



BES "Principal Update"

May 14, 2026

Dear BES Families,

Happy Victoria Day Long Weekend! We sincerely hope you enjoy these 5 days with family and friends in this beautiful place we get to call home 😊.

Water and Snacks - a friendly reminder that kids are spending more and more time outside and doing more physical activities in this beautiful spring weather, so please be sure to send water bottles and more snacks/food with your child every day.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Dee in the office if your child would benefit from food from the school on a regular basis and we will arrange it.

May 14 Professional Day - We are excited to share the professional learning that our staff is participating in today:

- **Teachers (MATA)** - have gathered all together either at Qualicum First Nation to learn about using "QFN Culture Kits" or at Ballenas Secondary to participate in a variety of literacy, social-emotional, athletic, and land-based learning opportunities.
- **Support Staff (CUPE)** - have gathered all together to learn about "Social and Medical Models of Disability Identifying Ableism".
- **Admin & Clerical** - in training about our new school and school district websites that will be rolled out next week. Stay tuned for more information!

Huy cep q'u (Thank you),

BES Office Team

#bowserisawesome #goeagles

We acknowledge and are honoured to live, work, and play on the unceded traditional shared territory of the Qualicum and Snaw'Naw'As First Nations.

Important School Updates:

- 1) **School Bus Registration (free before June 30)** - please register for school bussing next year by June 30th to avoid paying the “rider fee”. You can register [HERE](#).
- 2) **BES Chess Tournament** - is happening on Wed May 20th at lunch recess.
- 3) **Family Drumming Night at Arrowview Elementary** (everyone welcome) - Friday May 29 @ 5-7pm.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Thur May 14** - Professional Day (school not in session)
- Fri May 15** - Conference Adjustment Day (school not in session)
- Mon May 18** - Victoria Day Holiday (school not in session)
- Tue May 19** - Pre-Kindergarten Program @ 9-11am (library)
- Wed May 20** - Grade 3 swim lessons start (thanks PAC) & BES Chess Tournament @ 12:25-2:30pm (library)
- Thur May 21** - Pre-Kindergarten Program @ 9-11am (library),
- Tue May 26** - Pre-Kindergarten Program @ 9-11am (library)
- Wed May 27** - Cardboard Boat Challenge at Ravensong Pool (all day)
- Thu May 28** - “Last” Pre-Kindergarten Program @ 9-11am (library), **Fire Drill #6 @ 10:15am**, Grade 3 Swim Lessons
- Fri May 29** - Gr 7 KSS Tour & Rm 2 & 7 Field Trip to Parksville Beach



Qualicum School District
Indigenous Education Family Nights presents:

Drumming Night #2

ts-sliye'yu 'u tthu st'ilum (becoming friends through song)
with tsumqwaton (Lawrence Mitchell)

Friday, May 29, 2026 5-7pm
Location: Arrowview Elementary
Dinner: Soup and Bannock

Teachings of the drum with tsumqwaton - song keeper and knowledge holder from Snaw-naw-as




All Families are welcome

tsumqwaton is a relative from the snawnuwus family. He is a language learner, a singer, and an artist of his nation. Our friend shares what it means to coast salish people: the importance of our relationship with our environment through song, dance, and hul'q'umi'num'. Recently completing his Masters in hul'q'umi'num', he has been working on his language for over 20 years. He is keen on sharing the magic that exists in this world through words, stories, songs and silence.

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BES PAC Updates:

- 1) **Read-A-Thon** - What an incredible first-ever Bowser Elementary Read-A-Thon!


Our Bowser kiddos absolutely blew us away with their enthusiasm, dedication, and love of reading. Together:

- ★ **82 students** participated
- ★ Students read a combined total of **48,522 minutes**
- ★ That equals over **808 hours of reading!** 🧐📖
- ★ **16 top readers** surpassed **1,000 minutes of reading!**

From picture books and graphic novels to chapter books, audiobooks, and family read-alouds, our students showed us they have a huge appetite for stories and learning.

We are also thrilled to share that, thanks to the generosity of families, friends, and community supporters, we raised **over \$3,700** for Bowser Elementary! ❤️

These funds will help us purchase exciting new literacy resources for classrooms and the library so our readers can continue exploring a wide variety of books.



Community Support - A huge thank you to our generous local bookstore supporters:

- Fireside Books
- Laughing Oyster Bookshop
- Mulberry Bush Book Stores
- Orca Book Publishers

Their donations of books and gift certificates helped make our prizes extra special for students.

✨ **Special Author Celebration**

We were also honoured to welcome Indigenous author Don Bonner, who shared stories from his Algonquin heritage with our students.

As a special gift to Bowser Elementary, he donated a collection of books from his independent Indigenous publishing company, [Wave Maker Press](#).

We are so grateful for this meaningful contribution to our school library and Indigenous Studies program.

Most importantly, thank you to every student, family member, caregiver, teacher, and community supporter who helped make this event such a success. The excitement around reading at Bowser Elementary has been truly inspiring, and we can't wait to do it again next year!

Happy Reading,
Bowser Elementary PAC 🦁📖

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2) BES PAC Golf Tournament

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GOLF TOURNAMENT
FUNDRAISER

📍 @ ARROWSMITH GOLF COURSE
2250 Fowler Rd, Qualicum Beach

📅 **JUNE 13TH, 2026**
⚡ **2PM SHOTGUN START** ⚡
WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW!

TICKETS \$100 EARLY BIRD
TICKET PRICE
until May 15th!
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\$125 AFTER MAY 15th.

TICKET INCLUDES:

- 18 Hole Golf Tournament
- Plated Dinner of a DELICIOUS SMASHBURGER AND FRIES!

** DINNER ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$35 EACH while supplies last. **

🏆 **SKILL GAMES WITH PRIZES!**
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SILENT AUCTION AND MORE!

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REGISTER A TEAM OF 4,
2 OR INDIVIDUALLY
AND WE WILL PAIR YOU UP!