

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, May has brought with it both celebration and reflection.

This month, our school participated in the Moose Hide Campaign, a national movement to stand up against violence toward women and children. Students engaged in meaningful discussions about respect, safety, and responsibility, and many chose to wear their moose hide pins with pride. A highlight of the day was a reflective walk led by Kookum Brenda for our intermediate students, offering them a powerful opportunity to connect more deeply with the message of the campaign. It was heartening to see our learners take these conversations seriously and reflect on their role in creating a safe and inclusive community.

We've recently noticed a number of students arriving at school on bikes and scooters without wearing protective headgear. While we're thrilled to see so many students choosing active transportation, safety must come first. Helmets are required by law and are essential for protecting our children from serious injury. In addition, once students arrive on school grounds, they are expected to dismount and walk their bikes or scooters to the designated parking areas. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home to help keep everyone safe.

Recent conflict on the soccer field gave us an opportunity to lean into restorative practices. Students came together in a circle discussion to voice their perspectives and work collaboratively to establish new structures that promote fair play, safety, and inclusion. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of student voice and the value of solving problems as a community.

Of course, we must also celebrate the incredible success of our Maker Faire! The creativity, innovation, and joy on display were truly inspiring. From waterpainted bookmarks to handsewn

bags, students showcased their entrepreneurial prowess. Thank you to our parents and students for supporting our students.

Finally, I want to share that I will be going on medical leave starting May 28. During this time, Ms. Tandy Gunn will be joining our school as acting principal. Tandy brings a wealth of experience and is deeply committed to student well-being and strong instructional leadership. I know the school community will be in excellent hands. Ms. Heather MacLeod will continue in her role as vice principal, ensuring strong continuity and support for students, staff, and families.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful final month of the school year.

Warmly,

Ms. Flo Wong

Important Dates

May 2025

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 28: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane

May 30: 🍷 [Hot Lunch Extreme Eatery](#)

June 4: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane

June 5: Welcome to Kindergarten

June 6: 🍷 [Hot Lunch Subway](#)

June 11: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane

June 13: 🍷 [Hot Lunch Sushi](#)

June 16-20: PRIDE WEEK

June 18: 🧘🧘🧘 Yoga with Diane

June 19: Recycle Club Lunch Party

June 25: School Fun Day (more info to come)

June 26: Final Day of school (dismissal is 3 hours earlier)

Maker Faire

What an incredible day at AES! On Wednesday, May 14th, our gym was transformed into a vibrant marketplace for our Upper Intermediate Maker Faire, and we couldn't be more proud of our students.

Over the past several weeks, students from our four upper intermediate classes have been hard at work developing products, writing business plans, and creating marketing strategies—all as part of

their hands-on learning about the world of business. The Maker Faire was the culmination of their efforts, and it was a huge success!

Students showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit as they sold their products to classmates, staff, and visiting parents. From homemade crafts to practical gadgets, every booth reflected thoughtful planning and teamwork.

Funds raised during the fair will be split three ways: a portion will go to charity, another part will fund a class activity, and the rest students will keep as their own earnings—a valuable lesson in real-world economics and responsibility.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who supported our students—whether by helping at home, encouraging ideas, or visiting the Maker Faire in person. Your support helps make authentic learning opportunities like this one possible.

Congratulations to our upper intermediate students on a job well done!



Moose Hide Campaign

On Thursday, May 15, our school participated in the national Moose Hide Campaign, a grassroots movement dedicated to ending violence against women and children. This initiative began in 2011 when Paul and Raven Lacerte, inspired by their hunting traditions along the Highway of Tears in northern British Columbia, decided to use moose hide to spark conversations about this critical issue.

Leading up to the event, students engaged in lessons that explored the significance of the campaign and its cultural roots. The entire school then took part in a walk along the same route as the Terry Fox Run, symbolizing our collective commitment to standing against gender-based

violence. This walk not only raised awareness but also fostered a sense of unity and purpose among students and staff alike.

By participating in this event, our school has joined a nationwide movement to create safer communities and promote reconciliation. We are proud to stand together in solidarity, taking meaningful steps toward a future free from violence.

For more information about the Moose Hide Campaign and how you can get involved, please visit moosehidecampaign.ca.



Walk Your Wheels



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!

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to our Arrowview students who represented their school with pride and sportsmanship at the recent inter-school competition! Koji Moroto, Isaac Burgoyne, Rachel Seo, and Gus Batey all received a certificate as their school's top representative. A special shout-out to Gus, who went undefeated in all six matches to win 1st place in the Grade 6 division—a major accomplishment after placing second last year. We're proud of all our students for their kindness, determination, and grace. A trophy for Gus will be arriving at Arrowview soon!





