview PAC every Tuesday morning from April 8 - May 27 for a hot cup of coffee! Chat with other parents and learn about what's going on around our school.



Bring your own mug!

Thank you to Creekmore's Coffee for sponsoring this event.



Variety Children's Charity - Help for families

This year our PAC successfully applied and received a grant from Variety. Thanks to this recent grant, our school foyer has been transformed into a welcoming space for students to gather, and we also want to ensure families are aware of the other services Variety offers.



Variety provides significant funding to support families in need, with grants available for a wide range of services and equipment, including:

- **Adaptive & mobility equipment:** Up to \$4,000
- **Van conversion:** Up to \$7,500
- **Mental wellness counselling:** Up to \$2,500
- **Specialized therapies:** Up to \$2,500
- **Autism and psychoeducational assessments:** Up to \$4,000
- **Tutoring bursary for learning disabilities:** Up to \$1,500
- **Tuition (school fees):** Up to \$4,000
- **Type 1 Diabetes support:** Based on PharmaCare Maximum Family Deductible

Eligibility is income-tested with a net family income below \$85,000. The application process is straightforward. Please don't hesitate to reach out for supports and we can put you in touch with someone familiar with this process.

Culture Club

Culture Club takes place 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 the Inuit Winter Festival in Canada's North. Join us on Thursdays for crafts and stories of cultures near and far.



New Student Registrations

Grades 1-12 Registration for September 2025 is also open at school sites - [Registration form](#).

Grades 1 through 12 Registration **must** be arranged through the child's catchment school. Use the [School Locator tool](#) to find out which Qualicum School District catchment school serves your address.



Pete the Cat



PETE THE CAT FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025
5:00PM - 7:00PM

FAIR



**Qualicum Commons
744 Primrose Street
Qualicum Beach**

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



Registration is appreciated
but drop-ins are welcome!

WWW.OBLT.CA

Presented by
OBLT, Qualicum School District,
and Ready, Set, Learn



Reminders From the Office

Traffic and Parking at AES




🚗*Important* The parking lot between the school and the Kids' Club is strictly **for STAFF and DAYCARE use only**. We understand it's tempting to park near your child's classroom (Room 9, 5, 4, and 2), but **parents are not permitted** to park or use this area for drop-offs or pick-ups. Doing so creates safety hazards and traffic congestion. **Please park in the lower parking lot** and follow the designated one-way loop for pick-up and drop-off. Your cooperation is essential to keep our school environment safe. See the image below or the PDF map for further details. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important safety issue. 🚗



Cross-Boundary Applications

🔔 Parents of students wishing to attend a school outside of their catchment area during the current school year are required to submit an on-line cross-boundary application form. Also, if you have moved out of a school's catchment area since registering and wish to remain at your current school, a cross boundary form must be completed. Note on your Cross-Boundary Form that you attend AES and wish to continue. [2025-2026 School Year Cross-Boundary Applications](#)

Extra Change of Clothes


   Please ensure your kids have a change of clothes to keep in their classroom for days they get wet or muddy during outdoor times.

School Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

  School volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

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

School Fees

 Please login to [School Cash Online](#) to pay any outstanding school supply or field trip fees. If you need any financial assistance, reach out to Flo Wong at fwong@sd69.bc.ca

Building Cohorts for Learning Environments for 2025-26

During the next few months, staff at our schools will be involved in the complex process of forming learning groups for the upcoming school year. If you would like to provide staff at AES with input for next year, please refer to this document on the process.



