

June 13, 2025 Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

There are a lot of activities planned by classes and the whole school in the final 2 weeks. Please see the school dates below and connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions about the details of any class or school events.

A reminder that next Friday, June 20, is National Indigenous Day and as such we are having an assembly that will start at 12:50 in the gym. We are all encouraged to wear orange on June 20th. We are honoured to have Chief Recalma from Qualicum First Nations participating in this assembly. If you are able to join us, it is sure to be a wonderful event.

Your assistance would be appreciated in ensuring we all enjoy a healthy, safe ending to the school year. The following topics are some that are requiring conversations regularly at the school:

- 1. Wear a helmet if you are riding anything with wheels to/from school
- 2. Walk your wheels when on school grounds
- 3. Show your best sportsmanship particularly if you are a soccer/gagaball player
- 4. Gagaball is only played with hands no kicking of the ball

Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing these messages as well as your assistance in the year end events.

Ms. Tandy

June 2025

June 13: - Hot Lunch Sushi

June 13: ⊕Freezie Friday (\$1 each to Terry Fox Run)

June 16-20: PRIDE WEEK

June 18: MMYoga with Diane

June 19: Recycle Club Lunch Party

June 19: Last Bike Club

June 20: Indigenous Day Assembly (12:50)

June 20: Freezie Friday (\$1 each to Terry Fox Run)

June 23: Grad BBQ Lunch

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

June 26: Car Parade for grade 7 grads (9:10 in the bus loop)

June 26: Year end assembly (Time TBA)

June 26: Learning Reports go home

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



PAC News

- A big tank you to Mid Island Coop for their grant to our PAC. Funds will be used towards our Gaga Ball Pit.
- A big thank you to the **Parksville Community Foundation** for their grant to our PAC. Funds will be used towards our Gaga Ball Pit.







Donations for Fun Day!

PAC is looking for donations of new, tiny toys that can be used as prizes for our Fun Day on June 25. Items can be dropped off to the school office. Think: party favours, and similar prize-like toys kids get at carnivals, etc. We are trying to reuse items before purchasing new to decrease plastic use. Thanks so much!

Lost and Found

Thank you to our PAC for spreading out our lost and found in the foyer. There are many items and they are all laid out for your perusal. Please come and see if you recognize anything before it gets donated in the summer.



AES LIBRARY

ALL BOOKS ARE DUE



JUNE 20, 2025



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!

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:

• June 18, 2025



Click here to order









Bowser Elementary -June 2nd & 9th @ 11am - 12pm

Ecole Oceanside Elementary -June 3rd & 17th @ 10:30am - 11:30am

Qualicum Beach Elementary -June 4th @ 10am - 11am

Nanoose Bay Elementary -June 6th @ 9:45am - 10:45am

Errington Elementary -June 9th @ 1pm - 2pm

Arrowview Elementary -June 12th & 19th @ 1:15pm - 2:15pm

Springwood Elementary -June 20th @ 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



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 1st - July 31st	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
Late - after August 1st	\$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 <u>Eligible Rider wait lis</u>t 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
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- 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 redated 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.

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 <u>Transportation</u> section of our website for more information and an FAQ and sign up instructions.



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN JULY FOR 4 WEEKS!











Students from Taiwan, Japan and Kazakhstan are here for a 4 week school program that is from 8:30 - 2:30 Monday- Friday. They are here to earn a course credit and have an authentic Canadian cultural experience

- Why host an international student?
- Exprience cultural exchange right in your own home
- ❖ Build lifelong connections with students from around the
- . Our team can help you to mentor and create lasting memories
- Receive \$40/day stipend for your hospitality
- * You can host up to two students no experience needed

All types of families are considered including singles, couples and more.

Apply at www.schoolincanada.ca

call 250-951-0857

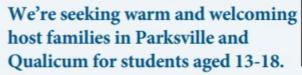








HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT





Each year, about 180 students from 20 different countries come to our incredible district to experience top-tier education and immerse themselves in an authentic Canadian cultural experience.

Students come for a 5-10 month term or 4 week summer program



Why host an international student?

