

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Mar 6, 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.

In the Hul'q'umi'num seasonal calendar, we are entering **Tumq̓wíl̓us – the Time of Ripening**, a season that reminds us that growth happens all around us when the conditions are right. The seasonal moon at this time is **Wulhxus, the Frog Moon**, when the return of frogs signals that spring is truly on its way.

With the warmer, sunnier weather we've been enjoying, it certainly feels like spring is upon us. At school, we are seeing our own signs of growth as well – in students' reading, in their increasing maturity, and in the kindness they show one another each day.

Our community has also had some wonderful opportunities to come together recently. Events like our Pink Shirt Day assembly and the PAC-hosted Family Night remind us how important it is to gather, celebrate, and support one another as a school community. Yesterday's Crazy Dress Up day brought a lot of smiles.

We are grateful for these opportunities to learn and grow together. As we move toward spring, Mrs. Kuhn has already begun preparing our school garden – planting spring bulbs, weeding, and planning vegetable plantings that will begin after spring break. The garden is a beautiful reminder for our



students that care, patience, and attention lead to growth.

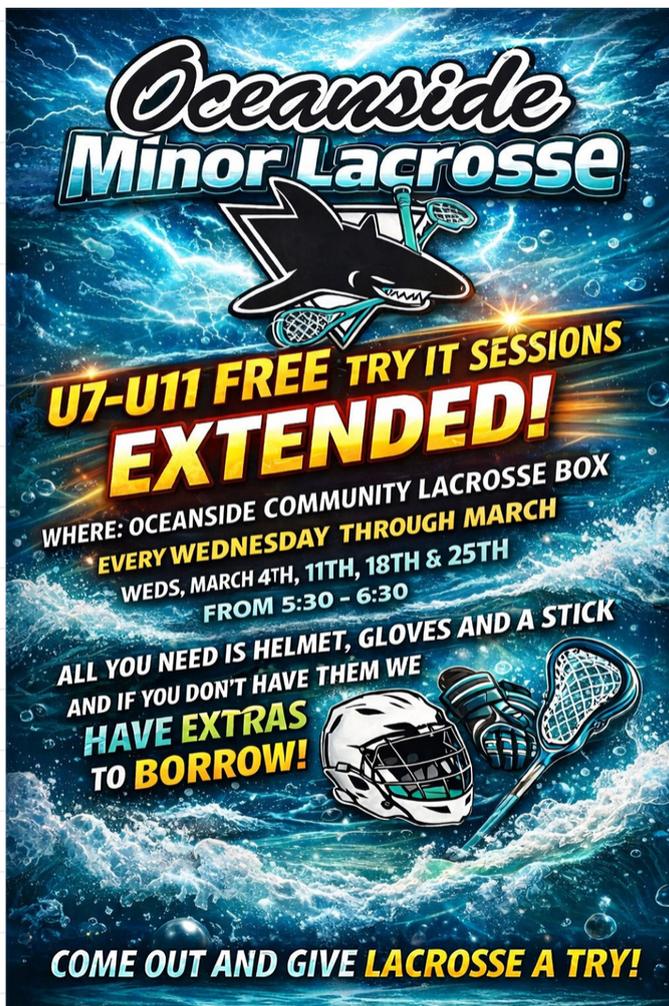
Thank you for being part of this learning community as we continue into this season of renewal and possibility.

Important Dates

- 6: Hot Lunch Pizza Pizza 🍕
- 10: PAC MEETING @AES 6:30 Library
- 11: Learning updates go home
- 12: Dress like a story book character day
- 13: Hot Lunch Subway 🍷
- 15-28: Spring Break

April

- 17: Sushi Hot Lunch 🍣
- 21: Earth Day
- 23: Pete the Cat Welcome to Kindergarten (details below)
- 30: Class Photos day 📷



AES Students got to try Lacrosse this week with Oceanside Minor Box Lacrosse! Free sessions Wednesdays to try it out!





Pink Shirt Day at AES



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.

A Friendly Reminder



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



Hul'q'umi'num Corner

The Hul'q'umi'num name for March is Wulhxus - The time when the frogs (wuxus) sing.

Click on the picture of the frog to learn how to pronounce Wulhxus and wuxus from Jared Qwustenuxun Williams.



Arrowview Elementary School

LITERACY FEST

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Poem in Your pocket March 11
- ◆ Book Jacket Contests
- ◆ Giant Scrabble
- ◆ Haiku Death Match
- ★ Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character March 12
- ◆ Author visit
- ◆ Book Talks
- ◆ Push Pin Poetry

MARCH 9 - 13, 2026

More ideas to try out at home: <https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/>

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#/=](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



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

DISMOUNT



ZONE

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!

