

# ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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*May 2, 2025*

## *Message from the Principal*

April was a month full of meaningful learning and connection in our school community! We began with a rich Professional Development Day where our team joined 20 other educators from across the district to learn with Dr. David Fainstein. Our focus was on *universal literacy screeners*—specifically DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)—and how these tools help us identify areas for targeted reading instruction. Our staff has been training to score these short, research-based assessments accurately, ensuring we can use the data to best support each student's reading journey.

Looking ahead to May, it promises to be just as full of energy and purpose! Our Grade 7 students are preparing to attend a *Health Fair*, learning important wellness messages from health professionals and community partners. Our Grade 6/7 classes are also busy planning for the upcoming *Maker Faire*, where creativity, innovation, and problem-solving will take centre stage. Meanwhile, our Grade 5/6/7 students are eagerly anticipating their trip to *Capernwray*—an opportunity that builds teamwork, confidence, and connection in the great outdoors. We'll also be participating in the *Moose Hide Campaign*, standing together in a commitment to end gender-based violence and support safe, respectful relationships in our community.

Thank you for being such an important part of our learning community. We look forward to more joyful moments ahead!



## *Important Dates*

### **May 2025**

- May 7: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane
- May 8: Grade 7 Health and Wellness Conference
- May 8: Bike Club ride at 2:50pm
- May 8: [Ready, Set, Learn](#)
- May 9: Cross Country Track Meet (SES)
- May 9: 🍣 [Hot Lunch Sushi](#)
- May 14: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane
- May 14: Maker's Faire
- May 16: Conferencing Adjustment Day (No School)
- May 19: Victoria Day (No School)
- May 21: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane
- May 22: [Ready, Set, Learn](#)
- May 22: Public Works Day
- May 23: 🍝 [Hot Lunch Panago](#)
- May 30: 🍰 [Hot Lunch Extreme Eatery](#)

## *Celebration of Learning - the Power of Student-Led Conferences*

### **The Power of Student-Led Conferences**

Student-led conferences are more than just a chance to walk through the classroom—they're a powerful opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning, reflect on their growth, and share their goals in a meaningful way. Rooted in [BC's Core Competencies and redesigned curriculum](#), student-led conferences promote communication, responsibility, and self-awareness. When students are given the space to share what they're learning—and *how* they're learning—it strengthens their confidence and deepens their engagement.



Families play a key role in this process. You can support your child by:

- Asking open-ended questions like “What was something that challenged you this term?” or “What are you most proud of?”
- Celebrating effort as well as achievement—growth takes time and persistence!

- Encouraging goal-setting at home by helping them think about their next steps, both in and out of school.

Your presence and interest help your child feel seen, valued, and capable. Thank you for being such important partners in their learning journey!

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## *Swing into Spring with Morningstar's Junior Golf Pro!*



We had a *tee-rific* time at our recent golf session led by the talented Tyler Roope, Junior Pro from Morningstar Golf Club! With patience, positivity, and a passion for the game, our young coach guided students through fun drills, swing tips, and putting practice. The smiles were as bright as the sunshine, and everyone walked away with new skills—and maybe even a newfound love for golf! Huge thanks to Morningstar for helping us *drive* home the fun in learning! 🏌️💎

To learn more about their program for Junior golfers, please see their website:

<https://morningstargolf.com/junior-program/>

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## *Gaga Ball Craze Hits the Playground!*

Our brand-new Gaga Ball court had an exciting debut this week—and it's been a *smash hit* with students of all ages! From the very first bell, the court has been buzzing with energy, laughter, and friendly competition. Younger students have been enjoying their own playtimes together, while intermediate students get their turn during separate recess blocks. A huge *thank you* to our amazing PAC for making this popular addition possible—we're so grateful for your support in bringing more active, inclusive fun to our schoolyard!

If you're curious to see how the game works, check out this quick video that reviews the rules.

[Gaga Ball Rules - YouTube](#)





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## *Skateboarding Club*



Our Skateboarding Club had its first meeting on Tuesday—and it was a huge success! Under sunny skies, we closed off the upper parking lot and turned it into a safe, open space for students to wheel around and build their skills. It was heartwarming to see older students encouraging and helping younger ones who are just starting out in the sport.

Next Tuesday (May 6), we're excited to welcome *QB Skaters* for a special presentation on *All-Wheels Park Safety* and the upcoming *Qualicum Beach Skatepark*. The grand opening for the skatepark is June 14, 2025.

If your child would like to join the Skateboarding Club, permission slips are available at the office. All wheels welcome!

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## *Qualicum School District Inaugural Girls in STEAM Day*



Grade 6/7 representatives from Arrowview Elementary joined with Bowser, Qualicum Beach, Springwood, Oceanside and Nanoose Bay Elementary schools for a day of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math at KSS. The day was hosted by district Teacher Librarians and included a morning of hands on learning at stations ranging from robotics, to forensics, botany, chemistry and wire art. We held a 'living lunch,' catered by the Kondor Kitchen and Chef Andrea, where local women in STEM careers joined us to talk about their work and experiences in STEM fields. The afternoon was a Design Thinking challenge where students had to collaborate, think critically and creatively to design opportunities for mental well-being. Look for this event to happen yearly.

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## *Bike Club*

The AES bike club is in full swing. Our first group ride was a huge success. The Pheasant Glen Trails offer something for everyone. So far the weather has been great on Thursday afternoons! Our next rides will provide some choice for riders who are looking to explore some of the other trails in the area. Please make sure that your bike is in good working order for our rides. Flat tires are common so make sure they are pumped up.





