

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Principal: Flo Wong
Vice Principal: Heather MacLeod



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April 10, 2026

Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live, learn, and play on the traditional territory of the Qualicum First Nation. We are grateful for their ongoing stewardship of this land and for the opportunity to learn from their knowledge, culture, and traditions.

Message from the Principal

'Uy skweyul. Good day.

We are definitely in the season of **Tumq̓wílus – the Time of Ripening**, a season that reminds us that growth happens. The seasonal moon at this time is **Liimus, Moon of the Sandhill Crane**, when the return of crane signals that spring is truly on its way.

April Fool's Day brought a little extra energy and laughter to our school this year! Staff had some fun switching classrooms for the first few minutes of the morning, and it was wonderful to see the wide range of reactions from students as they walked into some unexpected surprises.

While a few students were genuinely puzzled (and maybe a little concerned at first!), many quickly caught on and showed just how perceptive they are. It was a great reminder of the strong relationships across our school—students were quick to adapt, and staff embraced the opportunity to connect with different groups of learners.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families into the school later this month for our Celebration of Learning and student conferences. This is always a meaningful opportunity for students to share their growth and reflect on their learning journey with you.

As we move through the spring, we are already beginning to plan for the next school year. If you have neighbours or friends in the community who have not yet registered their children, we

encourage you to spread the word and support them in connecting with the school.

Wishing everyone a wonderful April,

Flo Wong

Principal



Important Dates

April

17: [Sushi Hot Lunch](#) 🍣

21: Earth Day

23: Pete the Cat Welcome to Kindergarten (details below)

30: Class Photos day 📷

May

1: [Pizza Hot Lunch](#) 🍕

5: Red Dress Day 👗

7: Grade 7 Health and Wellness Fair

8: [Subway Hot Lunch](#) 🍷

14: Pro-D (non instructional day/no school)

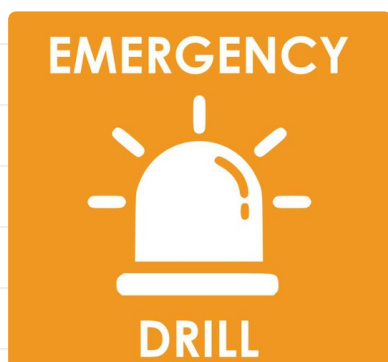
15: Conferencing Adjustment Day (No School)

18: Victoria Day (No School)

22: [Pizza Hot Lunch Fundraiser](#) 🍕

29: [Sushi Hot Lunch](#) 🍣

Emergency Preparedness Drills



As part of our regular safety procedures, schools conduct scheduled emergency practice drills throughout the year so that students and staff know what to do in different situations. In the coming weeks, we will be practicing a lockdown drill with students.

These drills are planned in advance and are done in an age-appropriate and calm way so that students understand the procedures without causing unnecessary worry. Practicing helps ensure that everyone knows how to respond quickly and safely should an emergency ever occur.

While recent events in Tumbler Ridge remind us how important preparedness is, these drills are a standard part of our school safety planning and are practiced regularly across schools.

If you have questions about our safety procedures or how drills are conducted, please feel free to reach out to the school.



Mark your calendar
Celebration of Learning

20 minute segments
4 families per time slot

April 29
4-7pm
April 30
3:10-5:10pm

Booking goes live April 13 - 9am
Click here to book



A Friendly Reminder



Our school is a scent free environment
Please, no body sprays, or colognes.
Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 5th

6:30pm in the AES Library

FREE Childcare & Pizza available

Our PAC Needs You

If you're passionate about enhancing our students' school experience, please consider joining the PAC Executive Team for the 2026/2027 school year.

ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND NEED TO BE FILLED:

PAC CHAIR

Lead meetings & be the voice of the PAC.

VICE CHAIR

Support the Chair & step in when needed.

TREASURER

Manage the budget & track spending.

SECRETARY

Keep records & take meeting minutes.

DPAC REP

Attend district meetings & share info with PAC.



BRING A FRIEND AND SHARE A ROLE!

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

CLICK HERE

[Can't attend in person? Join the Meeting Online](#)

DO YOU HAVE A BIKE THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Bike Club starts Monday, April 13th!

BIKE CLUB

IS IN NEED OF BIKES

FOR STUDENTS THAT WANT TO JOIN

LOOKING FOR BIKES THAT ARE 24-26" AND IN WORKING CONDITION

Email Ms. MacLeod to donate or for more info
hmacleod@sd69.bc.ca

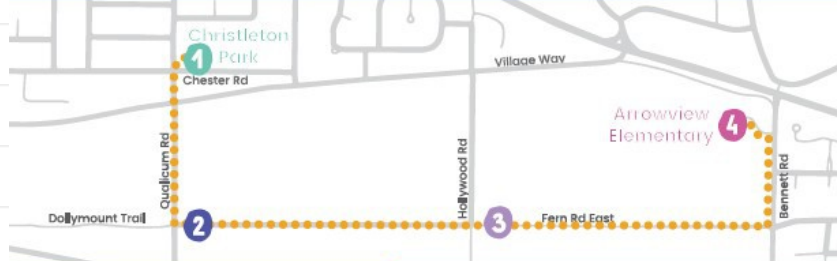


RIDE TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!