Pizza Tour De Rock Fundraiser

Save yourself the effort of packing a lunch for the kids and order pizza for a wonderful cause!

This is to kick off our fundraising efforts for Tour De Rock in the fall.

Lunch Dates:

- May 28, 2025
- June 18, 2025



[Click here to order](#)



Recycle Club Superstars

Big shout-out to the amazing students in Room 4 and Room 10, our dedicated Recycle Club heroes! Every week all year long, these students have been hard at work sorting our school's recycling. Thanks to their commitment and teamwork, we've stayed on track as a zero waste school! Their efforts help our planet and keep our school clean and green. Way to go, Recycle Club!



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.



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.



School Bus Registration

School Bus Registration for the 2025/26 school year is now open! Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in **before the end of this school year** for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child and to **avoid extra fees**.

Bussing Fee Summary Table

	ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES	COURTESY RIDER FEES
Early - between April - June 30 th	Free	\$175.00*
Late - between July 1 st - July 31 st	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
Late - after August 1 st	\$50.00*	\$275.00*

**Parents and caregivers who believe these fees will cause financial hardship in their household are encouraged to speak to their school principal about fee relief. Options may include partial or even full fee waivers, depending on need, which will then be communicated by the principal to the Transportation Department.*

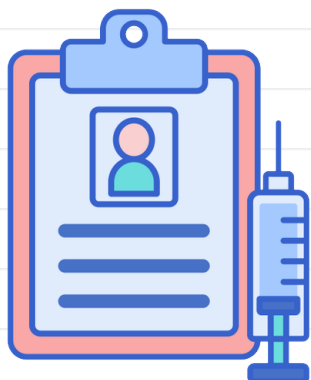
REGISTRATION PROCESSING TIMELINES

April – June 30 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after July 1.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

July 1- onwards Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.




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.



DID YOU KNOW?





Ready, Set, Learn!

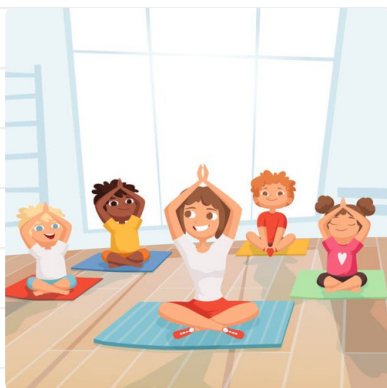
Bowser Elementary – May 5th & 26th @ 11am – 12pm
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – May 6th & 20th @ 10:30am – 11:30am
Arrowview Elementary – May 8th & 22nd @ 1:15pm – 2:15pm
Springwood Elementary – May 9th @ 9:45am – 10:45am
Errington Elementary – May 12th & 26th @ 1pm – 2pm
Qualicum Beach Elementary – May 14th & 21st @ 10am – 11am
Nanoose Bay Elementary – May 30th @ 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



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.

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



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>

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!

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

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.


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 21 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)
- June 3 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)




**ACRA**
ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY
RECREATION ASSOCIATION

**MEADOWOOD
STORE**

Gather & Griddle

By Donation
Funds go towards keeping
recreation affordable in
Meadowood.



Community Pancake Breakfast

- Visit with neighbours
- Kids Activities
- Craft Table
- Meet the ACRA Recreation Team

Saturday, May 24th, 10am - 12pm
Meadowood Community Centre
1830 Galvin Place, Qualicum Beach



Responding to Children & Youth After Unforeseen Frightening Events

Overview:

This informative webinar is designed for parents, caregivers, and community members to provide them with tools and information to help children and youth after frightening events.



Ministry of
Children and Family
Development

Session Highlights:

- Define and differentiate stress, grief, and trauma
- Discuss brain and stress responses to frightening events
- Outline what to expect from young people in the days and weeks post-event
- Provide practical tools and responses for supporting children and youth
- Identify when to seek professional help and share valuable resources

How to Join:

No registration required. Attend by joining the link for the webinar date and time that works best for you:

Option 1: Wednesday, May 14/25; 6:30 – 7:30pm PST

Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62858834582?pwd=oivaOy81SjzQMxh1RAXjI5BnMlhWqi.1>

Passcode: 350801

Option 2: Friday, May 23/25; 6:30 – 7:30pm PST (ASL Translator will be present)

Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62858834582?pwd=oivaOy81SjzQMXh1RAXjI5BnMlhWqi.1>

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Learning Opportunities



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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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



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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



Arrowview Elementary School

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

Contact

