



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#7 March 2026

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

With the start of March comes the turning of the seasons, the herring spawn and the notably longer days. We are so fortunate to live, work, and play on this beautiful territory. March is also a very busy month as we welcome parents and caregivers in for conferences and finalize course selection for next year. Students in grade 10-12 will be completing the student learning surveys next week, and we welcome parents to participate as well. [LINK HERE.](#)

We are excited to bring more access to announcements through the feedback that our student voice provided. We now have three televisions broadcasting announcements throughout the day and will be bringing in one more very soon. It is so great to see all of the wonderful things happening at school on a daily basis.

We recently received the information from the district meals survey and are excited to see all the positive feedback! We will review the results more fully at the next PAC meeting. We look forward to updating staff and our parent community on the continued work towards outdoor basketball courts soon.

We wish you all a restful spring break. Please reach out if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

KSS Admin Team – Andrew, Sarah, and Grady

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Tues. Mar. 3- PAC Meeting 6:30pm in the library

Wed, Mar 4- Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30pm- 8:00pm. [Book an appointment](#)

Thurs. Mar. 5-Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30pm-6:00pm. [Book an appointment](#)

- Grad parent meeting in the library at 7:00pm ***CANCELLED* Rescheduled for March 11@7pm**

Saturday- Move your clocks ahead one hour for the last time

Tues. Mar. 10- Nurses at the school at lunch.

Wed. Mar. 11- Grad Pizza Sales- \$2.50/slice

- Bake sale in the Kondor kitchen
- Grad Parent meeting at 7pm in the library

Wed. Mar. 11- Special PAC meeting (gaming grants) at 7:00pm

Thurs. Mar. 12- Scholarship applications due at 3:30pm

- Spring Formal for Grads- 7-10pm in the MPR

Fri. Mar. 13- Last day to order Yearbooks

Mar 16-27th- Spring Break

Tues. Mar. 31- Bike Club after school

Wed. Apr. 1- Golf Tryouts at Pheasant Glen

Fri. Apr. 3- Good Friday

Mon. Apr. 6- Easter Monday

Counselling Updates

We've been busy meeting with students to choose their courses for next year and will be following up on any students we missed this week. Please keep an eye on your email for the form to approve your student's selections and have them come see us to make any corrections and re-send the approval out. We hope to have this all done before Spring Break.

Reminder for Grade 12's that the scholarship booklet and financial needs forms are posted in both the Grad 2026 and Post-Secondary Prep classrooms. The link(s) to apply for scholarships is in the booklet. Please encourage students to look through the booklet and start the process sooner than later. There will be a scholarship session during Seminar on Wednesday, March 4th. We will review the scholarship booklet, answer any questions, and look at students' scholarship letters and resumes. Please encourage students to come to this session if they have not yet applied. Deadline for scholarships is March 12th at 3:30pm. No late submissions will be accepted.

Any questions please reach out!

Lindsey, Mallory, and Matthew

Reminders From the KSS Library

If you recently received a notification from School Cash Online for your student's workbook from last semester, we would appreciate it if you could please make payment for this item as soon as possible. Also, please remind your gr. 10-12 students to return any textbooks and library resources from first semester. Gr. 8 & 9 students do not need to return textbooks until the end of June, but any reading books signed out from September to December should also find their way back to the library.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

If you would like to volunteer with the school this year, please follow this link to complete your criminal record check.

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>

Access Code

10WHIXTD8V

Cut and paste the access code to not mix up zeroes and o's. Also send Kirsty an email once you have submitted your application, Kelliot@sd69.bc.ca

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

KSS has a breakfast program put on by the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. They are here Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30-8:50am. Free Bagels, fruit and yoghurt served in the Kondor Kitchen.

KONDOR KITCHEN The Kondor Kitchen provides fresh meals available to all students for the low cost of \$2.00 per meal. Snacks and drinks are also available throughout the day. To purchase lunch cards, visit the KSS website or click [here](#). You can also bring cash or check to the office; cards are available in \$20 or \$40 denominations.

Kondor Kitchen Monthly Menu March

2 Veggie loaded Spaghetti Alfredo	3 Sweet and sour meatballs over basmati rice	4 Caesar Salad with Dino Nuggets	5 Assorted DELI Sandwiches and soup	6 Poke Bowls Crab, Smoked salmon or Tuna over rice blend
9 Vegetarian Coconut Curry Stir fry over rice or pasta	10 Beef Tortellini with roasted tomato sauce	11 Walking TACO's	12 Assorted DELI Sandwiches and soup	13 Beef, Chicken or Veg Burgers
16 Spring Break Begins	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 Baked potato with tons of toppings	31 Butter chicken with pita chips			

KSS SPORTS

Spring sports are starting soon....

