

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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April 17, 2025

Message from the Principal

Spring is Here!

Happy Spring! With the arrival of longer days and warmer weather, many of us feel a renewed sense of energy and positivity. It's no surprise—our bodies naturally respond to the change in season. Increased sunlight can boost our mood and decrease melatonin levels, helping us feel more alert and upbeat. After a long, grey winter, spring brings a fresh start, and with it, an opportunity to reset, reflect, and re-engage—with each other and with learning.



Earth Day – April 22 is a special opportunity to celebrate this sense of renewal and to reflect on how we care for the world around us. Across the school, students will be learning about sustainability, conservation, and the impact of small actions—like turning off lights, reducing waste, and spending time in nature. Earth Day is a great reminder that our connection to the planet also supports our mental and physical well-being. We encourage families to take part in Earth-friendly activities together, whether it's a nature walk, planting something new, or simply enjoying the outdoors. At school, we have a committed team that keeps us on track with our recycling and composting making sure materials that can be recycled, reused or reduced find their proper places.

Wishing everyone a fantastic 4-day weekend. We hope it offers a chance for students and families to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. Whether you're travelling, relaxing at home, or getting outside, we hope the break brings joyful moments and time to reflect on the season of growth and

new beginnings. We look forward to welcoming everyone back feeling refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year!

Important Dates

April 2025

April 17: Pete the Cat Welcome to Kindergarten (see below for more info)
April 17: Bike Club after school- Gr. 5-7 who have registered. Ride at 2:50pm
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 22: Earth Day
April 23: Yoga with Diane * AES Gym * 8am
April 24: [Kindergarten \(if needed\)/Grade 6/7 vaccinations](#)
April 24: 1:15 @ [Ready, Set, Learn](#)
April 24: Bike Club-2:50pm
April 25: Gr. 7 Health and Wellness Conference permission forms are due
April 28: Pro-D (no school)
April 29: Coffee with PAC 8:30-9:30 AES Front Entrance
April 30: Yoga with Diane * AES Gym * 8am
April 30: [Student Led Conferences](#)
May 1: [Student Led Conferences](#)

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!

Women in STEAM Careers

Seeking women in STEAM careers for our Qualicum School District Girls in STEAM day on **April 30, 2025**. Are you involved in a career that uses science, technology, engineering, arts or math? Please consider **joining us for our "living lunch"** to meet with girls in grade 6 and 7 for a delicious catered lunch and talk about your careers and experiences in STEAM fields. This is an opportunity to encourage young girls to begin thinking about their futures and the possibilities that are available. The Girls in STEAM day will be held at **Kwalikum Secondary School** and the lunch will be from **11:30 am – 12 pm**.

Please contact Nicola Kuhn nkuhn@sd69.bc.ca if you are interested in joining us.



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.



My Ride K-12 Transportation Website/App

The district is introducing a new Transportation App/Website service, **My Ride K-12** that will be the primary method of communicating bus routing information to families moving forward. This service is available via a web browser and website or via a downloadable app which includes notification features. See the [Transportation](#) section of our website for more information and an FAQ and sign up instructions.



Yoga with Diane



Diane Girard is offering free yoga classes in the gym before school on Wednesday mornings. You may remember her as the former manager of the Arrowview Kids Club before she retired a few years ago. She is a yoga practitioner who held yoga classes here in the past and wants to share this with our school community. Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 8am- all ages are welcome and yoga mats will be provided.

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**.

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.

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](#). 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.

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!

Absences

📱📧 To report a student absence, please use the [School Messenger App](#).

If it's been three days of consecutive absences, the app will not let you enter a fourth. You can either call the school to report the absence or email attendance@sd69.bc.ca

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

Student Phone

📞Reminder that kids are not permitted to make playdate plans from the student phone in the office. We ask that if they want to make social plans that they first go home after school and then make their arrangements. If you do receive a call from your child trying to lay out a social plan, please remind them of this rule.

📌 *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.

- 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 \(virtual\)](#)

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!

We have some participants going to the District Chess Tournament at Springwood Elementary School on May 9th.

Thank you to our Parent Volunteer, Katrina Batey for her dedication to Chess Club!



**CHESS
CLUB**



Creating a Substance Use Prevention Plan Webinar for Parents

The Ministry of Education and Child Care with Dr. Hayley Watson, adolescent clinical psychologist from [Open Parachute](#), is hosting three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers on creating a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in their home.

Participants are required to [register](#) in advance for one of the sessions on April 29, May 7 or May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm PDT.

REGISTER NOW

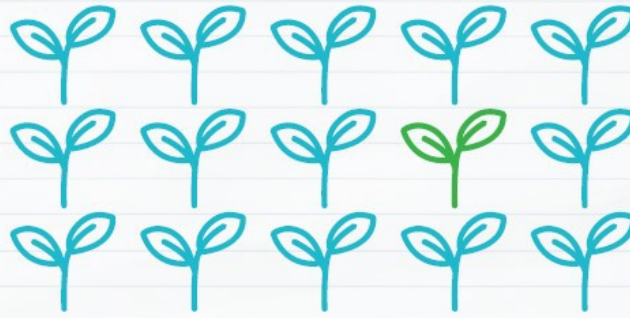
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100kids oceanside.ca



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BE 1 IN OUR 100!

100 KIDS FOR CHANGE

Hey Changemaker, you belong in 100 Kids! We're a group of Oceanside youth who meet 4 times a year to donate money to local charities, and we'd love to see you at our next meeting.



Tuesday,
May 13, 2025
7:00-8:00 pm



Yates Memorial,
1000 Allsbrook
Rd, Parksville



Bring a cash
donation to
the meeting

Learning Opportunities



Raising Digitally Resilient Kids

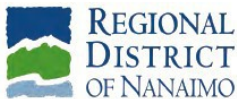
Parent Workshop



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

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

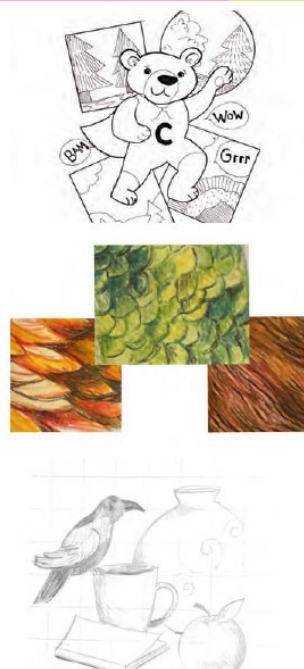
Th Apr 24 4:00-6:00pm \$25

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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Sports

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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
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25

TRACY CARGO-WHITE:
TRACY.CARGO@OUTLOOK.COM
250-947-5272



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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



ARROWSMITH TENNIS CLUB





Action Sports 5.5-7yrs

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

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\$40



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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

School for the Creative Arts



M A C McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)
151 West Main Street, Upper Level
Parkville, BC V9P 2H5
(250) 248-0181
www.schoolforthearts.ca
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
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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





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



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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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



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For questions or more info, contact Diane at 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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