Letter to Parents - Class Placement 2025-2026.pdf

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AES Parking Lot Map (please do not park in staff parking)

AES Parking Lot – Draft Plan

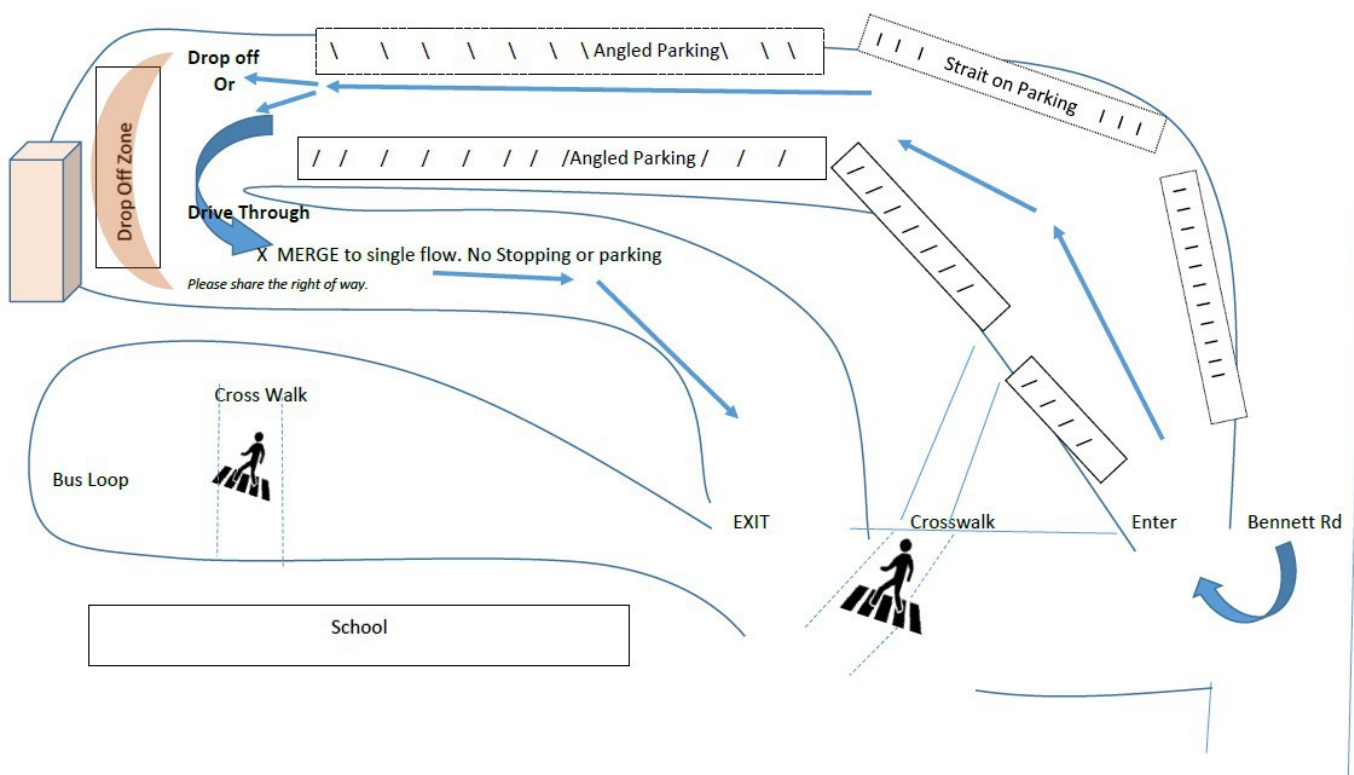
Please drive slowly and safely.

Traffic is one way.

Please share the merge lanes

There is no parking in the drive through or drop off area at any time.

If you are walking please walk with your children. It is safest to walk around the lot to the drop off area rather than through the flow of traffic.



AES Parking Lot.pdf

Map of the parking lot drop off zones.

[Download](#)

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Chess Club



Chess Club meets 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!

**CHESS
CLUB**



2-Day Girls Indoors Softball Camp Join NMSA Coach Ryan and the Nanaimo Diamonds U15 Fastpitch team and learn fundamental softball skills, all a welcoming and fun environment. Saturday, March 15-16, U7-U20: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Location: Arbutus Meadows Farm, 1515 Island Hwy, Nanoose Bay, BC Cost: \$125 Register: <https://forms.gle/6LdkdeyEQ4SVAEjSA> Email: softballsupercamp@gmail.com



OFC Girls Afternoon!

