

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are entering the season of **yuxay'tl'thut – time before it gets cold**, and the seasonal moon **xwusulenuxw - moon of falling leaves**. This season invites us to pause and notice both the beauty of change and the steady rhythm of growth all around us. In schools, this time of year often mirrors that same cycle—students are settling into routines, friendships are strengthening, and learning is deepening. It's a reminder that growth takes time, care, and the right conditions to flourish.

September has also been a season of remarkable community spirit. Together, we participated in the Terry Fox Run, welcomed the Tour de Rock riders, and supported the Indian Residential School Survivors Society through Orange Shirt Day. These events not only raise important funds but also build shared understanding, empathy, and compassion among our students. I am deeply grateful to our families, staff, and community for the generosity of time, energy, and heart that makes these opportunities possible.

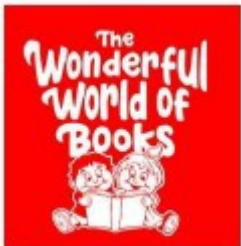
On District Day, staff across the district gathered to learn together. A key focus for us continues to be building our knowledge and understanding of local Indigenous history, perspectives, and teachings. This is important work that we are committed to continuing at our school. Thank you for supporting us as we learn and grow together as a community.

Together, we are reminded of the responsibility we each hold to *be a good ancestor*—to learn from the past, act with care in the present, and help create a better future for the generations to come.

With gratitude,
Flo Wong
Principal

Important Dates

Oct 3: [Hot Lunch: Shady Rest](#) 🇺🇸
Oct 10: [Hot Lunch: Sushi Hama](#) 🍣
Oct 13: Thanksgiving (No School) 🦃
Oct 17: [Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷
Oct 17: Grade 6 immunizations 📋
Oct 21: PAC Meeting: 6:30pm AES Library
Oct 24: Pro-D Day (Students do not attend)
Oct 31: [Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza](#) 🍕
Nov 3: Retakes 📺
Nov 7: [Hot Lunch Subway](#) 🍷
Nov 14: [Hot Lunch Shady Rest](#) 🇺🇸
Nov 21: [Hot Lunch Sushi Hama](#) 🍣
Nov 28: [Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷
Dec 5: [Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza](#) 🍕
Dec 11: Winter Concert 🎭
Dec 12: [Hot Lunch: Subway](#) 🍷
Dec 19: [Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷



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-year-old 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

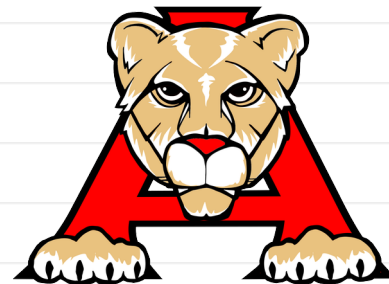
the Community Violence, Threat-making, and Risk Assessment Protocol that can be found on the District website under Parents/Resources for Parents/Parent Information and in all school main offices.

Please [click this link](#) to read more.



A Reminder for Parents

We kindly ask that parents do not approach or speak directly to other children about school-related concerns. If you have a concern or notice an issue, please bring it to the attention of school staff so we can support students appropriately. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and supportive place for all children.



READING LINK CHALLENGE

Calling all grade 4 and 5 students who love to read or listen to great books. The Vancouver Island Regional Libraries are once again hosting the Reading Link Challenge through island schools. Last year Arrowview Elementary had a blast participating in our local school district competition. Teams of up to 6 students are provided with the 6 novels, in book and audio form, to read over the course of 4 months. Teams will meet in the library once a week at lunch recess to discuss the books and practice with trivia questions. This is a great way to meet new friends, read exciting books and share a love of reading.

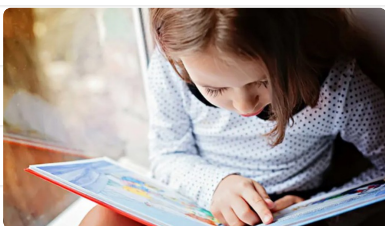
Please see Mrs. Kuhn in the library to sign up. Deadline is Oct 10, 2025. More information about Reading Link Challenge is available on this website: www.readinglinkchallenge.ca



October is the time to celebrate your school library. Drop in to the library and add to our collection of hearts by telling us what you love about your school library. The library is open before school for book exchanges, as well as several times during the day, and after school. Come and check out our new selection of graphic novels, novels, nonfiction and picture books.

Dogs on School Property

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.



Literacy Screening with DIBELS

Over the next two weeks, staff will continue to administer **DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)** with all students. DIBELS is a *universal literacy screener*—a quick, research-based check-in that helps us understand how students are developing foundational reading skills.

The purpose of this screening is to:

- Identify students' strengths in early literacy skills
- Pinpoint areas where additional support may be needed
- Inform our teaching and guide small group instruction

DIBELS is not a test that students can pass or fail; rather, it provides valuable information to help us ensure that every child is on track with their reading development. If you'd like to learn more about DIBELS or how we use this information, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 immunizations will be provided to students on Oct 17, 2025.



Recently, a **letter was sent home through the school from Island Health regarding consent for grade 6 immunizations**. If your child brought home a letter and you have not already done so, please **complete the online [provincial digital consent tool](#)**. If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone, please contact your local public health unit at the phone number below. Please contact the local public health unit at (250)947-8242 if you have any questions, if you are submitting immunization records for your child using the digital consent tool, or if you would prefer to book an immunization appointment for your child at the health unit.

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 [MyRide K12 App or Website](#) 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 [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 the fall weather is starting to change.

School Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

👤👤 School volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

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

School Fees

\$ Please login to [School Cash Online](#) to pay Student fees and school supplies if you haven't already. If you need any 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 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.



Arrowview Elementary School

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

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