



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#5 MAY, 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Uy Skweyul, and welcome to May.

The month of April was filled with opportunities to make connections as a school community and set the stage for some important changes moving forward. On April 28th our staff participated in a professional development session on belonging and a review of the Ministry of Educations 2025 Racism Response guidelines. They really worked together on establishing some tangibles that will continue to make our school an inclusive and safe place for everyone. On May 5th the school participated in a school wide walk to mark the National Day of Awareness and remembrance for the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people (MMIWG2S). With drumming and reverence, we did our part to help make the invisible, visible. Thank you to the community partners, school and district staff that helped to make this happen. Moving forward this month, we are looking forward to engaging with staff, students and parents around our new start times for next year and our code of conduct.

As we continue the transition into warmer weather, we would like to remind everyone to drive safely and to be mindful of the multitude of transportation methods out there these days. Many students are riding bikes, scooters, skateboards and walking, so please be mindful, especially during heavy congestion times of the day.

This month we would like to send a special thanks to our meals program which provided 2079 lunches for both the students of KSS and QBES. The program continues to grow and is such a welcome addition to our school.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please reach out anytime!

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KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

6 th	PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library
16 th	Conferencing Adjustment Day
19 th	Victoria Day

JUNE

7 th	Prom at Cuckoo Trattoria & Pizzeria
11 th	Grad Walk

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 7 th	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, May 14 th	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, May 21 st	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, May 28 th	Day 1 (ABCD)

2025 SUMMER EXPLORE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

Explore your career options is a three-week summer program where students can gain valuable training/ certifications and work experience in the Trades, Health and Human Services and other certificate-based industries. In the first week, students will complete Level 1 First Aid/ Food Safe/WHIMIS training, tour local post-secondary campuses- VIU and NIC, visit local industry employers, participate in WorkSafe workshops and collaborate with the Parksville Career Centre to build resumes and other employment skills. The second and third weeks, student will be placed in a work experience with local employers based on their chosen field. Through this program students will receive a 4-credit elective course and fulfill some of the requirements for the HeadStart/ Dual Credit programs. Please see the attached expression of interest forms attached.

[Explore Your Career Options 2025 Intake](#)

[Explore the Trades Program Itinerary](#)

GRADUATION INFORMATION

All parents/caregivers with a student graduating in 2025 are invited to send **emails** to 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](#). All information is also posted on the KSS website [here](#). 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 (overdue)

Prom - \$150 (Due May 15th)

Guest Fee - \$100 (Due May 17th)

SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025/26 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**.

Bussing Fee Summary Table

	ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES	COURTESY RIDER FEES
Early - between April 1st - 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. Options may include partial or even full fee waivers, depending on need, which will then be communicated by the principal to the Transportation Department.*

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 busses allow.

******* *Have you lost any items on the bus? There is a bus lost and found at the bus shop at 1365 Springhill Road in Parksville. Feel free to stop by anytime between 7-10 AM, 1-5 PM to search for any lost items. At the end of the year, all remaining items are donated to the local SOS.*

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 6th @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

- 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

CREATING A SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PLAN WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

The Ministry of Education and Child Care with Dr. Hayley Watson, adolescent clinical psychologist from [Open Parachute](#), is hosting three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers on creating a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in their home.

Participants are required to [register](#) in advance for one of the sessions on April 29, May 7 or May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm PDT.

ALLERGIES AND MEDICATIONS

We would like to remind our families that the school office does not carry medications such as Benadryl and Epi Pens unless provided by a parent/caregiver (see attached letter). If your student has a medical condition that requires the use of these medications, please call or visit the the office. [Medical Alert Letter](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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#/=>

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 for details.

CREATING A SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PLAN

A **WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading adolescent **Clinical Psychologist** Dr. Hayley Watson, as she helps you create a **personalized step-by-step plan** for implementing **substance use prevention skills** in your home. Dr. Watson will focus on specific steps you can take to ensure that **you and your family are supported** as you teach substance use prevention skills to your child/youth.



Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Learn the skills that will help prevent your child and youth from using substances
- 🧠 Navigate the challenges that arise while teaching these skills to your child/youth
- 🧩 Create a step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention strategies
- 🤝 Increase your ability to support yourself and your child/youth at the same time

Time: 6-7:30pm PST *(includes Q&A!)*
Date: April 29th, May 7th and 8th 2025

Scan the QR
Code to Register



REGISTER NOW

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the
Ministry of Education and Child Care



