



# KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#4 APRIL, 2025

*We would like to acknowledge that Kwalikum Secondary School resides on Coast Salish Territory and within the shared territory of the Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum First Nations.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

We would like to welcome everyone back to school after spring break. With the turning of the seasons to spring and the warming of the weather we are reminded of just how beautiful change can be. With more of our senior students getting their licenses and driving to school, we want to remind everyone to drive safely when they are entering or exiting the parking lots. We are very excited to be hosting a community consultation for our PAC sponsored Healing Forest this week and look forward to a great outcome for our school and greater community.

Over the spring break, 48 students participated in a trip to Europe. Their experience will surely be one to remember! Planning is underway for next year's trip (see poster below).



With our course selection having wrapped up, we will be in the throes of building the schedule and timetable for next year very soon. We are so excited to be offering some new courses, including: Introduction to American Sign Language 11, Yoga 12, Indigenous Studies 12 (English First Peoples 12 and Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12), Entrepreneurship and Marketing 11/12, Engineering 11/12, Introduction to Japanese 11, All About the Money 11/12 and Adulting 101 (Child development and caregiving 12, Housing and Living Environments 12 and Interpersonal and Family Relationships 11) and Cultural Connections with Community and Elders 10-12. As we start building our schedules for the upcoming year we appreciate knowing if any of our students are moving. Please let the office know if you don't plan on attending KSS for the 2025/2026 school year.

With the recent release of the Ministry of Education's Racism Response Guide and its alignment with the work of some of our groups, our staff will be continuing this work at the next professional development day on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to doing this important work together.

As an admin team, we would like to say a special thanks to the volunteers that help daily with our breakfast/bagel program. Thank you for the work you are doing!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **APRIL**

7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Provincial Assessments (Literacy 10)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	Last Day of Term 3
14 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 Begins
18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday (No School)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday (No School)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Updates Home
28 <sup>th</sup>	School Based Pro D (No School)

### **MAY**

6 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library
16 <sup>th</sup>	Conferencing Adjustment Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day

## **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, April 23	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 (ABCD)

## **Student Learning Survey 2024/2025**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [Student Learning Survey for Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 - Province of British Columbia](#) Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on *Take the Survey*. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the

school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

## LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENTS

Literacy assessments will be happening for grade 10 students the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Students do need to participate in these assessments in order to meet graduation requirements. The schedule is as follows:

### Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:25am - Last Names A-C

12:00pm - Last Names D-H

### Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:25am - Last Names I-M

12:00pm - Last Names N-S

### Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

8:25am - Last Names T-Z

### Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:25am – Anyone who missed, Global ROAMS, Lit. 12 Students by Invitation

*\*\*\* Please Note, if you are not able to attend these times, there will be opportunity to write again.*

## GRADUATION INFORMATION

All parents/caregivers with a student graduating in 2025 are invited to send **emails** to [kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com) and follow the KSS Prom **Facebook** Group at [KSS Prom Facebook Page](#) or the Grad Parent **Instagram** at [Kwalikum Secondary School Grad Parents](#). Help spread the word!



**Prom is being held on June 7th, 2025 at Cuckoo Trattoria and Pizzeria.**

**Commencement is being held on June 26th at KSS.**

Grad Fees are now posted in School Cash Online. If you have not received a notification, please sign into your account **here**. Grad Fees are as follows:

**Commencement** - \$60

**Prom** - \$150

**Guest Fee** - TBD

**\*\*\*The Grad Parent group is currently organizing a carwash fundraiser at Family Ford on April 12 from 10-3. They are looking for at least 30 grads to participate. Grads can sign up here: [Family Ford Carwash Sign up.](#)**



## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

All schools in the Qualicum School District (QSD) have a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The Parents Advisory Council is the official voice of parents for formal participation in school affairs. All KSS parents are automatically members of PAC. The PAC executive ensure that parents interests are represented and that good communication between home & school is maintained.