Come join us for a girls only afternoon of soccer, fun and treats! Learn new skills and meet new friends. All experience levels are welcome, no cost or registration required!

Saturday April 5, 2:00-3:00pm

Qualicum Beach West Field (close to the BMX track)



Raising Digitally Resilient Kids

Parent Workshop



VIRTUAL LEARNING | New Parent Workshop Supports Digital Resilience

MediaSmarts has launched "[Raising Digitally Resilient Kids](#)," a self-guided workshop designed to help families navigate digital challenges. Drawing on youth research, the session explores online risks and strategies to promote safe, balanced media use. Parents and guardians gain tools to evaluate apps, set household media guidelines, and support children's well-being in a connected world. With handouts and practical resources, the workshop fosters informed conversations about digital literacy at home and in schools.

[→ LEARN MORE](#)



GO FOR YOUR PERSONAL BEST!

oceansidetrackfield.ca

Wand-Making Art Therapy Workshop

with Erica Williamson RSW, RTC

- ✓ Still Waiting for your hogwarts letter.
- ✓ Love being creative



This art therapy workshop will focus on learning to manage your worries through art. Participants will go home with their own witch/wizard wands and magic room spray.

Friday March 21, 25 5-6:30pm

Ages 8-12

Registration \$50.00.

email:artnsoul.ew@gmail.com

Venue: McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)

133 McMillan Street, Upper Level, Parksville, BC V9P
2H5



March 17-21

3-5yrs, 9:45-10:30am, \$60

3-5yrs, 10:45-11:30am, \$60

6-9yrs, 9:30am-12:15pm, \$130

Innovate Dance Arts



Register today at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre, 737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach ~ 250-752-5014

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Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Meadowood Community Park – April 2nd @ 10:30am–12pm

Errington Community Park – April 9th @ 10:30am–12pm

Parksville Community Park – April 15th @ 11am–12:30pm

Nanoose Place Community Centre – April 23rd @ 10:30am–12pm

Bowser Legion – April 30th @ 10am–11:30am

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca



Little Hands Big Creations 3-5yrs

Craig Street Commons

Tuesday Apr 8-22

9:30-10:30am

\$35



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15\$ PER CHILD

AIMED FOR CHILDREN

UNDER 8

KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS



SPRINGTIME CRAFT

EGG DYEING

EASTER EGG HUNT
IN THE GARDEN

SAT APRIL 19, 2025

9:30AM-10:30PM

& 10:30AM-11:30AM

REGISTER AT

THE MCMILLAN ART CENTRE

MCMILLANARTCENTRE.COM



Mountain Bike Camps

Tu-Fr Mar 18-21

8-12yrs

9:00am-12:00pm \$225

13-16yrs

1:00-4:30pm \$250

Hammerfest Trails



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Comic Book:

Th Apr 17 4:00-6:00pm \$25

Animal Drawing:

Th Feb 6 4:00-6:00pm \$25

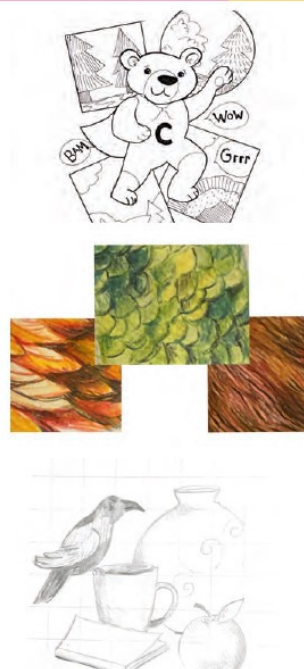
Th Apr 24 4:00-6:00pm \$25

Grid Drawing:

Th Mar 13 4:00-6:00pm \$25

Th May 1 4:00-6:00pm \$25

McMillan Arts Centre



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**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Ready, Set, Learn!

