

November 3, 2025 Message from the Principal

'Uy skweyul. Good day.

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.

We are in the season of **yuxay'tl'thut** – the time before it gets cold. The seasonal moon is **tum kwaluxw**, the *dog salmon moon*. During this time, dog salmon return upriver, and families are busy preparing fish for drying and smoking. It's a season of effort and preparation — a fitting reminder for us as we move into this busy fall season of learning and connection.

We are looking forward to Fall Conferences this week. These conversations are such valuable opportunities to celebrate your child's growth, share insights, and plan together for continued success. Thank you for taking the time to connect — your partnership makes a difference.

Last week's Halloween festivities brought so much joy to our school! Our costume parade was a highlight, and a huge thank you goes out to our amazing PAC volunteers for transforming the gym into a spooky, fun-filled Haunted House experience. We are so grateful for the time and creativity that made the day memorable for our students.

As we turn our attention to **Remembrance Day**, we invite all families to join us for our **school assembly this Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the gym**. We will be joined by local veterans, a piper, and serving members as we honour those who have served and continue to serve. We also take time to recognize Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8, acknowledging the important contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous peoples in service to our country.

A reminder that there will be no school next Monday, November 10, for the Conference Adjustment Day, and no school on Tuesday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

Halloween Fun at AES





















Important Dates

November

3: Deadline for coupon books to be returned (PAC Fundraiser)

5: Deadline to order art cards and gifts (PAC Fundraiser)

5 & 6: Parent Teacher Conferences

7: Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11am, Hot Lunch Subway

10: Conferencing Adjustment Day (non-instructional day)

11: Remembrance Day (statutory holiday)

14: Hot Lunch Shady Rest #1

21: Hot Lunch Sushi Hama 🖶

24: Professional Development Day (non-instructional day)

28: Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery -

December

5: Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza 🔊

11: Winter Concert 🐉

12: Hot Lunch: Subway ₪

19: Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery ⇔

A Sweet Reminder

We all know how exciting treats can be, but a gentle reminder to please save candy for after school. A nutritious breakfast and balanced lunch help students stay focused, energized, and ready to learn throughout the day. Thanks for helping us keep classrooms calm and brains fueled for success!



CREATED BY KIDS ART FUNDRAISER

OUR SCHOOL IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS GREAT FUNDRAISER, WHERE OUR STUDENTS BECOME PROFESSIONALLY PUBLISHED ARTISTS, AND EVERY ORDER RAISES FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



- Artwork Comes Home: Students will get their artwork done in class and sent home for the week of October 20th.
- Order Online & Return Artwork: Submit your orders online and return the art work to school by school Wed, November 5th.
- Pick Up Gifts: Your custom products will arrive at the school between November 24-28, just in time for the holiday season.

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AES Club's Schedule

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Sports w/ Doug (Gym)
Grade 5-7

Recycle Club
Room 10 & 4

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

Remembrance Day Slideshow

Staff and students (parents/caregivers) are encouraged to email photographs for Remembrance Day of any friends or family members that are veterans or currently serving their country – 3 photos max please. Due date for emailing the photos is **Monday**, **November 3***rd*. You can scan and email the photos directly to me at



hmacleod@sd69.bc.ca . I will create a slideshow to share at our Remembrance Day assembly of the photos so our students and staff can acknowledge and remember people close to us that served. Our assembly will be Friday, November 7th at 11:00am. Students who are scouts, guides, cadets etc are encouraged to wear their uniform on Friday, November 7th.

-If you could attach a very brief note that explains the relationship to you and the role they served that would be great.

Example: Lucy Smith's Great Grandfather Capt. Richard Smith - World War Two British Air Force.

Book Gifts for Babies & Pre-Schoolers

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS
Registered Charity # 762574267RR0001

By November 15th, register to receive FREE books for babies and preschoolers. Started by 95-yearold Eva Hilborn, our registered charity has fifty volunteers who are mostly retired teachers



dedicated to spreading the love of books.

If you live in Qualicum School District #69 from Bowser to Nanoose Bay or Lasqueti Island, your youngster will receive brand new age-appropriate books delivered to your home...for FREE! Register your baby, 1 year-old, 2 year-old, or 3 year-old to get brand new book gifts, now!

Email wwbeec@gmail.com OR

www.thewonderfulworldofbooks.com OR Scan the QR Code

Fair Notice Letter from SD69

The Qualicum School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Students, staff and parents should be aware of the Community Violence, Threat-making, and Risk Assessment Protocol that can be found on the District website under Parents/Resources for Parents/Parent Information and in all school main offices.

Please click this link to read more.



Our Library is Looking for Good Books!

Doing a bookshelf clean-out at home? Our library would love the following books to help restore our well-loved series!

- · Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Dog Man and Cat Kid
- Babysitters Club and Little Sister
- Amulet
- Wings of Fire
- Hard Cover Graphic Novels

Please be choosy - if it's not something your child would be excited to read, it's probably not the right fit for donation.



For the safety and comfort of all students, staff, and families, we ask that dogs on school property be kept on a leash and under control at all times. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.





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!

SD69 Bus Passes

My Ride K-12 Transportation Website/App

The Transportation Department is working to modify bus routes to accommodate many late bussing applicants.

Check the <u>MyRide K12 App or Website</u> regularly to verify your child's route information and ensure push notifications are enabled if using the App to be made aware of urgent alerts or changes.



Reminders From the Office

Lost & Found Reminder

The Lost & Found is growing—especially with hoodies! Kids often take them off when they get warm at recess or in the gym and forget to pick them back up. 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.



Each week we collect items left outside, wash them when possible, and post photos to our Lost & Found Facebook page so families can check for missing things:

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 <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 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 the fall weather is here.

School Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

MMMSchool volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

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

School Supplies Fees

A reminder that school supply fees of \$50 are due in the coming days. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible, or contact the school office to arrange a payment plan. These fees cover pre-ordered supplies for your child, and timely payment helps us avoid a deficit and ensures every student has the materials they need to learn. Please login to School Cash Online if you haven't already. If you need financial assistance, reach out to Flo Wong at fwong@sd69.bc.ca.

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 ther
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.