PAC meetings are intended to provide opportunities within each school community for parents/guardians to engage in dialogue with the principal (or designate) around matters affecting the school. Meetings also provide important information to schools and the District around matters impacting students' learning and overall school experience.

### *The Role of the Parents Advisory Council*

- To advise the principal and staff on parents' views on any matter relating to the school - programs, policies, plans, activities and problems.
- To communicate with parents and to promote cooperation between home and school in providing for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to provide advocacy support for parents.

**\*\*\*The KSS PAC is looking for new members. Elections will be held at the next meeting. Please come out and join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm in the KSS Library!**

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE SCHOOL

If you are a volunteer for the school community in any capacity (i.e. coach, parent driver for sports, chaperoning), it is required that you have a current Criminal Record Check on file. We have simplified this process by making it available online. Once approved, they are valid for 5 years. Please contact the school office for more information.

## ERASE TRAINING FOR FAMILIES

- April 8 – Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities (virtual)
- **NEW OFFERING** – April 23 – Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion (virtual)
- May 7 – Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities (virtual)
- May 21 – Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion (virtual)
- June 3 – Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion (virtual)

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60-minute session)

These sessions cover all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

**Families will learn:**

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT KSS**

- Anything but A Backpack Day – Wednesday, April 16
- Talent Show – Thursday April 17 at lunch in the MPR. Students can sign up to perform using the QR code in the announcements. The top three performers will perform at the second annual BSS x KSS Talent Show at Ballenas on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Click [here](#) to view the April newsletter from our Indigenous Education Department.



# Europe 2026 France, Belgium and Netherlands



Come see Mr. Abel in room 203 for details  
Parent & Student meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm



## JOIN YOUR *KSS PAC*



Get to know  
fellow KSS  
parents

Nurture future  
directions for  
the school



Distribute  
government  
funds for  
school  
programs

Share ideas  
and hear  
from staff



**Several members of your KSS PAC are exiting with their grads and we are looking for new members! To learn more, drop in to our May 6 meeting (7pm in the KSS library) or email [ksspac@gmail.com](mailto:ksspac@gmail.com) for details.**

There is lots going on in the community. For information on various events, head on over to the Community page on our district website. We do post what we feel is relevant to our high schoolers, but there is so much more!

**<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/=>**





**DATE:**  
**APRIL 23**

**TIME:**  
**6-7:30PM**

**WHERE:**  
**BALLENAS  
THEATRE**

# DUAL CREDIT AND CAREER PROGRAM INFORMATION PRESENTATION

**LEARN ABOUT ALL THE DUAL CREDIT AND CAREER  
PREP PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE QUALICUM SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

Join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Ballenas School  
Theatre. Doors will open at 5:45pm.

Topics covered will include:

- Youth Train in Trades
- Dual Credit Academic
- Youth Trade Sampler
- Summer explore the trades
- Youth Work in trades
- Youth Trade Sampler
- Youth Work Experience
- Exploratory Days

Please scan the QR code to rsvp for the  
evening.

Questions or Comments?  
Please email Greg Muirhead  
[Gmuirhead@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:Gmuirhead@sd69.bc.ca)







April 11, 2025

12-3:30pm

# HIRING FAIR



**Are you looking for work? Full time, part-time or seasonal?**  
Join us at the Hiring Fair and meet with 30+ businesses who are hiring!