Ecole Oceanside Elementary – April 1st & 22nd @ 10:30am–11:30am
Springwood Elementary – April 4th @ 9:45am–10:45am
Bowser Elementary – April 7th & 14th @ 11am–12pm
Errington Elementary – April 7th @ 1pm–2pm
Qualicum Beach Elementary – April 9th & 23rd @ 10am–11am
Arrowview Elementary – April 10th & 24th @ 1:15pm–2:15pm
Nanoose Bay Elementary – April 25th @ 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



Get Trained to be a Lifeguard

Bronze Medallion 13yrs+

Mar 17-19 \$232 or
May 24-Jun 14 \$232

Bronze Cross 13yrs+

Mar 19-21 \$170

Swim for Life Instructor 15yrs+

Apr 4-13 \$300 or
May 20-Jun 12 \$300

National Lifeguard Pool Course 15yrs+

Mar 24-29 \$400 or
May 17-Jun 8 \$400

Ravensong Aquatic Centre



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PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people,
FORED sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.

Theme: **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine** Prize: 4 x \$150 prizes
with at least one national winner. *Group work shares prize.* 💰

DEADLINE:
MAY 23, 2025

Fridays 4:30-6:00pm

Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 23

Oceanside Place

\$10/each

includes activities and pizza



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SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION: MENTAL HEALTH & DECISION-MAKING

A **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading **adolescent Clinical Psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson** for an online event that aims to help parents, guardians and caregivers gain a **deeper understanding** of substance use prevention and learn **practical tools** for supporting youth mental health.



Key Takeaways:

-  Learn the factors that contribute to youth mental health/substance use
-  Understand the skills that youth need to overcome these needs
-  Acquire practical tools for empowering your child and youth to make positive choices
-  Increase your ability to support your own mental health

Time: 6-7:30pm PST
Date: 20th, 25th, 26th Feb 2025

REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR
Code to Register



We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the
Ministry of Education and Child Care

Action Sports 5.5-7yrs

Mo Apr 7-May 5
5:45-6:45pm

Oceanside Elem School
\$40



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Beginner

Tu Apr 8-Jun 17, 7:30-8:15pm
\$92

Fitness

Th Apr 10-Jun 19, 7:30-8:15pm
\$92

Ravensong Aquatic Center



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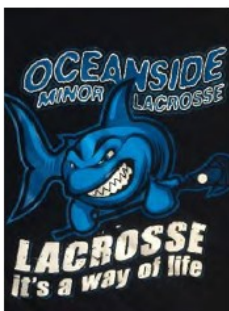
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Team Practices Start Late March!



www.oceansidelacrosse.com

Preseason "Bring a Friend" Drop In Lacrosse Sessions

Let's Get Ready for the SPRING 2025 Season!!

