

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Principal: Flo Wong
Vice Principal: Heather MacLeod



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Qualicum Beach, V9K 1N1

April 24, 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 have had a busy and joyful couple of weeks at Arrowview, and it's been wonderful to see so much energy and engagement across the school.

In recognition of Earth Day, all of our classes spent time outdoors finding meaningful ways to care for our environment. Activities included beach walks and clean-ups, tidying our playground spaces, and learning how to enrich and maintain our school garden. These hands-on experiences not only support environmental stewardship but also help students feel connected to the world around them.

We're also noticing more and more students choosing to ride their bikes to school, which is fantastic to see. This morning, we welcomed a particularly large and enthusiastic bike bus group, what a great way to start the day!

Our staff brought an extra dose of fun to the week with a series of "undercover" spirit days. Each day included a surprise element for students: from teachers pretending to fall asleep at the sound of lullaby music, to twin day, creative ways of moving through the hallways, dressing like students, and even spontaneous dancing when music played. It led to plenty of laughter and curiosity as students tried to figure out what was happening next.

The district hosted their Pete the Cat event yesterday evening as part of our transition activities for incoming Kindergarten students. We look forward to seeing some of our incoming young learners as they begin the Pre-K program next week.

A reminder that our Celebration of Learning will take place next Wednesday and Thursday. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to sign up for a time slot. We're looking forward to sharing student learning with families. Additionally, class photos are scheduled for next Thursday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Arrowview such a vibrant and caring community.

Warm regards,

Heather MacLeod
Vice Principal

Dress Like a Student Day at AES



Ms. Hilary, Ms. Rae, Ms. Kuhn, Ms. Hague



Ms. MacLeod and Ms. Duncan



Ms. MacLeod and Mrs. Kuhn

Room 1 visit to Milner Gardens



Important Dates

April

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)

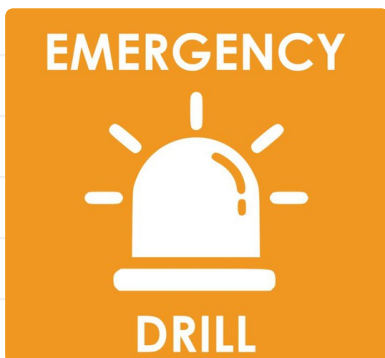
18: Victoria Day (No School)

22: [Pizza Hot Lunch Fundraiser](#) 🍕

22: Ballenas Spring Carnival (details below)

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.

20 minute segments

4 families per time slot

Mark your calendar Celebration of Learning

April 29
4-7pm

April 30
3:10-5:10pm

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



ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMPOST SALE!

GOOD FOR OUR GARDEN. GOOD FOR OUR FUTURE.

BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER TO FILL WITH COMPOST!

During CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
APRIL 29TH & 30TH

BY DONATION - MINIMUM OF -
\$5 CASH ONLY

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR SOIL FOR OUR SCHOOL GARDEN!

SCHOOL GARDENS GROW MORE THAN PLANTS!

- SUPPORTS HEALTHY EATING**
Students try new foods and build healthy habits.
- BOOSTS WELL-BEING**
Spending time in nature reduces stress and supports mental health.
- HANDS-ON LEARNING**
Gardens bring lessons to life across math, science, and more.
- BUILDS COMMUNITY**
Students, staff, and families grow together!
- TEACHES STEWARDSHIP**
Students learn to care for the earth and their environment.

Great soil. Strong plants. Bright futures.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR GARDEN GROW!



Author Visit to AES Library

Johnny Aitken and Jess Willows, coauthors of *Two Trickster Find Friendship*, attended our Literacy Week Festival to talk to Ms. McCallum and Ms. Spencer's classes. Students were full of questions about writing novels and the book itself. The students had read the book before hand so had a real interest in knowing how much of the story was based on the authors' lives. We are all excited for the sequel to come out!



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.

All roles will have support from the outgoing members

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](#)



School Bus Registration for the 2026/27 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.

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.

Applications received after Sept 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on buses allow.

Busing Fee Summary Table

ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES

COURTESY RIDER FEES

Early - between April - June 30th

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. Confirmation will be forwarded from the school principal to the Transportation Department.



**DO YOU HAVE A BIKE THAT
YOU NO LONGER NEED?**

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

**Bike Club
starts Monday,
April 13th!**

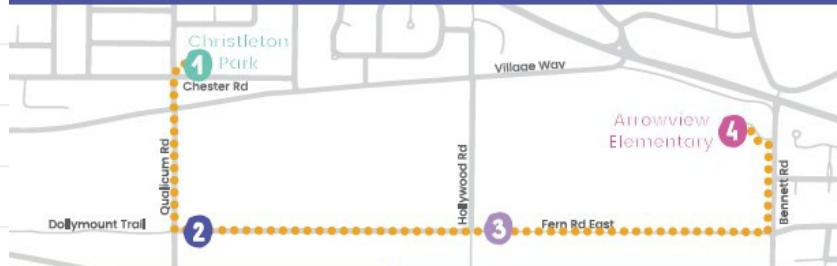


RIDE TO SCHOOL
TOGETHER!



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)



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QSD-2026-2027 Budget Development Survey

The Qualicum School District Board of Education follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

To support the Qualicum School District Board of Education in their decision making during the annual Budget Development process,

they are seeking input from educational partners, including administrators, employees, parents/caregivers, students and community members, to help inform priorities for the 2026/27 school district budget.

This short survey focuses on understanding what matters most to partners and where funding could make the biggest differences for students. Your responses are anonymous and will be shared in summary form with the Board.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey.





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.



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!

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.

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.



Ballenas Secondary School's

SPRING CARNIVAL



MAY 22ND | 5:30-8:30PM | BALLENAS SECONDARY

ALL AGES WELCOME

Join us for a fun evening of games, food, and activities at Ballenas Secondary. Come out and enjoy the Bouncy Castles, Cake Walk, Obstacle Course, and SO MUCH MORE! Admission is free, and tickets cost 25 cents.

We've got more booths than ever!





PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

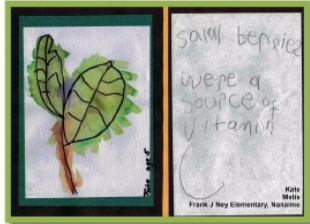


Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people, FOREDC sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.

DEADLINE:
MAY 22, 2026

Theme: **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine** Prize: **4 x \$150 prizes** with at least one national winner. *Group work shares prize.* 💰

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.

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National AccessAbility Week Design Contest 2026



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 •
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Creative Kids at The MAC
ages 8-12

ART DAY

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

\$75

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activities in the studio

Art games
Painting
Sculpture
Mosaic



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133 McMillan Street, Upper Level
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Arrowview Elementary School

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