

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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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 settled back into our school routines following the winter break, and the second term of learning is now well underway. We are now halfway through the school year, and it has been wonderful to see the growth our students are making academically, socially, and emotionally. We are currently in the season of **THULXWUMUCUN** — the Moon of Shining Ice, and have been enjoying the crisp, bright and sometimes foggy winter days. As students spend time outdoors each day, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather, including warm clothing, suitable footwear, and extra clothes for muddy slips or splashes.

These past couple of weeks, we are conducting our middle-of-year DIBELS literach screener with students. This screener along with ongoing assessments allow us to celebrate the progress our learners are making in literacy and provide teachers with valuable information to plan instruction that meets the needs of each child. It is exciting to see students' confidence and skills continue to grow as they tackle new challenges in reading and writing.

In addition to literacy, students are engaging in rich learning about Inuit ways of life. They are making arctic sunglasses, exploring the science and beauty of the aurora borealis—which we have been fortunate to see at our latitude—and learning about polar bears and Arctic habitats. These experiences help connect students to Indigenous knowledge, spark curiosity, and deepen understanding of the world around them.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to nurture curiosity, growth, and resilience in all our learners during this halfway point of the school year.

Warmly,

Flo Wong

Principal, Arrowview Elementary

Let Kids Learn Through Risk

Stepping back helps kids grow

Children develop confidence and resilience when they are allowed to face challenges and manage risk on their own. At school, this means students tackle tricky problems, resolve conflicts with peers, and try new skills without constant adult intervention. By experiencing small failures in a safe space, they learn persistence, problem-solving, and self-confidence.

On the playground, letting kids navigate social dynamics or test their physical limits—climbing higher, experimenting with new games, or negotiating rules—teaches responsibility, collaboration, and resilience. These moments help children grow socially, emotionally, and physically in ways that adult-led guidance cannot replicate.

Tips for Supporting Risk at Home

- Let children try tasks independently before stepping in.
- Encourage choices within safe boundaries.
- Allow natural consequences and learning from mistakes.
- Praise effort, creativity, and persistence, not just outcomes.
- Let children experience disappointment or hurt feelings safely, and help them reflect on how to manage emotions constructively.
- Model resilience by showing how you tackle challenges and recover.
- Discuss potential risks and strategies before new activities.

Small steps like these help children gain independence, confidence, and lifelong problem-solving skills—all by letting them take the lead in their own learning.

Important Dates

January

23: Hot Lunch Pizza Pizza 

30: Hot Lunch Subway 

February

2: Hot Lunch Shady Rest 

13: Pro-D (No School)

16: Family Day Holiday (No School)

20: Hot Lunch Sushi 🍣

27: Hot Lunch Extreme Eats 🍔

March

6: Hot Lunch Pizza Pizza 🍕

13: Hot Lunch Subway 🍔

Hul'q'umi'num Corner

Let's learn the word for fog - SPU'EHW

Jared Qwustenuxun Williams from Quw'ustsun Cowichan Tribe shares his favourite weather word: spu'ehw.

(Click on Jared's name or spu'ehw to go to the video.)

Kindergarten 2026 Registration Open January 19, 2026

Online Kindergarten registration (through MyEdBC) for the 2026-2027 school year opens on January 19, 2026. 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.



AES Club's Schedule

Monday

Sports w/ Doug (Gym)
Grade 5-7

Tuesday

Recycle Club
Room 10 & 4

Dance
K-Grade 4

Wednesday

Lego Club, all grades

Dungeons and Dragons
Grade 6/7

Thursday

Glee Club
Grade 3-7

Dance
K-Grade 4

Sports w/ Doug (Gym)
Grade 5-7

Friday

Notes

All clubs and activities
at lunch recess

West Coast Weather Reminder

The west coast weather has arrived; rain, wind, and all! 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!



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



PROPOSED SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES – JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



On January 14th, the Board of Education held a [Virtual Town Hall](#) regarding potential changes to the boundaries impacting local schools intended to relieve enrollment pressure on Springwood Elementary and École Ballenas Secondary Schools. If you were unable to participate that evening, you can view the recording [HERE](#).



Once you have viewed the recording, the Board of Education invites you to share your feedback on the proposed changes. The link to the survey can be found [HERE](#) and it will remain open into February 2026.

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.



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

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