- ❖ Make a meaningful impact on a young student's journey
- * Experience cultural exchange right in your own home
- Build lifelong connections with students from around the world
- Our team can help you to mentor and create lasting memories
- Receive \$1100/Month stipend for your hospitality
- You can host up to two students no experience needed

By becoming a host family, you provide more than just a place to stay—you offer a home away from home, a supportive environment, and the chance to share your culture while learning about another.

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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

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 <u>School Locator tool</u> to find out which Qualicum School District catchment school serves your address.



Reminders From the Office

QLost and Found - Facebook Page for parents to claim lost items பெட்டி விணுட்ட

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 <u>School Messenger App</u>.

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 <u>attendance@sd69.bc.ca</u>

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

MMMSchool volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

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

School Fees

\$ Please login to <u>School Cash Online</u> to pay any outstanding school supply or field trip fees. If you need any financial assistance, reach out to Flo Wong at <u>fwong@sd69.bc.ca</u>

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.



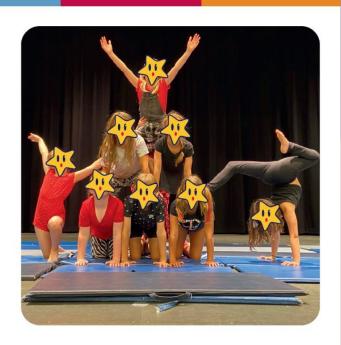


Circus Camp 8-12yrs

July 7-11, Mon-Fri, \$239

August 5-8, Tue-Fri, \$191

Springwood Elem School
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Instruction provided by
Vesta Entertainment Circus



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





Field Sports Camp

8-12yrs July 28-August 1

7-10yrs August 5-8

9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$160

Springwood Park Field



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Leaders in Training 14-17yrs

July 2-4, Wed-Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$150



Oceanside Place Arena

Register today at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

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Awesome

prizes to

SUMMER FUN CHALLENCE!

This FREE Bingo-style activity challenge can be completed anytime/anywhere! It is divided into two categories:

Preschool: Ages 2 - 5 Kids: Ages 6 - 13

#AcraSummerFun

Explore your community, try new activities, and engage your imagination in our Summer FUN Challenge!

Full contest details available at: arrowsmithrecreation.ca/summer-fun

Submit entries online by Aug. 15, 2025



Munchkinland & Storybook Village

Qualicum Commons - Summer Program





Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. July 15th - August 21st, 2025

Munchkinland & Storybook Village is a free early learning program for children aged birth to kindergarten and their adult. Come learn through play, meet new friends, and take part in special activities offered throughout the week.

Please come prepared to play outside in all types of weather.

Check out our website for more information: www.oblt.ca





StrongStart Wrap Up

at

Qualicum Beach Rotary Park

Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 11am - 3pm



Come join us for some fun and activities on our last day of StrongStart programming before the summer break at Qualicum Beach Rotary Park!

2945 Island Hwy West, Qualicum Beach

Check out our website for more information: www.oblt.ca







Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Parksville Community Park – June 4th @ 10:30am – 12pm Foster Park – June 11th @ 10:30am – 12pm Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – June 18th @ 10am – 11:30am Meet at the main beach parking lot by the washrooms.

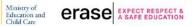
WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

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









Language Matters! Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Families and School Communities

BCSTA was proud to play a part in the consultation and development of this new resource. It has been developed to help parents, guardians and caregivers learn more about mental health and substance use and to help create a common language and shared understanding in school communities. The guide includes information about:

- Defining and understanding mental health and substance use
- The role that school communities play in supporting child and youth mental health
- How families can support their child or youth's mental health and well-being

Language Matters! Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Families and School Communities was developed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care in partnership with the BC Children's Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre.



WORK WITH US

Family Peer Support Workers are parents and caregivers of children/youth who have mental health and/or substance use challenges. Your personal parenting experience is the primary requirement for this role. Your experience will help other families find help, comfort, hope and feel less alone.



familysmart.ca/careers





Arrowview Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/AES/Pages/default.aspx#/=

Contact

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