

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we enter the season of **yuxay'tl'thut – time before it gets cold**, and the seasonal moon **puqulenuxw - moon where leaves change colour** we see the leaves changing colour and feel the shift of the season. This is a time of transition and preparation. Just as the land readies itself for what's ahead, we begin a new school year filled with learning, growth, and possibility.

This is also a time when teachers are getting to know the learning needs of their students. Over the coming weeks, classes will take part in universal screeners for literacy, the Foundation Skills Assessment, and district-wide assessments. These important tools help us understand how best to support each learner.

September is also a month of community, generosity, and remembrance. Our fundraising for the **Terry Fox Run** is underway, with efforts already off to a phenomenal start! For every additional \$100 raised, a teacher will take a pie in the face, and our school goal is \$3000. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.

We are also honoured to welcome the **Tour de Rock / Cops for Cancer riders** to our school on September 24th. These dedicated police officers and emergency service personnel are cycling across Vancouver Island to raise money for childhood cancer research and support programs like Camp Goodtimes. This visit is always inspiring, and we invite students to bring their cheers, posters, and positive energy to give the riders a warm Arrowview welcome on Thursday, September 25th.

Next Friday, September 26th at 1:30pm we will gather for **Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. Our student-led assembly will provide a meaningful time to reflect on our

shared responsibility in reconciliation. Families are welcome to join us for this important gathering.

As we step into this new season, let us remember the theme of being a good ancestor: showing kindness, caring for one another, and working together to build a strong, respectful future for all.

With gratitude,
Flo Wong
Principal

Important Dates

Sept 2025

Sept 24: Terry Fox Fundraiser Lunch 🍷

Sept 25: Tour de Rock stop at AES, time TBD

Sept 26: [Hot Lunch: Subway](#) 🍷

Sept 26: Orange Shirt Day, 1:30 pm assembly

Sept 29: District Planning Day (No school)

Sept 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Oct 1: Photo Day 📷

Oct 3: [Hot Lunch: Shady Rest](#) 🍷

Oct 10: [Hot Lunch: Sushi Hama](#) 🍷

Oct 13: Thanksgiving (No School)

