

# ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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*April 4, 2025*

## *Message from the Principal*

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### Spring is Arriving!

Welcome back! It's been wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces after Spring Break. We kicked off April with a bit of fun—on April Fool's Day, we announced to students that first recess was cancelled due to the need to increase in instructional time. Most of them believed it, and their reactions were priceless! Don't worry, recess went on as usual, and we all had a good laugh.



We're now looking ahead to our **Student-Led**

**Conferences/Celebration of Learning** happening at the end of the month. This is a special opportunity for your child(ren) to share their learning and accomplishments with you—please be sure to register for a time slot starting next Tuesday. Details are included below.

Spring is a time of growth, renewal, and connection. In the local Hul'q'umi'num' language, this season is known as **tum qwilus**—*the time of ripening*. As plants begin to grow and birds return with their songs, it's an exciting time of year when many food sources begin to emerge. This month, our students will focus on building relationships with plants by observing their growth and changes, learning to care for our school garden, and deepening their connection to the land around them. Here's to a season full of growth, joy, and learning!

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## *Important Dates*

### **April 2025**

April 8: Stop by for a free coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance

April 8, 6:00pm: Booking opens for Celebration of Learning. <https://aes.schoolappointments.com/>

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: [Kindergarten \(if needed\)/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

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## *You are Invited to our Celebration of Learning*



We are excited to announce our Celebration of Learning event, a wonderful opportunity to see the incredible progress our students have made this year! This event will showcase the hard work, creativity, and accomplishments of each student through a student-led presentation.

### **Event Details:**

- **Wednesday, April 30th:** 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Thursday, May 1st:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Each spot is 20 minutes long, and 4 families** are allowed per time slot.

This event is a fantastic way for students to take the lead and share their learning journey with you. It's an exciting time for families to get a glimpse into the classroom and celebrate all the growth that has taken place this year.

### **Booking Information:**

- Booking opens on **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM.**
- Spots fill up quickly, so be sure to visit <https://aes.schoolappointments.com/> to secure your time slot.

We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Learning, where our students shine and show off their hard work!

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## Coffee Tuesdays - hosted by PAC

Free   
COFFEE?



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.



## Team Jerseys – Please Return by April 30

A reminder to all families of volleyball and basketball players: **team jerseys must be returned to the school by April 30**. Jerseys are not meant to be kept as souvenirs, and any unreturned jerseys will result in a **\$50 charge per jersey** to cover replacement costs.

We understand that some students may want to keep their jersey as a memento of a great season. If your child would like to keep theirs, they may do so by **purchasing it for \$50**—just let us know so we can record it accordingly.



Thanks for your help in keeping our uniforms in circulation for future teams!

## Kindergarten and Grade 6/7 Vaccinations

### Kindergarten Immunizations

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is offering school-based immunization clinics for students in kindergarten who are due for routine immunizations (excluding COVID-19 & influenza). Only children who are due for routine immunization(s) will receive a letter through the school. If your



child receives a letter, please complete the online digital consent tool by April 17th, 2025. **Students will only be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian.**

An adult from your child's school, such as your child's teacher or teacher's assistant, and a public health nurse will be available to provide support to your child during their immunizations. If you would like to attend an appointment with your child, please contact your local health unit to book an appointment there.

**Please ensure your child can recite their full name and date of birth, as the public health nurse will need to confirm this information with your child prior to providing immunizations.**

Immunizations will be provided at the school for kindergarten students on April 24th, 2025.

### Grade 6/7 Vaccinations

Last fall, parents received vaccination consent forms for their children. At this time, no additional action is required. The nurses will be on-site on **April 24th** to administer vaccinations to the students.

If you have any questions, please contact the health unit at **(250) 947-8242**.

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## *BC Ministry of Education – Student Learning Survey for Parents*

Each year, the BC Ministry of Education invites students, parents, and school staff to participate in the **Student Learning Survey for students in Grades 4 and 7**. This survey is an opportunity to provide feedback on your child's learning experience and helps guide future improvements in education across the province.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey online by following this link:

[Student Learning Survey](#).

Parent survey response rates are typically low—but let's change that! Let's see if **Arrowview parents can shine** and have the highest completion rate in the district. Your input makes a difference!

The survey is open until **May 2, 2025** and can be completed on any device. Your responses are confidential and valuable in shaping the educational experience for students in our district.

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## *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.



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## *New Student Registrations*

Grades 1-12 Registration for September 2025 is also open at school sites - [Registration form](#). You only need to fill in the form if you are a new registrant.



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.

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# 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

**Lost and Found - Facebook Page for parents to claim lost items**



Over the break, Flo took the student's lost and found items home and laundered them. She's taken a picture of each item and has posted it to the new public Facebook Page for parents to view. Each item has a brief description including garment size. Parents can make a comment on the picture and we'll connect and get the item back to their student.



These posted items will be stored in the office.

At the end of each week, she'll take the lost and found items and launder them and post them to the page.

Items not claimed will be donated.

Please click the link and follow the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574771672785>

**Wheels Off, Please!**

🚲🛑 A friendly reminder that for everyone's safety, students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, or other wheeled devices on school property. With active traffic during arrival and dismissal times, it's important that all students *dismount* once they reach school grounds and *walk their wheels* to the designated parking areas. The same applies at the end of the day—students must walk their bikes or scooters off school property before riding. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe!

