

ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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May 8, 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.

As we head further into May, our school continues to be filled with energy, creativity, and opportunities for connection. It has been wonderful to see students engaged in their learning, supporting one another, and taking pride in their growth both inside and outside the classroom.

We have a wonderful contingent of runners representing AES at the District Cross Country event today at SES. We wish them speediness and joyful running.

Next Wednesday, our school will participate in the [Moose Hide Campaign Walk](#). This important event helps raise awareness about ending violence against women and children and encourages all of us to reflect on the importance of respect, safety, and healthy relationships within our communities. We are proud to take part in this meaningful learning opportunity together.

A reminder that the upcoming May long weekend will be an extra-long break for students, as it includes the statutory holiday, a professional development day, and a conferencing adjustment day. We hope this extended weekend provides families with an opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time together.

We would also like to wish all female caregivers a wonderful weekend with your loved ones. Thank you for the many ways you support, nurture, and care for the children in our community each day.

There is still lots of excitement ahead this month! Students are eagerly preparing for our school talent show at the end of May, and we are also looking forward to welcoming Science World to our school for engaging, hands-on learning experiences.

Finally, thank you to all of the families who provided thoughtful input regarding class placements for next year. Your feedback is appreciated and helps support our careful planning process as we work to create balanced and supportive learning environments for all students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

Warmly,
Flo Wong
Principal

Important Dates

May

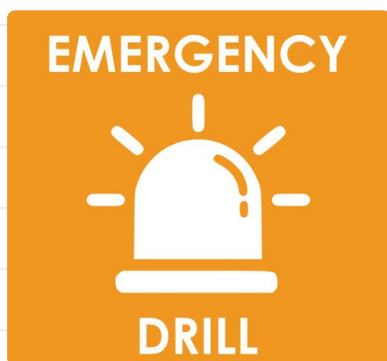
- 8: [Subway Hot Lunch](#) 🍷
- 14: Pro-D (non instructional day/no school)
- 15: Conferencing Adjustment Day (No School)
- 18: Victoria Day (No School)
- 19: PAC Meeting (6:30 AES Library)
- 22: [Pizza Hot Lunch Fundraiser](#) 🍕
- 22: Ballenas Spring Carnival (details below)
- 26: Grade 7 KSS Tour
- 28: Science World on the Road Visit to AES
- 29: [Sushi Hot Lunch](#) 🍣
- 29: Talent Show

June

- 5: [Extreme Eatery Hot Lunch](#)
 - 12: [Pizza Hot Lunch](#)
 - 19: [Subway Hot Lunch](#)
 - 23: Grade 7 Fun Day
 - 24: School Wide Fun Day
 - 25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Students dismissed 3 hours early)
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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!



AES GRAD EVENTS

2026

MAY 26
Grade 7 KSS tour 12:30-1:00

JUN 23
Grade 7 Beach Day - all day
Mini golf at Riptide and Rathtrevor Beach

JUN 25
Grade 7 Car Parade
9:15 start
Cardinal Way to AES front loop

School Bus Registration for the 2026/27 school year is now open!

Go to the [Qualicum School District Transportation website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in before the end of this school year for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child and to avoid extra fees.



REGISTRATION PROCESSING TIMELINES

April – June 30 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.

Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be

processed until after July 1.

Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

July 1- onwards Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.

If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list. Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

Applications received after Sept 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on buses allow.

Busing Fee Summary Table

ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES

COURTESY RIDER FEES

Early - between April - June 30th

Free

\$175.00*

Late - between July 1st - July 31st

\$25.00*

\$225.00*

Late - after August 1st

\$50.00*

\$275.00*

*Parents and caregivers who believe these fees will cause financial hardship in their household are encouraged to speak to their school principal about fee relief. Confirmation will be forwarded from the school principal to the Transportation Department.

DO YOU HAVE A BIKE THAT
YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Bike Club
starts Monday,
April 13th!

BIKE CLUB

IS IN NEED OF BIKES
FOR STUDENTS THAT WANT TO JOIN



LOOKING FOR BIKES THAT ARE 24-
26" AND IN WORKING CONDITION

Email Ms. MacLeod
to donate or for more info
hmacleod@sd69.bc.ca



RIDE TO SCHOOL
TOGETHER!