- Golf, Track and Field and Girls Soccer.
- Badminton club starts after spring break.
- Golf Team tryouts at Pheasant Glen on April 1 after school
- Mountain Bike Club starting on March 31- permission forms are in the office.

Sign up for these outside Mr. Wilson office by the gym.

If you are interested in Rugby, speak with Mr. Verburg.

If you would like to help out with volunteer coaching athletics at KSS, please contact our Athletic Director Taylor Wilson at twilson@sd69.bc.ca . In spring we will need track and field, girls' soccer and badminton.

Yearbooks Sales Extended.

The cost is \$50 each and they can be ordered via schoolcashionline.com. They include the entire school year including prom and commencement (Sept 2025 - June 2026) so they will be ready for pick up in September 2026. If anyone has any questions about the yearbook, they can email dreid@sd69.bc.ca. Don't miss this annual time capsule commemorating the school year.

Grads

The SOS is offering Grad Wear appointments for our Grade 12's to shop for new and gently-used dresses, suits, shoes and accessories, all for \$10! Open Collar Men in Qualicum are offering discounts to grads. You can book one-hour appointments during Spring Break (March 16-28) or Youth Week (May 1-7). Evenings are available upon request. 250-248-2093 ext. 232. See the poster at the end of this newsletter.

- ★ Join the Facebook Group: "KSS 2026 GRAD PAC (KWALIKUM SECONDARY)" or go to the website <https://www.kssgrads.online/> to stay in the loop.
- ★ Scholarship Applications due on March 12th
- ★ Next meeting is Thursday, March 5th at 7pm in the library.
- ★ 50/50 tickets will be sold this month for \$2 with the draw happening on February 28th
- ★ Grad committee is looking for donations for prom prizes and raffles. Please email kssparentgrad@gmail.com to donate items or purchase 50/50 tickets.
- ★ Facebook group has fundraiser sign-up sheets to volunteer at:
 - Email: kssgradparent@gmail.com to join the mailing list or volunteer.

Upcoming Fundraisers (See the posters at the end of this newsletter)

Krispy Kreme Doughnut delivery- pick up on Thursday, April 2nd

Purdy's Easter Chocolates- pick up on Thursday, April 2nd

Car Wash by the KSS Grads- by donation-at Family Ford in Parksville April 25th

Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Tournament- Saturday, May 2

QUALICUM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The Qualicum International Student Program is still in need of homes at both Kwalikum and Ballenas for boys in grades 9-12. The stipend is \$1100.00/month per student for the 2025/2026 school year. We have many fantastic kids coming from Germany, Mexico, Spain, China and Japan who are still in need of homes, and we need to place them now for the Fall. Please contact us directly as soon as possible at homestay@sd69.bc.ca.

PAC INFO

BEHIND EVERY GREAT SCHOOL IS A GROUP OF CAREGIVERS WHO READ THE FINE PRINT AND STILL SAY YES.

If you're a parent or caregiver of a student at Kwalikum Secondary School, you're part of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

That means **YOU** already have a seat at the PAC table!

Sign up to receive our emails at ksspac@gmail.com and stay in the know about school events, PAC programs, and ways to get involved.

Check out all the latest news on the [KSS PAC WEBSITE](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view upcoming community events and opportunities.

Quick Links

- School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/)
- KSS Website: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/)
- Transportation: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/)
- My School Day App: <https://docs.myschoolday.app/MySchoolDay1Page-app.pdf>
- Go to the App Store to sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

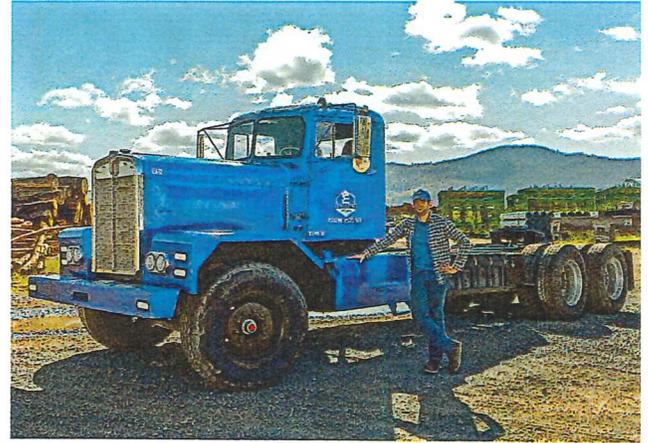
High School EV Challenge

2026 Edition



EV Challenge

Founded in 2021, Edison Motors is a Canadian electric truck manufacturing startup company based in British Columbia, specializing in plug-in diesel–electric series hybrid technology for semi-truck prime-mover tractor units, full-size solid axle drive trucks, and heavy solid-axle pickup trucks, combining a generator with electric drive motors and batteries.