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.

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.



COMMUNITY

EVENTS



COMING SOON

OCEANSIDE MINOR
BOX LACROSSE

FREE TRY IT SESSIONS

EVERY MONDAY
JAN 12TH - MAR 2ND

U7 - U11	U13 - U17
5PM - 6PM	6PM - 7PM

**LOCATION:
ERRINGTON SCHOOL
GYM**

Creative Kids at The MAC
ages 8-12

ART DAY

Thursday, March 19th
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
Parrsville, BC V9P 2H5
(250)248-8185
www.mcmillanartscentre.com
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm



THE POWER OF Stewardship

Celebrate local stewards and the knowledge of our diverse communities this International Mother Language Day!

Saturday Feb 21, 2026 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

9:00 am - Doors Open

9:30 am - "Importance of understanding the connections between history and language in relationship to place." Jesse Recalma Qualicum First Nations

10:45am - "Leaving a Legacy for Nature" Nancy Randall will work through all the stages and 14 different ways you can leave a legacy for nature.

- Celebrate International Mother Language Day
- Participate in interactive Q&A sessions
- Meet local stewardship organizations and sign up for memberships
- Learn about the Mid Island Stewardship Caucus www.mabr.ca/misc
- Discover ongoing and upcoming projects and how to get involved



Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region
124 West 2nd Ave Qualicum Beach
250-594-0405
www.mabr.ca



parent workshop

Inclusive Classrooms

What They Are, Why They're
Complex, and How Families
Can Support Them



This parent-friendly workshop helps families better understand inclusive classrooms, why they can feel challenging at times, and how families can support inclusion in meaningful, realistic ways.

Sunday, March 8

4:00- 5:30 pm

In this session, parents will:

- A clearer understanding of what inclusive classrooms are and why complexity is part of the reality
- Insight into how inclusive classrooms impact students, peers, educators, and families
- Practical ways families can support inclusion through conversations at home and respectful school partnerships

Facilitated by Carly Eirikson
Inclusive education & school leadership

This session is intended to be informative and supportive of inclusive education. It does not provide guidance on individual student situations or specific school-based decisions.

✉ **Hosted by your DPAC**



KIDOVATE

Youth Entrepreneurship Experience

Earn Your Own Money

In grade 6 or above?
Join Kidovate Market Day
Sell products you make,
repurpose or buy

April 18th, 2026
Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall

It's free! Learn more at

www.kidovate.ca



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**Community
Futures**

Mindfulness in May

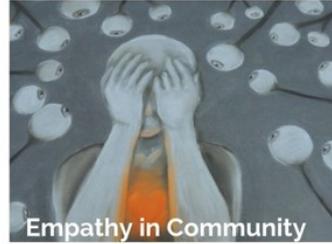
The Art of Empathy and Kindness 2026

Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 and Surrounding Area
Including Home Learners



Kindness for Nature



Empathy in Community

EARLY SUBMISSIONS BY **FEBRUARY 14TH** FOR A CHANCE TO BE
FEATURED ON THE EXHIBIT POSTERS AND WIN EXTRA PRIZES

Visual Art: drawing, fabric art, painting, mixed media, sculpture.
Literary Art: poetry, song, music. **Photography:** digital, and print.

ALL WORKS DUE BY MARCH 13TH

Submissions will be displayed at the Qualicum Library
during BC Youth Week and National Mental Health Week

SUBMIT ONLINE HERE:

<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

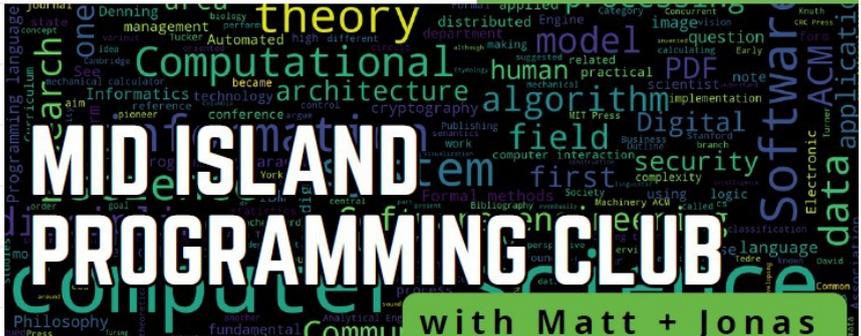


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EXHIBITION: APRIL 28TH - MAY 10TH

For questions or more info, contact Diane at moraninthemoon@gmail.com



MID ISLAND PROGRAMMING CLUB

with Matt + Jonas

FEB 4- HOW TO MAKE A VIDEO GAME
FEB 25 - PROGRAMMING WITH GO
MAR 25 - VERSION CONTROL IN GIT
APR 29 - BASICS OF VIM TEXT EDITOR
MAY 27 - LEARN VSCODE