Fridays
starting
April 10

join the movement! * every Friday * rain or shine



Just like a school bus, the Bike Bus follows a set route and picks up riders along the way. You can hop on at any stop closest to your home.

Family members welcome!

pre ride checklist!

- * helmet
- * bike lock
- * flashing rear light is a bonus
- * weather appropriate clothing

8:15 am - Christleton Park


8:25 am - Fern Rd E@ Qualicum Rd

8:35 am - Fern Rd E@ Hollywood Rd

8:50 am - Arrowview Elementary

 www.facebook.com/arrowviewbikebus

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QSD-2026-2027 Budget Development Survey

The Qualicum School District Board of Education follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

To support the Qualicum School District Board of Education in their decision making during the annual Budget Development process,

they are seeking input from educational partners, including administrators, employees, parents/caregivers, students and community members, to help inform priorities for the 2026/27 school district budget.

This short survey focuses on understanding what matters most to partners and where funding could make the biggest differences for students. Your responses are anonymous and will be shared in summary form with the Board.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey.





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#/=>

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.



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

DISMOUNT



ZONE

or scooters off school property before riding. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe!

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.

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





Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – May 8th @ 1:30pm – 3pm

Parksville Community Park – May 22nd @ 10am – 11:30am

Family Day Event @ Qualicum Beach – May 31st @ 12pm – 4pm

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca



Family Basketball 8yrs+

Spots still available at:

Saturday, May 23

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.,
Oceanside Elementary School Court

3:30–5 p.m.,

Jack Bagley Community Park

Sunday, May 24

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.,
Dunsmuir Court
1–2:30 p.m.,
Qualicum Beach Elementary School Court

Fee \$10/family includes a basketball



Register today at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre, 737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach ~ 250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville ~ 250-248-3252

Follow us on



SPRING CARNIVAL



MAY 22ND | 5:30-8:30PM | BALLENAS SECONDARY

ALL AGES WELCOME

Join us for a fun evening of games, food, and activities at Ballenas Secondary. Come out and enjoy the Bouncy Castles, Cake Walk, Obstacle Course, and SO MUCH MORE! Admission is free, and tickets cost 25 cents.

We've got more booths than ever!





PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH



Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people, FORED sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.

Theme: **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine** Prize: **4 x \$150 prizes** with at least one national winner. *Group work shares prize.* 💰

DEADLINE:
MAY 22, 2026

Interview a local elder about homemade salal tea on video? All creativity is welcomed.



Contest Details: Use our easy [website entry form](#). Entries may be mailed to address at bottom.

- Eligibility: youths aged 5-18 of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or self-declared ancestry.
- Participants must include their name, band affiliation/ancestry, home address, phone & email, parent & teacher contact, grade & school on [website entry form](#) or by mail.
- Please include a brief description of how your artwork relates to traditional knowledge and medicine.
- **DEADLINE: May 22/26**

- All original work accepted: i.e. crayon, paint, collage, photos, animations, videos etc. (.jpg, .pdf, .png, .mp4, .MOV). Minimum image size 2MB. Videos must be less than 3 min. Please have someone take a photo of you with your artwork if possible.
- By entering, winners agree their names & entries can be published in local & social media, or displayed on BC Ministry of Education sites for Indigenous People's Day & our [website](#).
- All entrants qualify for complimentary, honorary youth membership. No commercial use of entries.
- Mailed entries won't be returned. Only winners will be notified.
- See how Indigenous volunteer mentors integrate traditional knowledge into natural resources practices on our [YouTube](#). [Follow us on social @foredbc](#).
- Complimentary teacher & youth activities by age group on Indigenous culture available [here](#).

Questions? Email education@foredbc.org.

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Ballet music arranged by David Chase • Lyrics by Nathan Tysen
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Qualicum Beach School of Dance

presents

TUCK EVERLASTING

The Village Theatre, Qualicum Beach

MAY 14th-17th

[TICKETOWL.IO/QBSD](https://www.ticketowl.io/qbsd)

Originally Produced on Broadway by Grove Entertainment, Ariane Scarian & Michael Jackowitz, Howard & Janet Kagan, and Barry Brown
World Premier Produced by Alliance Theatre, Atlanta, GA Susan V. Booth, Artistic Director The Alliance Theatre



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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