Fridays
starting
April 10

join the movement! * every Friday * rain or shine



Just like a school bus, the Bike Bus follows a set route and picks up riders along the way. You can hop on at any stop closest to your home.

Family members welcome!

pre ride checklist!

- * helmet
- * bike lock
- * flashing rear light is a bonus
- * weather appropriate clothing

8:15 am – Christleton Park

8:25 am – Fern Rd E@ Qualicum Rd

8:35 am – Fern Rd E@ Hollywood Rd

8:50 am – Arrowview Elementary



www.facebook.com/arrowviewbikebus



[@arrowviewbikebus](https://www.instagram.com/arrowviewbikebus)



arrowviewbikebus@gmail.com

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TALENT SHOW

ALL GRADES Get ready to unleash your talent!

each classroom teacher will hold auditions (before April 29) and the top two will go on to perform in front of the school

classroom teachers will be in touch regarding classroom auditions

**SHOW DATE
MAY
29**

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY READERS!

We are looking for volunteers from our community to help our students become confident readers. Volunteers will have the opportunity to listen to children read, play literacy games, and support their love of reading.

If you're interested, we will pair you with a classroom teacher. A valid criminal record check is required to participate. Your time and support can make a real difference in a child's literacy journey. Come be a part of our community of readers!

Send us an email to participate at arrowview@sd69.bc.ca

Kindergarten 2026 Registration is OPEN

Online Kindergarten registration (through MyEdBC) for the 2026-2027 school year is currently OPEN. To qualify for Kindergarten enrolment in September 2026, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2026. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School

District website registration page to see what else you need to know.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

The District will offer a "Pre-Kindergarten" program in April and May. Incoming Kindergarten students must be registered at their catchment school in order to apply to participate in this program. If you have registered your child by Thursday, March 12th you will be sent an application via email and those who register for Kindergarten after that date will be considered based on available space.



PETE THE CAT

FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

5:00PM - 7:00PM

OCEANSIDE PLACE ARENA
830 WEST ISLAND HWY, PARKSVILLE

**BOOK YOUR
SPOT!**



- Meet Pete the Cat
- Climb aboard a school bus
- Free fun activities
- Parent resources
- and lots more...

Registration is appreciated but
drop-ins are welcome!

www.oblt.ca





Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

- Qualicum Beach (4 Poles)** – April 1st @ 10am – 11:30am
Nanoose Place Community Centre – April 9th @ 2pm – 3:30pm
Springwood Park – April 15th @ 10:15am – 11:30am
Oceanside Community Church – April 16th @ 2:30pm – 4pm
Qualicum Bay Resort – April 22nd @ 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



**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Ready, Set, Learn!

Ecole Oceanside Elementary – April 7th & 21st @ 9:10am–10:10am
Bowser Elementary – April 13th @ 10:30am–11:30am
Errington Elementary – April 13th @ 1pm–2pm
Arrowview Elementary – April 15th & 22nd @ 1:30pm–2:30pm
Springwood Elementary – April 17th @ 9:30am–10:30am
Qualicum Beach Elementary – April 20th @ 10:30am–11:30am
Nanoose Bay Elementary – April 24th @ 10:30am–11:30am

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



West Coast Weather Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school each day prepared for the elements. We go outside for recess and lunch **rain or shine**, so waterproof jackets, boots, and warm layers make a big difference in keeping everyone comfortable and ready to play.

A little preparation goes a long way toward making outdoor time fun for everyone, no matter what the forecast brings! And it is extremely helpful for students to have a backup set of clothes in their classroom or their backpack. Students of all ages can slip in the mud during our westcoast recesses.



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!

DISMOUNT



ZONE

Reminders From the Office

Lost & Found Reminder

🔔 Please remember to label all items, especially hoodies, jackets, water bottles, and lunch kits. A name inside makes it so much easier for us to return belongings quickly.



Did you know? You can view our lost and found items on Facebook!

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

don't need a Facebook account to view. Thank you for helping us reunite students with their belongings!

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

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/backpack for any emergencies, as we make our way through a La Nina fall and winter season.

School Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

👤 School volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

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

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.

You might remember Diane from Kids Club. She is now a certified yoga instructor and is volunteering to provide this lovely, calm start to the day for our students.