**Friday, April 11, 2025**  
**12:00-3:30pm**

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 49, 146 Hirst Ave W, Parksville

*This is a unique opportunity for participants of all ages to meet face-to-face with employers. Dust off that resume, register for a workshop and get ready for the big event!*

## **BE PREPARED - ATTEND A FREE WORKSHOP!**

Resumes & Cover Letters (Part 1) - April 1 1:00-3:00pm

Resumes & Cover Letters (Part 2) - April 2 10:30am-12:30pm

Acing the Interview - April 3 10:00am-1:00pm

**Workshop: *Preparing for the Hiring Fair* - April 8 9:00-10:00am**

**Call 250.248.3205 to register for one or more of these workshops!**



**\*Please note, transportation will be organized for interested students. Students will leave the school at 12:11pm and return by 3:00pm.**

# Free SOS Learning Series

*Understanding the Teenage Brain*  
**Saturday, April 5, 10 am - 12 pm**

**Presented by Brain-Based Learning Facilitator Gary Anaka**

- Discover why the teen brain is in biological turmoil
- Learn leading-edge, easy-to-apply ideas from applied neuroscience
- Understand the influences behind teens' risk-taking and decision-making
- Acquire strategies for parents, caregivers and educators to support learning and positive growth
- Gain tools to help teens build brains that are resilient, healthy and happy

Pre-register at [SOSTeenageBrain.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/SOSTeenageBrain), scan the QR Code, or call SOS at 250.248.2093 by April 2.

Capacity limited to the first 50 registrants.  
Complimentary refreshments will be available.



**Location:** SOS Community Services Centre  
245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville

**Check-in:** 9:45 am | **Presentation:** 10 am - 11:30 am  
11:30 am - 12 pm book signing and engagement



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# Get Trained to be a Lifeguard

## **Bronze Medallion 13yrs+**

Mar 17-19 \$232 or

May 24-Jun 14 \$232

## **Bronze Cross 13yrs+**

Mar 19-21 \$170

## **Swim for Life Instructor 15yrs+**

Apr 4-13 \$300 or

May 20-Jun 12 \$300

## **National Lifeguard Pool Course 15yrs+**

Mar 24-29 \$400 or

May 17-Jun 8 \$400

**Ravensong Aquatic Centre**



**Register today at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](https://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

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# Youth Swim Lessons 11-17yrs

## Beginner

Tu Apr 8-Jun 17, 7:30-8:15pm

\$92

## Fitness

Th Apr 10-Jun 19, 7:30-8:15pm

\$92

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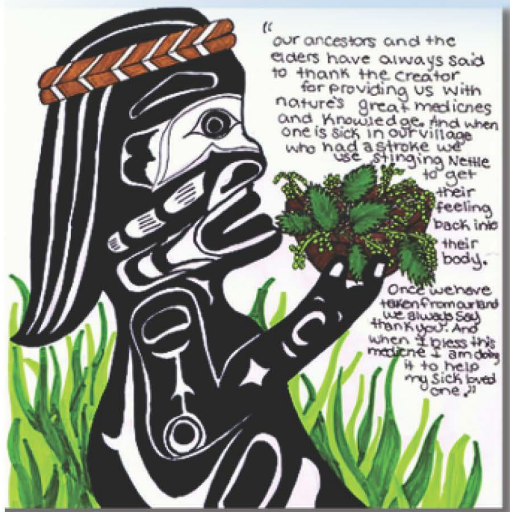


## PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

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 23, 2025**



Interview a local elder about homemade salal tea on video? Creativity of all kinds is welcomed.

Contest Details: Please submit entries via the easy entry form on our website. <https://www.foredbc.org/traditional-knowledge-contest>

Entries may also be mailed to the 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 address, parent & teacher contact, grade & school on [website entry form](#) or with mailed entries.
- Please include a brief description of how your artwork relates to traditional knowledge and medicine. **DEADLINE: May 23/25**

- All original artistic work accepted: i.e. pencil, crayon, paint, mural, 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, June 21, & 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](mailto:education@foredbc.org).**

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**April 23, 2025**  
**6:00PM**  
**Online**

# **CAREER PANELIST CHAT** **FOR TEENS AND PARENTS**

Join us for a panel chat where you'll hear inspiring stories, explore diverse career paths, and get insider tips to turn passions into a career you'll love. Experts from science communication, nurse, BCEHS, Olympian/Wealth Advisor and CEO - AI-based Creative Technology.