Registered and Non-Registered participants welcome

MONDAYS at Arrowview Elementary 2025

February 3, 10 and 24

March 3, 7, and 31



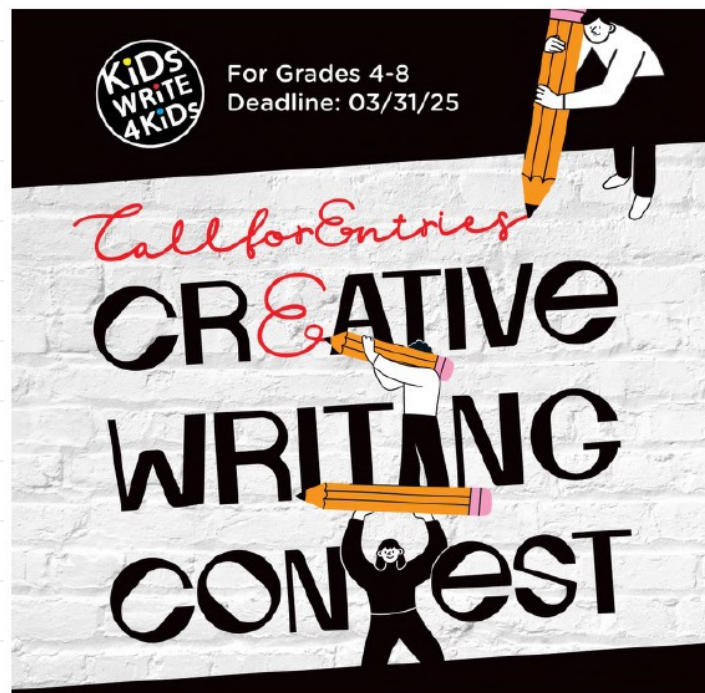
U7-11 6-6:45pm U13-17 6:45-7:30pm

Helmet, Stick and Gloves

****Please inquire if you need gear****

Email: laxmom0204@gmail.com





Kids Write 4 Kids Contest Deadline: March 31, 2025

There is still time to enter. Whether you're a budding novelist, a poetic soul, or someone who loves to tell tales, this is your platform to shine.

Why You Should Enter?

- **Get Published:** Winners become published authors.
- **Make an Impact:** Book sales proceeds are donated to the winner's charity of choice.
- **Join the Panel:** Winners will become judges for next year's contest.

Educators, parents, and creativity enthusiasts – spread the word! Display [our poster](#) in your school, library, or community center to help discover the next wave of storytellers. <https://kidswrite4kids.ripplefoundation.ca/>

Meet our diverse and inspiring individuals on our [Kids Write 4 Kids judging panel!](#)

McMillan Arts Centre
We May 7
10:00am-12:00pm
\$20
All ages welcome.
Supplies are provided.



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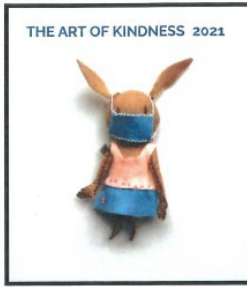
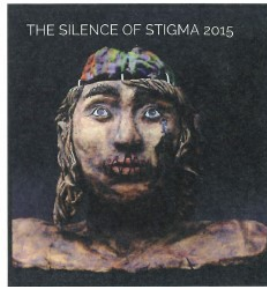


Mindfulness in May

"Have Your Say" 2025 Art Exhibit

Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 & surrounding areas,
including home learners



Early Submissions by **March 21st** for a chance to be featured on the exhibit posters and win extra prizes!

All Media - Digital (non-AI), Fabric arts, Mixed Media, textiles, Sculpture etc.

3 Categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literary Art

All works due by April 4th

Submit online here:

<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

Sponsored by:

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Qualicum Beach



VILLAGE EATERY
& PIZZA HOUSE
Phantom Quality



Stephanie Higginson MLA
Ladysmith-Oceanside



Exhibition: May 1st-11th at the Qualicum Beach Library
660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach

OPENING EVENT MAY 1ST 6:00-7:00PM
SHOW RUNS APRIL 30TH-MAY 10TH DURING LIBRARY HOURS



SCAN ME

For questions or more info, contact Diane at moraninthemoon@gmail.com

Wilderness survival skills

Sa Mar 8-29

10:00am-2:00pm \$200/4

Sa May 10-31

10:00am-2:00pm \$200/4

Moorecroft Regional Park



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Sa Feb 22 9:00am-4:30pm

Sa Mar 22 9:00am-4:30pm

Sa Apr 26 9:00am-4:30pm

Sa May 24 9:00am-4:30pm

**Pick up and drop off at
Oceanside Place Arena**

\$55



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Red Cross Emergency First Aid

We Mar 19
9:00am-5:30pm, \$99

Oceanside Place Arena



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Arrowview Elementary School

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/AES/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/AES/Pages/default.aspx#/)

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