Inspired by locomotive technology, the idea was to bring diesel-electric innovation to logging trucks. By climbing mountains on electric power and regenerating energy on the descent, these trucks could achieve nearly net-zero energy use. The electric drive delivers high torque without the need for massive diesel engines, and onboard generators with large fuel reserves eliminate concerns about range.

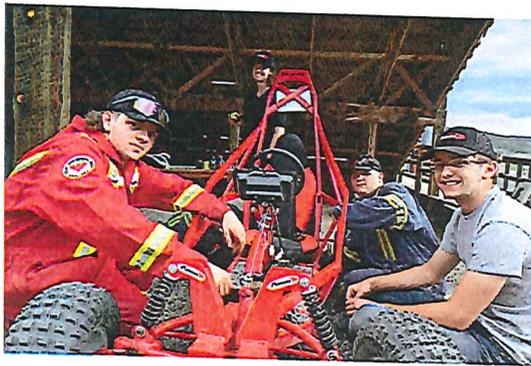
Beginning with the retrofit of a 1962 diesel truck “Carl” using a Tesla motor and CAT generator in 2022 and moving to a ground up build of “Topsy” in 2023, Edison is now moving into production of both Hybrid Diesel Electric production trucks and Traditional Diesel trucks at our new location in Donald BC.



The Competition

The High School EV Challenge aims to spark interest in electric vehicle (EV) technology among young Canadians as they prepare to enter the workforce. This competition provides an exciting opportunity for students to explore their role in shaping the future of sustainable mobility. This event will take place at Edison Motors manufacturing facility @, 2815 Donald road, Donald BC (near Golden)

Through this initiative, we aim to stimulate and inspire several key teachings:



Engineering Skills: Enhancing both mechanical and electrical expertise.



Critical Thinking & Project Skills address engineering, performance, and safety challenges efficiently while working within time and resource constraints.



Creative Problem-Solving: Encouraging innovative solutions to longstanding engineering problems.



Teamwork: Highlighting the value of collaboration in achieving a common goal.

Challenges



Participating teams will have the opportunity to complete each event as many times as possible within the time limit of the overall competition, allowing thorough testing of their designs and encouraging on the spot repairs and adjustments. Previous years challenges have included:

- Barrel Race
- High Speed Track (Oval)
- Off-road Course
- Speed and Braking
- Engineering presentation



Provided Equipment & Rules

Participating schools will receive key components for EV construction, such as:

- Driver's seat and seat belts
- Brake and steering system components
- Electric motor, 48V batteries, system controller, and display

To encourage hands-on learning and creative problem-solving, certain components (e.g., the vehicle chassis) will not be provided, nor will detailed construction instructions.

Participants will also receive only basic design and engineering guidance from **Edison Motors staff**, fostering independence and ingenuity.

The resulting EV designs will primarily reflect the creativity and engineering talents of the students involved.



All vehicles must meet these criteria to qualify:

- Maximum operating voltage of 78 volts DC
- Properly installed and undamaged seat belt
- Crash helmet, eye protection and coveralls
- Structurally sound chassis. Roll Bar mandatory
- No dangerous metal protrusions
- Fully operational brakes and steering systems.
- Secure and insulated electrical connections.
- Properly installed main battery cutoff switch.
- Appropriately gauged wiring for all electrical components.

Location and Details



EV Challenge Society, 2815 Donald road, Donald BC, V0A 1H1

Federal Charity 775481229

Date: Early June, Date TBD

Insurance Coverage: \$2,000,000 General Liability, All participants must sign waiver

Registration & Inspection

All participants must arrive at the competition site before the first event to register and undergo a safety inspection conducted by the **Edison Motors Safety Team**.

Vehicles failing the initial inspection will have up to 60 minutes to make adjustments. Vehicles deemed unsafe to drive will not be allowed to compete.



Kwalikum Secondary School 2026 Edison Motors EV Go Kart Challenge



February 2026

Dear: Valued Community Members

We are excited to bring you this opportunity to contribute towards our KSS Metal shop EV Go Kart Challenge! Our school is the only school invited from Vancouver Island to compete in this year's **Electric Vehicle Go Kart Challenge**, organized by Edison Motors.