## **PANEL SPEAKERS** **JABC PICK MY BRAIN**



**Kalene Lillico**  
Education  
Manager at Dino  
Lab Inc.



**Adam Woodhouse**  
CEO - XR / AI based  
Creative Technology



**Madison Mailey**  
Wealth Advisor and  
Olympic Champion



**Mehdi Kargar**  
Nurse, Health  
Educator



**Courtney Harrison**  
Indigenous Talent  
Acquisition Advisor, B.C.  
Emergency Health  
Services

### **Highlights include:**

- ✓ Interactive panel
- ✓ Diverse career perspectives
- ✓ Skills, education and journey
- ✓ Advice from panelists

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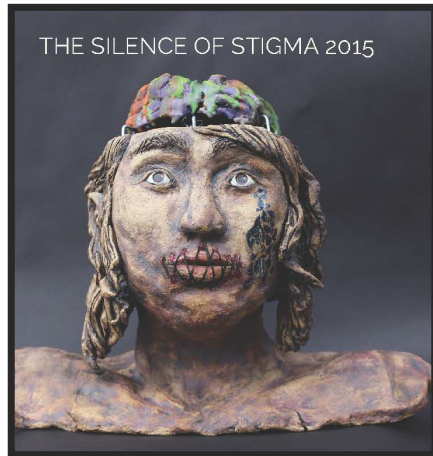
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**NOW**

<https://shorturl.at/z59P9>

# Mindfulness in May

## **"Have Your Say" 2025 Art Exhibit** Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 & surrounding areas,  
including home learners



Early Submissions by **March 21st** for a chance to be featured on the  
exhibit posters and win extra prizes!

**All Media** – Digital (non-AI), Fabric arts, Mixed Media, textiles, Sculpture etc

**3 Categories:** Visual Arts, Photography, Literary Art

All works due by April 11th

**Submit online here:**

<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

Sponsored by:



**Exhibition: May 1st-11th** at the Qualicum Beach Library  
660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach

**OPENING EVENT MAY 1ST 6:00-7:00PM**  
SHOW RUNS APRIL 30TH-MAY 10TH DURING LIBRARY HOURS



For questions or more info, contact Diane at [moraninthemoon@gmail.com](mailto:moraninthemoon@gmail.com)





# Trades & Tech *Showcase*

**Saturday May 3, 2025**

*Discover opportunity, build your future!*

Are you ready to dive into the world of trades and technology? Don't miss out on the ultimate hands-on experience at Vancouver Island University's Trades & Tech Showcase where you can learn about careers in everything from electrical to welding, hairdressing, and web and mobile development. There's something for everyone! Whether you're a budding enthusiast or looking to kickstart your career, this event is tailor-made for you

## **Details**

### **Trades & Tech Showcase**

**When:** May 3, 2025 | 10 am to 2 pm PST

**Where:** VIU Nanaimo Campus

Trades Discovery Centre, Building 108

900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo V9R 5S5

**Register at the QR Code**





**FRIDAYS**  
**May 2 - 30, 2025**  
**4:00PM - 5:30PM**

# MID ISLAND PROGRAMMING CLUB

**with Matt + Jonas**

Explore the world of software development, game design, modern application architecture, and web design. Learn new skills, collaborate on projects, and gain confidence. Ages 15+.

Participants to bring their own laptop. No programming experience required. Basic computer skills recommended.

**\$60 per 5 sessions**

**Register: [arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes](https://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes)**

**BoMé Cheese - 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC**

Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985

Tracy Cargo-White: [tracy.cargo@outlook.com](mailto:tracy.cargo@outlook.com) or 250-947-5272



# SOS GradWear

Shop for new and gently used dresses, suits, shoes and accessories — all for \$10



**Call, text or email for a weekday appointment.**

Also open during March 17-28 (Spring Break) and May 1-7 (Youth Week).

Saturdays and evenings available upon request.

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