Book 3
Save 15%

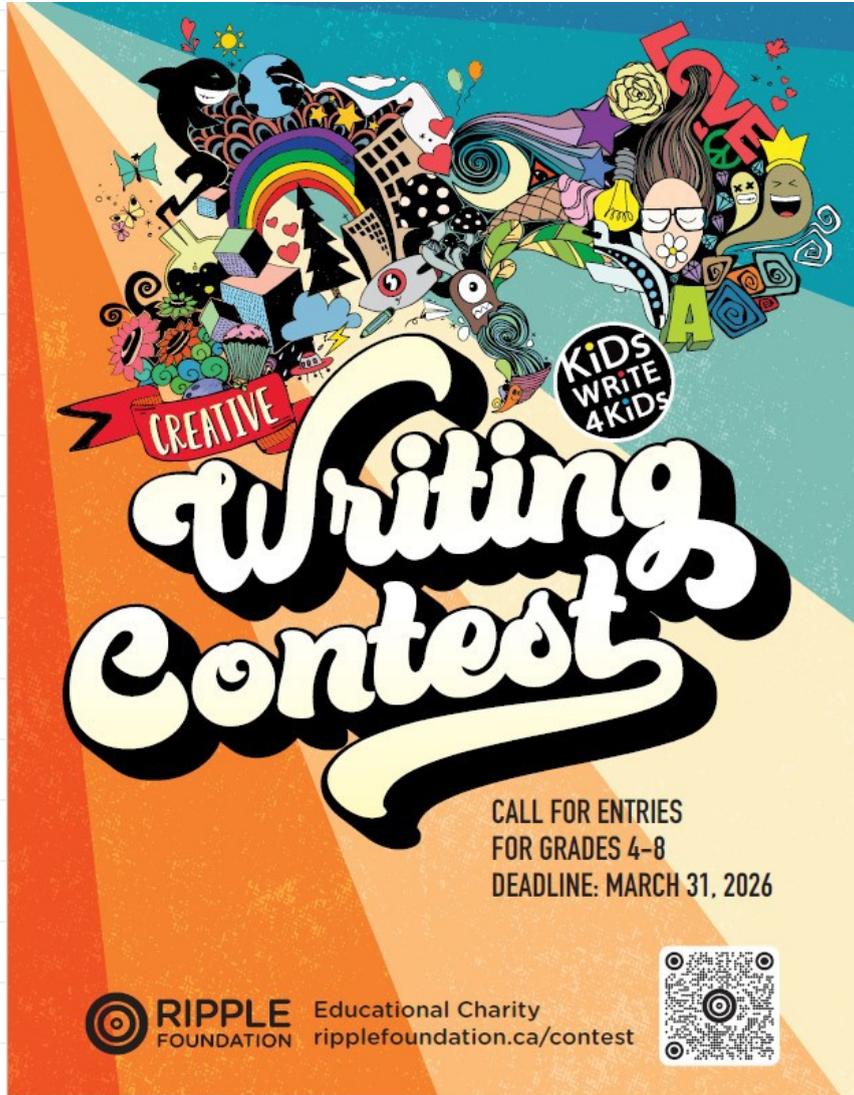
**Bring your own laptop. No programming
experience required. Intended for
confident computer users. Ages 15+**

\$15 per workshop

arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes

BoM  Cheese - 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC

Kristine Stephenson: stephenson@live.ca or 250-927-3985

A vibrant, colorful poster for a 'Creative Writing Contest'. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and teal. At the top, there's a collage of various icons: a shark, a rainbow, a city skyline, a girl with glasses, a boy with a crown, a girl with a flower, a boy with a camera, a girl with a book, a boy with a pencil, a girl with a paint palette, a boy with a pencil, a girl with a book, a boy with a pencil, a girl with a paint palette, a boy with a pencil, a girl with a book, a boy with a pencil, a girl with a paint palette. The word 'LOVE' is written in large, red, stylized letters at the top right. A red banner with the word 'CREATIVE' is on the left. A black circle with 'KIDS WRITE 4 KIDS' is on the right. The main title 'Writing Contest' is in large, white, bubbly letters with a black outline. Below the title, it says 'CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR GRADES 4-8 DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026'. At the bottom left is the Ripple Foundation logo and name, and at the bottom right is a QR code.

CREATIVE

LOVE

KIDS WRITE 4 KIDS

Writing Contest

CALL FOR ENTRIES
FOR GRADES 4-8
DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

 **RIPPLE** Educational Charity
FOUNDATION ripplefoundation.ca/contest



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

Contact

