

Bowser Elementary School

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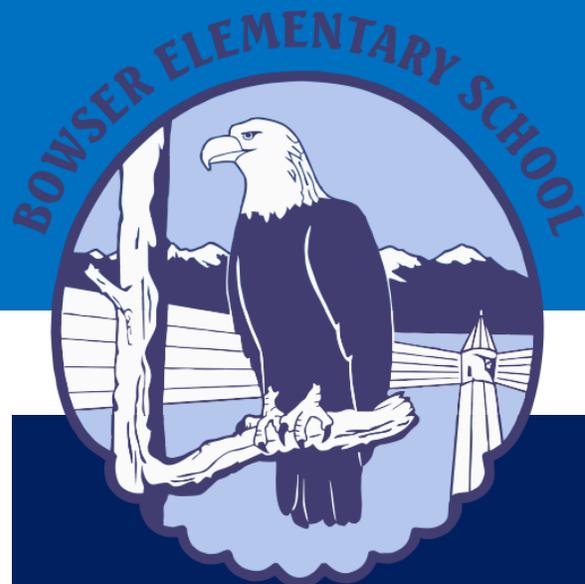
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January 20, 2023

Bowser Bulletin

It was such a pleasure to have all of our parents and guardians into the school for a Winter concert. It was great to enjoy that community feeling again. We thank our hard-working PAC once again for their support as well as Mr. Seline for helping out with our concert.

As well, students have enjoyed a school wide skate at Oceanside Arena as well as swimming lessons for our late intermediate classes.

As we navigate through winter we would like to thank you for having your child come to school with proper clothing and foot wear for these temperatures and slippery grounds. It becomes problematic for daily routines when students arrive on snowy days with running shoes that soon become soaked.

Report cards will be coming out at the end of this month. Do not forget that there are some classes that have an on-line portfolio where you can see an example of assignments or assessments that your son or daughter has completed.

Please note the bulletin on this page for upcoming kindergarten registration. If you know of any neighbors or friends who have a child of September 2023 kindergarten age, please relay this information.



Important Dates:

Jan. 23 – February 3

Kindergarten Registration Open. Please see below for more information

Jan. 26 – Rm 07 to Deep Bay Marine Station

Jan 27 – Gr. 4 & Gr. 7 Lions vision testing

Jan. 30 – District Pro-D – No school in session

Feb. 02 – KSS Concert Band to Bowser

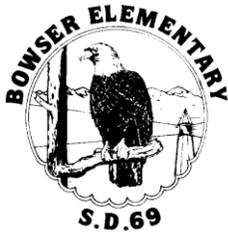
Feb. 13 – Science World presentation

Feb. 14 – Rm 07 to OES for Find your fit

Feb. 15 – Gr. 5 Swim lessons start

Feb. 20 – Family Day – No school in session

Feb. 22 – Anti-Bullying Day



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Dear Bowser Elementary School Families,

As a response to **inquiries about an after-school program at Bowser Elementary School**, we are looking to open an after-school care program. If we gather enough interest, we could open this up as soon as the beginning of April when we return from the spring break.

The program would offer after-school care every school day from dismissal time (2:45 pm) to 5:30pm. The cost would be \$200 per month, which works out to about \$10 per day! Monthly payments could be collected through School Cash Online and applications for subsidy through the Ministry of Children and Family Development would be available at the BES office upon request.

The after-school program would be run by qualified School District 69 staff. Having a program on site would help make the transition to after-school care a positive and familiar experience. The program would be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at BES, with access to the gym and outdoor areas. When the bell rings, students in the after-school program would simply walk from their classroom to the MPR where they would have a snack, play games, make crafts, have some outdoor time, and engage in many other activities until they are picked up. This program would be convenient for children and families and would provide a safe, enriching experience in a familiar place.

If you don't already have after-school care set up and would like your child's name added to an interest list, please contact the main office at BES by **February 1, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Brian Worthen, Principal
Bowser Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration



School District 69
(Qualicum)

Kindergarten REGISTRATION
January 23 to February 3, 2023



Online Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on January 23 through to February 3, 2023. To qualify for Kindergarten enrollment in September 2023, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2023. 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.



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

French Immersion – when registering your Kindergarten on-line at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to enroll your child in the French Immersion Program.

Primary Learning Community - when registering your Kindergarten on-line at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to enroll your child in the Primary Learning Community Program.

More information and the application form for the Primary Learning Community can be found on the District website www.sd69.bc.ca.

CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend schools designated by the Board for their particular attendance area. Transfer of a student to a school outside of their catchment area will be considered upon written application of the parent to the Superintendent of Schools or designate.

Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an out-of-catchment school within the district **MUST FIRST** register their child at their catchment school, and then make their cross boundary request by completing a cross boundary application form. The application process for the 2023-2024 school year will commence January 23rd until March 13th.

A fillable cross boundary application form can be found at www.sd69.bc.ca > About > Student Registration > Cross Boundary

Dental Benefit for Kids

The **Canada Dental Benefit** provides eligible parents or guardians with a direct tax-free payment of up to \$650 per year for two years to help cover dental expenses for children under 12.

19th Annual Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday (2023)

Theme: “Seeding the Future”

When: Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. *Seedy Saturday Events, Activities*

Where: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach, BC

Seed Swap: Booth Room

Other Activities: Seed Vendors, Plant Vendors & other Participants, Seed Swap, Master Gardeners, Seedy Cafe, Door Prizes & Two 50/50 Draws

Every year the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association contributes a majority part of the profits for the day to the various schools throughout the district to assist with their school gardens; in 2019 this amounted to \$2,500.00! We also supplied and distributed 30 bags of "Sea Soil" to the various schools and donated \$1,000.00 to Milner Garden's 'Shoots with Roots' children's program. It is our sincere hope that by doing so we are thereby encouraging and nurturing an interest in gardening amongst the students. Please help us to carry on this tradition by spreading the word and attending this event. Thank you!

Cost: Admission by Donation

Other: Town of Qualicum Beach truck in parking lot to collect pesticides/herbicides

Contact: Murray Chantler, Publicity Coordinator Email: publicity@qbseedysaturday.ca

Website: www.qbseedysaturday.ca



**Parksville Visitor Centre needs our rocks painted.
Can you help?**

Despite the success of our Nature themed rock painting contest in October/ November, we still have spaces for more! With Valentine's Day coming up soon, what better way to get creative, than painting some **love-ly** themed rocks?

If you have some art supplies and ways to weather-proof the rocks, then yay! You are all set. We have rocks at the Visitor Centre for collection.

It's also a great field trip idea to take the kids to the beach and pick their own rocks to be painted.

There will be a prize for the winners of each age group. Ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-12. Meaning you will be in competition with all the schools that participate!

Please have the kids paint their names and ages on the back of their rocks. We will collect them from your school when they are dried.

Date for completion will be Friday 10th February.

Thanks in advance to all that take part! Have fun **LOVE-lies!**