### Food

🍴☀️🌱 Spring has sprung and the kids are growing like weeds. We have had a steady stream of hungry kids in the office asking for extra food. We kindly ask that you bump up your child's lunch as lots of play and sunshine leads to bigger appetites. Thank you!

### 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. The application window closed on March 15th, but late applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

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](#)

### Personal Items

We kindly ask families to help us discourage students from bringing personal items to school, such as high-value makeup, Pokémon cards, electronic toys, and other special belongings. These items can be distracting in the learning environment and, unfortunately, we are not responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged. To avoid disappointment, please remind your child to keep these treasures at home. Thank you for your support!

### 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.

### Volleyball Jerseys

Please ensure you have washed and returned your child's jersey if they played on the volleyball or basketball team this year.

### 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](mailto:fwong@sd69.bc.ca)

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## *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**

[Download](#)

89.7 KB

## *Upcoming Erase Training*

### **Upcoming "erase" Training for Families**

Please save the dates for these upcoming virtual workshops on keeping kids safe in this modern world.

- April 8 – [Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities \(virtual\)](#)
- NEW OFFERING – [April 23 – Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)
- May 7 – [Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities \(virtual\)](#)
- May 21 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)
- June 3 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)

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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!





## Community Events



## Learning Opportunities

### Free SOS Learning Series

*Understanding the Teenage Brain*  
Saturday, April 5, 10 am - 12 pm

**Presented by Brain-Based Learning Facilitator Gary Anaka**

- Discover why the teen brain is in biological turmoil
- Learn leading-edge, easy-to-apply ideas from applied neuroscience
- Understand the influences behind teens' risk-taking and decision-making
- Acquire strategies for parents, caregivers and educators to support learning and positive growth
- Gain tools to help teens build brains that are resilient, healthy and happy

Pre-register at [SOSTeenageBrain.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/SOSTeenageBrain), scan the QR Code, or call SOS at 250.248.2093 by April 2.

Capacity limited to the first 50 registrants.  
Complimentary refreshments will be available.



**Location:** SOS Community Services Centre  
245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville  
**Check-in:** 9:45 am | **Presentation:** 10 am - 11:30 am  
11:30 am - 12 pm book signing and engagement



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# 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](#)



## 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](#)



**Register today at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](https://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)**

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

Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville ~ 250-248-3252

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## Comic Book:

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

## Animal Drawing:

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

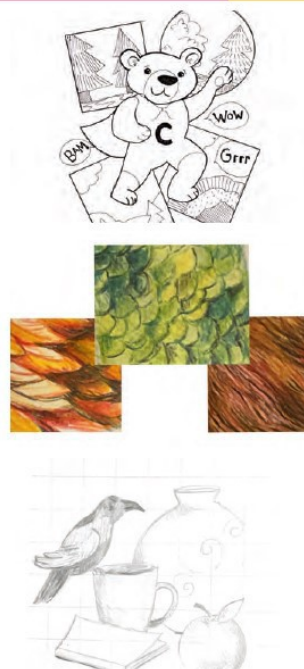
Th Apr 24 4:00-6:00pm \$25

## 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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**FREE**  
**3-ON-3**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**TOURNAMENT**

**Ages**  
**11-15**

SIGN UP WITH YOUR TEAM OF THREE OR FOUR.  
ENGAGE IN FUN, FRIENDLY GAMES.  
WIN PRIZES. FREE PIZZA AND COOKIES.

REGISTRATION:  
[ARROWSMITHRECREATION.CA/CLASSES](https://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25

TRACYCARGO-WHITE:  
[TRACY.CARGO@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:TRACY.CARGO@OUTLOOK.COM)  
250-947-5272



COOMBS FAIRGROUNDS GYMNASIUM  
1014 FORD ROAD, COOMBS

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**First Set**

## Kids Try Tennis!

Qualicum Beach Tennis Courts

March 28, April 21, April 28, May 19

3:00-4:00 p.m.

All kids, all ages, no experience needed

Racquets and balls provided

Prizes

Register for free with name and age: [arrowsmithtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:arrowsmithtennis@hotmail.com)



ARROWSMITH TENNIS CLUB





## **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)**





## Action Sports 5.5-7yrs

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

**Oceanside Elem School**  
**\$40**



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## Family Fun Events

# Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA

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](http://MCMILLANARTCENTRE.COM)





**McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)**  
151 West Main Street, Upper Level  
Parkville, BC V9P 2H5  
(250) 248-0181  
[www.mcmillanartscentre.com](http://www.mcmillanartscentre.com)  
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 5pm

**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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**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](https://www.oblt.ca)







## 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](http://www.oblt.ca)



## Contests



### 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.* 💰

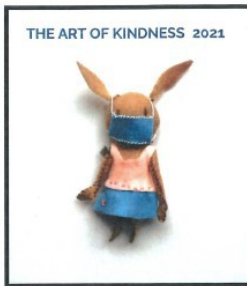
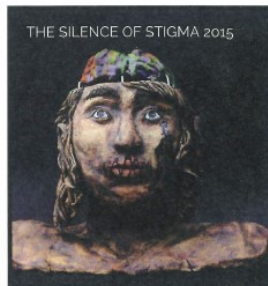
**DEADLINE:**  
**MAY 23, 2025**

# 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/>

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**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



For questions or more info, contact Diane at [moraninthemoon@gmail.com](mailto:moraninthemoon@gmail.com)



**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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