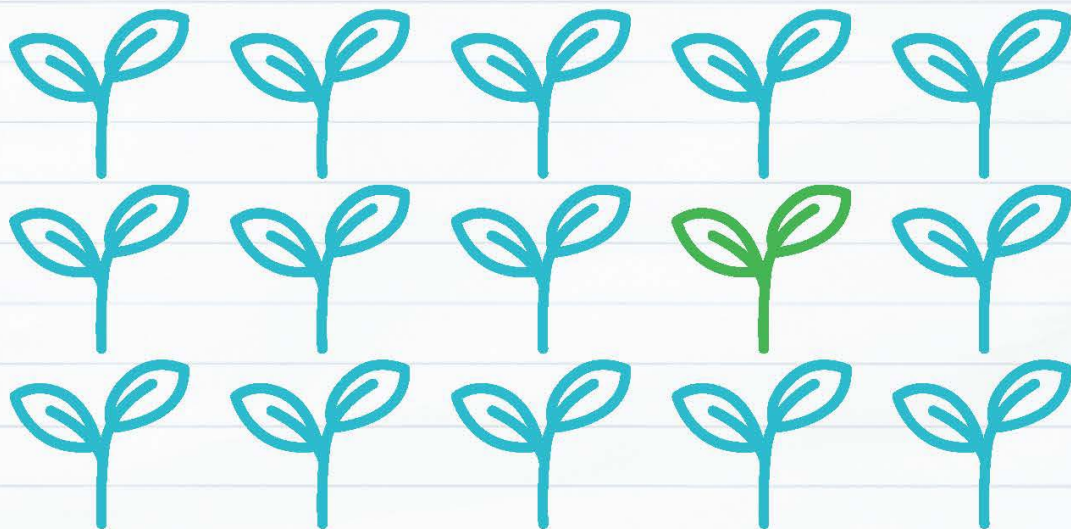
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Connect with us!



BE 1 IN OUR 100!

100 KIDS FOR CHANGE

Hey Changemaker, you belong in 100 Kids! We're a group of Oceanside youth who meet 4 times a year to donate money to local charities, and we'd love to see you at our next meeting.



Tuesday,
May 13, 2025
7:00-8:00 pm



Yates Memorial,
1000 Allsbrook
Rd, Parksville



Bring a cash
donation to
the meeting



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

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

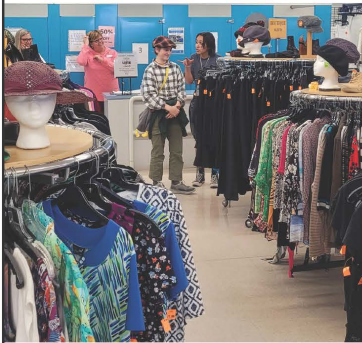
Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville ~ 250-248-3252

Follow us on



#SOSTeenShop

For local youth ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm



Come by for awesome deals including clothing, accessories and home decor!



Enjoy food, prizes, selfie stations, the Wheel of Deals, DJ Connor and more!



#SOSTeenShop is supported by the Parkville Lions Club
and Arrowsmith Agricultural Association



SOS Thrift Shop

www.sosd69.com | 188 Hirst Avenue West, Parkville

Event inquiries: 250.954.9035 | [f](#) [in](#) [d](#) [ig](#) [yt](#) @sosyouthgroup



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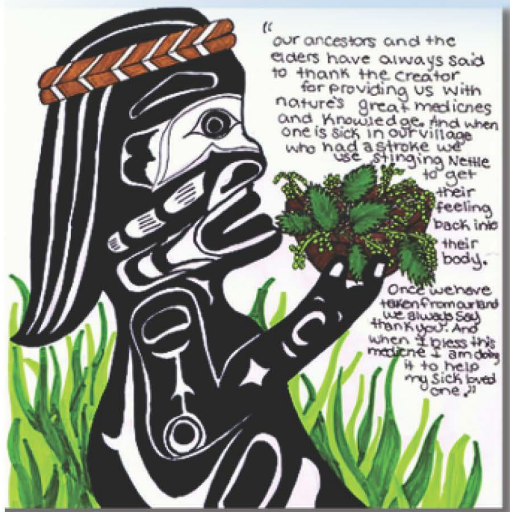


PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

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

DEADLINE:
MAY 23, 2025

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



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.

FORED BC is a charitable association established in 1925. We work with volunteers on community-based sustainability projects. We thank our generous donors; the Province of BC & the Vancouver Foundation.



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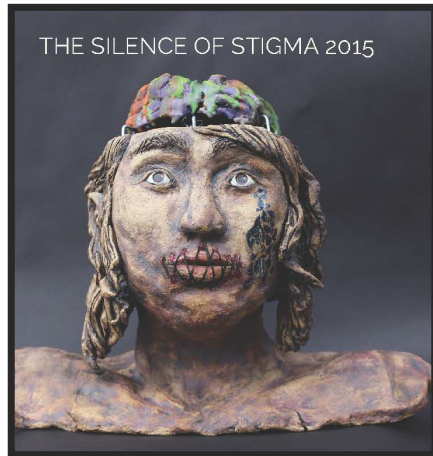
Support balanced **education** about our **environment** & sustainable **natural resources**. Trusted since 1925.



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



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

BoMé Cheese - 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC

Kristine Stephenson: stephenson@live.ca or 250-927-3985

Tracy Cargo-White: 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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