Kids Yoga With Diane

Wednesday mornings
8-8:45am
Starts January 28, 2026
AES Gym



There is space for 20, first come, first served. Do not drive away until you are sure your child got in.



ENGLISHMEN RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK
APRIL 11 - 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

FAMILY RIDE



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FESTIVAL



ARROWSMITH CYCLING CLUB



Brant Wildlife Family Festival

Sunday, April 12, 2026
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Oceanside Place

830 West Island Highway • Parksville 

- ✓ Free Skating & Rentals
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Light Show with Music
by DJ Connor
- ✓ Educational Displays & Activities

**Fundraiser supporting
local school food programs!**

Helping provide healthy meals for local students

**Bring your family & friends for a fun day of games,
music, and skating while supporting our community!**

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FESTIVAL

www.mabr.ca/brantfestival

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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 22, 2026

Interview a local elder about homemade salal tea on video? All creativity is welcomed.



Contest Details: Use our easy [website entry form](#). Entries may be mailed to address at bottom.

- Eligibility: youths aged 5-18 of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or self-declared ancestry.
- Participants must include their name, band affiliation/ancestry, home address, phone & email, parent & teacher contact, grade & school on [website entry form](#) or by mail.
- Please include a brief description of how your artwork relates to traditional knowledge and medicine.
- **DEADLINE: May 22/26**

- All original work accepted: i.e. crayon, paint, collage, photos, animations, videos etc. (.jpg, .pdf, .png, .mp4, .MOV). Minimum image size 2MB. Videos must be less than 3 min. Please have someone take a photo of you with your artwork if possible.
- By entering, winners agree their names & entries can be published in local & social media, or displayed on BC Ministry of Education sites for Indigenous People's Day & our [website](#).
- All entrants qualify for complimentary, honorary youth membership. No commercial use of entries.
- Mailed entries won't be returned. Only winners will be notified.
- See how Indigenous volunteer mentors integrate traditional knowledge into natural resources practices on our [YouTube](#). Follow us on social [@foredbc](#).
- Complimentary teacher & youth activities by age group on Indigenous culture available [here](#).

Questions? Email education@foredbc.org.

FORED BC is a charitable association established in 1925. We work with volunteers on community-based sustainability projects. We thank our generous donors; the Province of BC & the Vancouver Foundation.



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Easter Seals BC/Yukon Design Contest

In Celebration of National AccessAbility Week in BC and Yukon, **May 31 – June 6, 2026**, Easter Seals BC/Yukon is challenging you to submit a T-shirt design.

Create Your Own AccessAbility T-Shirt Design

Easter Seals invites students from British Columbia and the Yukon in Grades 5-12 to create a design that symbolizes the theme:

Reimagining Play, Learning, and Community Through Accessibility

Canada's National AccessAbility Week celebrates the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and recognizes the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion. For 79 years, a core mission of Easter Seals is to make the lives of people with disabilities better in British Columbia and the Yukon.

Two Grand Prizes Include (Age Group A – Grades 5-8; Age Group B – Grades 9-12)

- \$200 honorarium for the winning student
- \$750 for the winning student's classroom to purchase learning materials
- T-Shirts will be produced with the winning designs and will be given to the winning students.
- Finalists will receive a pizza lunch for their classrooms, generously donated by Panago Pizza.
*Pizza parties are subject to delivery availability at school locations, and while we will do our best to provide this lunch to winning classrooms, some limitations may apply.

Who Can Enter

British Columbia and Yukon youth in Grades 5-12.

Submission Deadline

Midnight on **Friday, May 1st, 2026**.

Charity Registration No. 119217248RR0001
3981 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V5H 4H5
www.EasterSealsBCY.ca

Easter Seals BC/Yukon is a service of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities

Book by Claudia Shear and Tim Federle • Music orchestrated by John Clancy • Vocal Arrangements by Chris Miller •
Ballet music arranged by David Chase • Lyrics by Nathan Tysen
Based on the novel Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Qualicum Beach School of Dance

presents



**TUCK
EVERLASTING**

The Village Theatre, Qualicum Beach

MAY 14th-17th

TICKETOWL.IO/QBSD

Originally Produced on Broadway by Grove Entertainment, Arlene Scarian & Michael Jackowitz, Howard & Janet Kagan, and Barry Brown
World Premier Produced by Alliance Theatre, Atlanta, GA Susan V. Booth, Artistic Director The Alliance Theatre

Creative Kids at The MAC
ages 8-12

ART DAY

Thursday, March 18th
9:30am-3:30pm

\$75

A day full of fun art
activities in the studio

Art games
Painting
Sculpture
Mosaic



McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)
133 McMillan Street, Upper Level
Parksville, BC V9P 2H5
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www.mcmillanartscentre.com
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm



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Arrowview Elementary School

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

Contact