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## *Student Vote Canada 2025*

More than 945,000 elementary, intermediate and high school students participate in Student Vote Canada, coinciding with the 2025 federal election. AES students in grades 4 - 7 learned about the issues and leaders in the running, while students in K - 3 learned about the importance of voting by learning about the seasons and casting a ballot for their favourite. If you would like to see the results you can access them here <https://studentvote.ca/results/canada2025>




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## *Arrowview Garden*

Students have been hard at work in the school garden since early spring. They have cleared out areas and enjoyed digging big holes to plant a variety of apple trees, blueberry bushes and a grape vine. These will provide a healthy fall harvest for the students. Strawberries are nearly ready and radishes, lettuces, kale and spinach provide a lot to munch on these days. We planted seeds and grew them in the library under grow towers and the starts have been hardened off, ready to go into the ground. With a little more digging, we will have a whole new planting area. Thank you to the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association for their generous donation to our school garden.







**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**



**6:30pm in the AES Library**  
Childcare & Pizza will be available

**Our PAC Needs You**

If you're passionate about enhancing our students school experience, please consider joining the PAC Executive Committee for the 2025/2026 school year.

ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND NEED TO BE FILLED:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPAC Representative



Visit the Arrowview Facebook page for info on our PAC Roles and more!

Not ready to take on a role? No problem! Come check out what it's all about and help when you can.

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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.



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## 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.

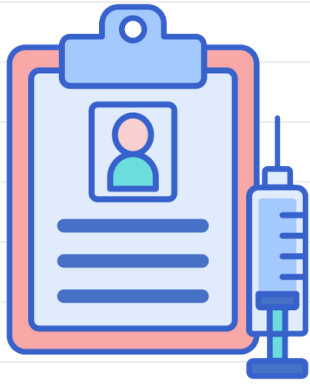


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## Vaccine Status Reporting for Students

Island Health is working to ensure all school-aged children in B.C. have complete immunization records through the **Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation (VSRR)**. Families of students with missing or incomplete records will receive a letter in the mail with instructions on how to update records online or through a local health unit. Schools do not collect immunization records.

🔗 Full details are below in a letter from VIHA.



**VIHA Letter.pdf**

[Download](#)

200.4 KB

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## *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.

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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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## Reminders From the Office

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



Ms. Wong has laundered and taken a picture of each item in our lost and found 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 a secured location.

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](mailto: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!

### **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 we get surprise spring rain.

### 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)

### 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.

### Head Lice

It's not just the bees and butterflies coming out for Spring. We have has a few cases of lice in the school as well. Please take a moment and check your kids for lice or nits.

[Here is some information](#) on lice from Island Health to refer to.

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## 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.

- 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!

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!



## 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 May 7 or May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm PDT.

**REGISTER NOW**

# CREATING A SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PLAN

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

Join leading adolescent **Clinical Psychologist** Dr. Hayley Watson, as she helps you create a **personalized step-by-step plan** for implementing **substance use prevention skills** in your home. Dr. Watson will focus on specific steps you can take to ensure that **you and your family are supported** as you teach substance use prevention skills to your child/youth.



## Key Takeaways:

- 🕒 Learn the skills that will help prevent your child and youth from using substances
- 🧠 Navigate the challenges that arise while teaching these skills to your child/youth
- 📋 Create a step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention strategies
- 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Increase your ability to support yourself and your child/youth at the same time

**Time:** 6-7:30pm PST (*includes Q&A!*)  
**Date:** April 29th, May 7th and 8th 2025

Scan the QR  
Code to Register



**REGISTER NOW**

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



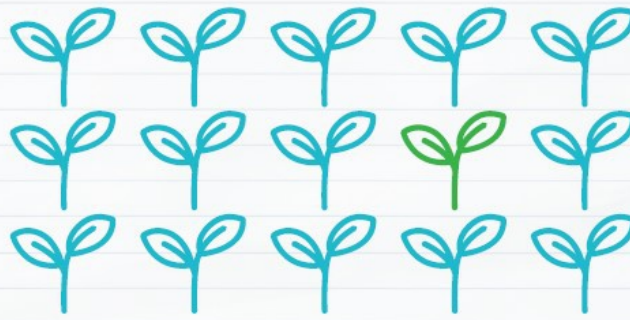
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## BE 1 IN OUR 100!

# 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](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

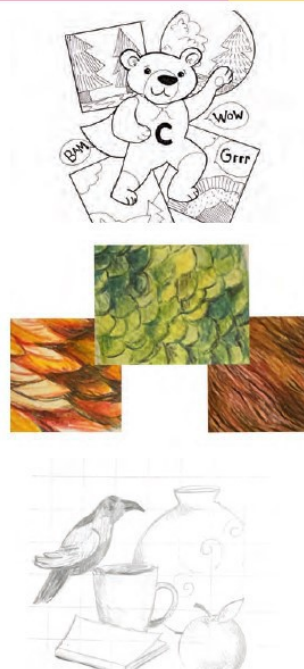
Th Apr 24 4:00-6:00pm \$25

## Grid Drawing:

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

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

McMillan Arts Centre



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

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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



# Friday Youth Nights ~ 11-14yrs

Fridays 4:30-6:00pm

Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 23

Oceanside Place

\$10/each

includes activities and pizza



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

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## 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/>

Sponsored by:

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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



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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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