Oct 17: [Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷

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](#) 🍷

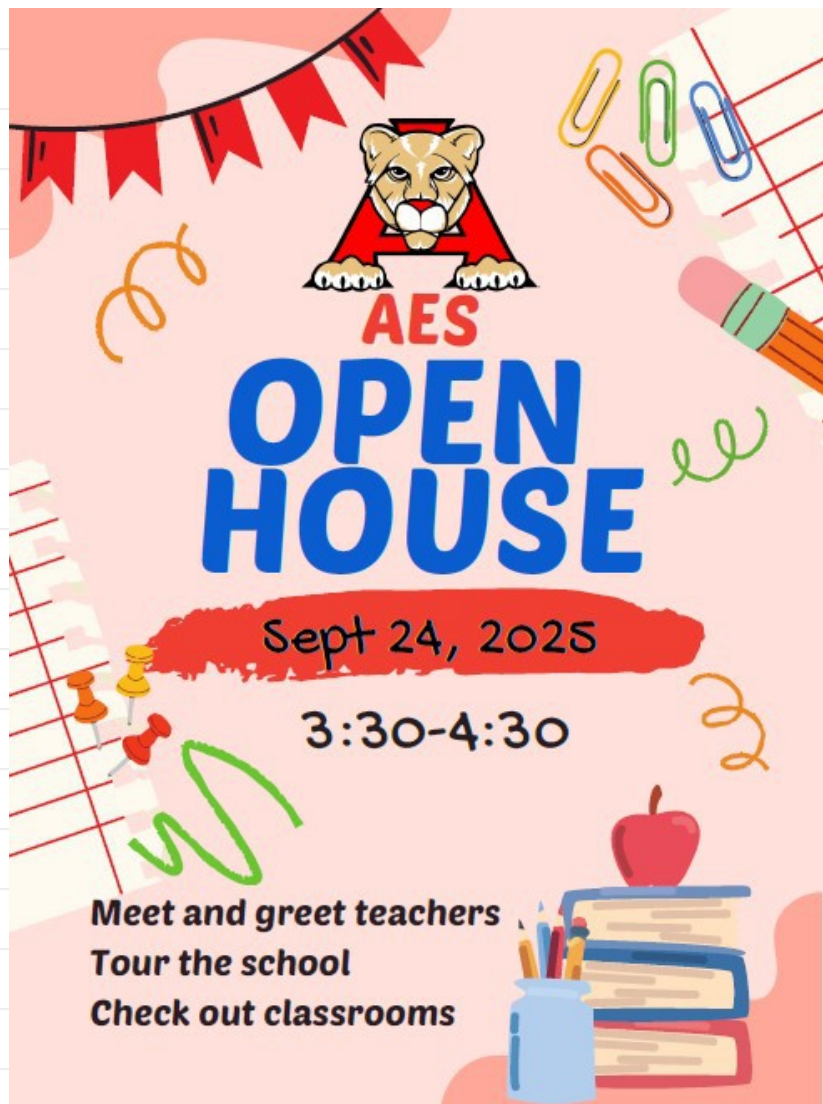
Nov 21: [Hot Lunch Sushi Hama](#) 🍷

Nov 28: [Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷

Dec 5: [Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza](#) 🍷

Dec 12: [Hot Lunch: Subway](#) 🍷

Dec 19: [Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery](#) 🍷



Orange Shirt Day Fundraiser

We are honoured to share this year's Orange Shirt Day design by Kwakwaka'wakw artist **Linda Jones of Alert Bay**. Her grandmother was a residential school survivor, and both of her parents attended Indian Day School. The strength and experiences of her family inspire the artwork she creates today. Linda is also a proud mom of twins who completed their time at Arrowview Elementary and have now begun their high school journey at KSS. Her artwork remembers the children who never made it home and surrounds

survivors with love.

Youth & Adult Sizes Available

\$15 each

\$3 from every shirt will be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society

Orders close Monday, Sept 22, 2025 at 3pm.

[ORDER HERE](#)

Orange Shirt Donations

If your child has outgrown their orange shirt, we'd love to help it find a new home. Please consider donating gently used orange shirts by sending them with your child to their teacher or dropping them off at the office. These shirts will be passed along to younger students at AES so more children can participate in Orange Shirt Day and learning opportunities throughout the year.



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.



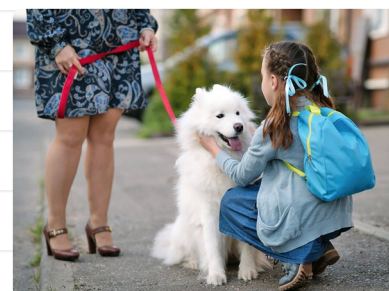
A Reminder for Parents

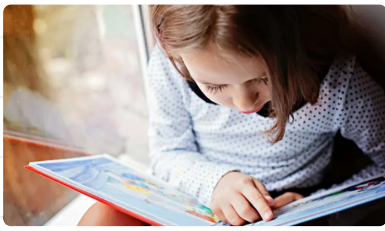
We kindly ask that parents do not approach or speak directly to other children about school-related concerns. If you have a concern or notice an issue, please bring it to the attention of school staff so we can support students appropriately. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and supportive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



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, our staff will be administering **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

In B.C the Human Papilloma (HPV) vaccine is recommended for all grade 6 student as part of their routine immunization schedule.

Grade 6 students may be eligible for additional vaccines if they are not up to date. **A letter with instructions on providing consent for immunizations will be sent home to students shortly.**

Please follow

the instructions and provide consent or refusal to immunizations using the new digital consent platform.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 6 students on Oct/Nov 2025.

Contact the local Health Unit at (250) 947-8242 if you have any questions.



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!

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!

📧 Communications with Parents

Please keep an eye on your email and be sure to check backpacks as this is a very busy time of year. Expect some forms to come home next week regarding emergency information as well as an email to be sent out regarding school supply/planner fees.

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**

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#/)

Contact

