



BES "Principal Update" 2025-26

Friday January 9, 2026

Dear BES Families,

Welcome back! We hope you and your families had a nice and restful Winter break with friends and family 😊.

As we begin the new term, we look forward to settling back into our regular school routines. We appreciate your continued support in helping all kids maintain consistent routines at home, including adequate sleep and being ready for school each morning. We continue to see many kids come down for snacks and/or extra lunches, so please be sure to pack enough food.

Another friendly reminder to please send your child to school with proper winter and/or rain gear, as well as a change of clothes and shoes in their bag. We try to send kids outside for recess as often as possible, but the kids need to be ready for it or they become quite miserable and we don't always have spare clothes in the office.

Once again, welcome back, and we wish you and your families all the best for a happy and successful 2026.

Sincerely,

BES Office Team

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Important School Updates:

- 1) **BES Hot Lunch** - will resume on Wednesday Jan 21, so please be sure to pack lunch every day until then (if you ordered hot lunch).

- 2) **PAC Pizza Day** - is on Friday Jan 16th. Order forms were due today!

- 3) **“Scent Free” School** - We are sending out another reminder that we are a “scent free” school as the scents can have negative health impacts on some staff and students. Please remind your children not to wear any type of scented sprays, creams, or other products.
- 4) **BES Food Programs** - Some of you may or may not know that our school has an amazing food program led by our *Foods Coordinator (Ms. Crystal)* and ***supported by our school district and community donations***. Here are the different options we offer:
- a) **Daily Lunch Program** - that provides “homemade” lunches for about 30 kids on a daily basis for those who require it, and about 5-10 more kids on an “as needed” basis when they forget their lunches or need more food.
 - b) **Hot Lunch Program** - This “purchase” option is coordinated and supported by our school PAC with approximately 50-60 kids ordering 3 days a week.
 - c) **Fruit & Veggies Program** - provided by our local grocery store, Tomm’s Grocery, Ms. Crystal provides each classroom with daily fruit bowls, with more available when needed.
 - d) **Daily Snacks** - Ms. Crystal always has a variety of snacks available in the MPR for any child who is hungry.

Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027

Kindergarten Registration for September 2026 will open on Monday, January 19, 2026. Please be sure to register as soon as possible after that date to assist us with class organization and staffing for the upcoming year.

Our district will be using the MyEdBC on-line registration process for in-coming Kindergarten students only in January. (The online registration process will remain available for use after the registration deadline; however, parents are strongly encouraged to register their child within the registration window to assist with classroom/staffing planning)

Things you will need for Registration:

- valid email address
- proof of child's age and citizenship (scan or photo)
- proof of residency (scan or photo)*
- most recent progress (report) cards (if applicable)
- additional documents may be required

[Complete list of acceptable documents](#)

*We are required to request and obtain a copy of proof of residency and reserve the right to request additional documents. Applications are not considered completed until all supporting documentation has been submitted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Qualifying Age: To qualify for school enrollment in September 2026, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2026.

[Cross Boundary Requests:](#) Generally, students will attend schools within their catchment area based on the parent's/guardian's residence. In some circumstances crossing of catchment areas may be permitted upon request and are considered on an individual basis.

Parents wishing to enroll their child at an out-of-catchment school within the district must first register at their catchment school, include a note that they wish to make a cross-boundary request and then complete the on-line 2026-2027 Cross Boundary Request Form. The 2026-2027 School Year Cross-Boundary Applications process will open on an as yet to be determined date depending what occurs with the boundary change discussion.

*Applications will be considered based on space, staffing and capacity and you may not be advised whether or not your cross-boundary application has been approved until late August or even early September.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE:

PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A PROGRAM OF CHOICE ALL NEW REGISTRANTS TO THE QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST FIRST REGISTER THEIR CHILD AT THEIR

CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOL. APPLICATION TO A PROGRAM OF CHOICE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE. PLEASE REVIEW THE PROGRAMS OF CHOICE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE.

New Kindergarten registrants MUST first complete the online registration form and indicate in the 'Notes' field of the online registration form which Program of Choice you are interested in:

- Kindergarten French Immersion, STREAM or the Primary Learning Community, and then you MUST also complete the relevant Program of Choice application form for your child.
- French Immersion - French Immersion is intended to develop fluency in French learning to functional bilingualism. Sibling Only Kindergarten French Immersion Applications (for siblings of students already attending French Immersion) will be held January 12, 2026, to January 16, 2026. Any siblings applying after that date will be included in the lottery with the non-sibling registrants.
- The Kindergarten French Immersion application process for non-siblings will open on Monday, January 19, 2026, through to Friday, January 30, 2026 (see below) and placement will be determined by lottery.

BES Admin Team

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