5 students make up the design build team for the competition. As this event goes above and beyond the activities we can run within our operating budget, we are seeking sponsors to help donate so we can fund the build process and for some of the cost to get to Golden BC where the event will be held. We would also like to have team t-shirts and hats for race day to support and represent our community during the event.

Your support and contribution to this program will positively impact your business with great advertising in our program, social media shout outs advertising on our event d shirts and on our Kart, see specific add criteria below:

1. Company logo on website - **\$200**
2. Company logo on back of event day t-shirt- **\$500**
3. Company logo CNC engraved on race day go cart-**\$1,500.00**
4. All 3 locations- **\$2,000.00**



*Charitable tax donation receipts will be provided.

Please submit your logo/advertisement and tier level of support to gscorer@sd69.bc.ca We are excited to hear from you and look forward to involving you as the lead up to race day begins.
Sincerely, KSS EV Challenge pit crew and racers.



Qualicum School District

2026-2027 Budget Development Survey



The Qualicum School District Board of Education follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

To support the Qualicum School District Board of Education in their decision making during the annual Budget Development process, they are seeking input from educational partners, including administrators, employees, parents/caregivers, students and community members, to help inform priorities for the 2026/27 school district budget.

This short survey focuses on understanding what matters most to partners and where funding could make the biggest differences for students. Your responses are anonymous and will be shared in summary form with the Board.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey

DIGITAL DESIGN



**FOUNDATION VISUAL
ART & DESIGN**



EXPAND YOUR CREATIVE TOOLKIT IN A DAY OF HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS



**PRACTICE DESIGN THINKING WITH
FOCUSED CURIOSITY**

Today's creatives succeed when they match their passions with intentional direction grounded in real world opportunities; this is precisely what designers do. Professional Motion Designer and VFS Digital Design Senior Instructor Nour Al-Amoudi will lead you through a workshop that will show you how to think beyond what "looks good" – thinking instead of how you can lend your skills and creativity to solve problems and connect messages to audiences.



**TURN IDEAS INTO AN ANIMATABLE
CHARACTER**

Animation is the illusion of life and a cornerstone of the entertainment industry. Join Animator and Comic Book Artist Dylan Moore for an animation demo showcasing how quickly and freely ideas from the earlier mind-mapping session can be turned into characters and brought to life with the right skills and imagination.

PARTICIPATE IN A FILM SHOOT

Join VFS Instructor Chad Costen on-set for an exclusive hands-on film production demo. Assume a crew role and experience how the director, lighting team, and camera operators work together to film an actor in front of a projected background.



SCAN TO REGISTER



LIMITED SEATS. REGISTER NOW!
MARCH 27 | 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. | 151 W CORDOVA ST, VANCOUVER, BC



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Step Up Youth

Island Health Volunteer Program

Now Recruiting For Fall 2026!

Are you in high school looking for a way to give back to your community?

Do you want an opportunity to gain hands on experience and learn from a wide network of guest speakers in the healthcare industry?

Island Health's Step Up Youth Program is for you!



- This program is for youth 15-18 years of age (applicants must turn 15 by September 1st)
- Commitment is one 2-hour shift once a week, after school for the duration of the school year (October to April).
- Available locations:
 - **Greater Victoria**
 - **Cowichan Valley**
 - **Nanaimo**
 - **Parksville & Qualicum**
 - **Port Alberni & Tofino**
 - **Comox Valley**
 - **Campbell River**
 - **Alert Bay, Port McNeill, Port Hardy**

Application Open March 1 - May 15

www.islandhealth.ca/step-up-youth



island health

StepUpYouth@islandhealth.ca

YOU ARE INVITED TO
CROWN & ANCHORS
KSS DRY GRAD

KARAOKE
NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY MARCH
13TH**

6:00-8:00PM

**50/50, MEAT DRAWS & 8OZ
PRIME RIB WITH GARLIC
MASHED POTATOES AND
VEGGIES \$29.95**

**250-757-9444 CALL
FOR RESERVATIONS
6120 ISLAND HWY W
QUALICUM BAY**





Purdy's

KSS GRADS

**EASTER
SALE**

Order pick up is on
Thursday, April 2nd 2026

OR 11am-1pm @ KSS School Lobby
5 - 7pm @ 2386 Island Hwy W



SHOP NOW: bit.ly/4qYC542

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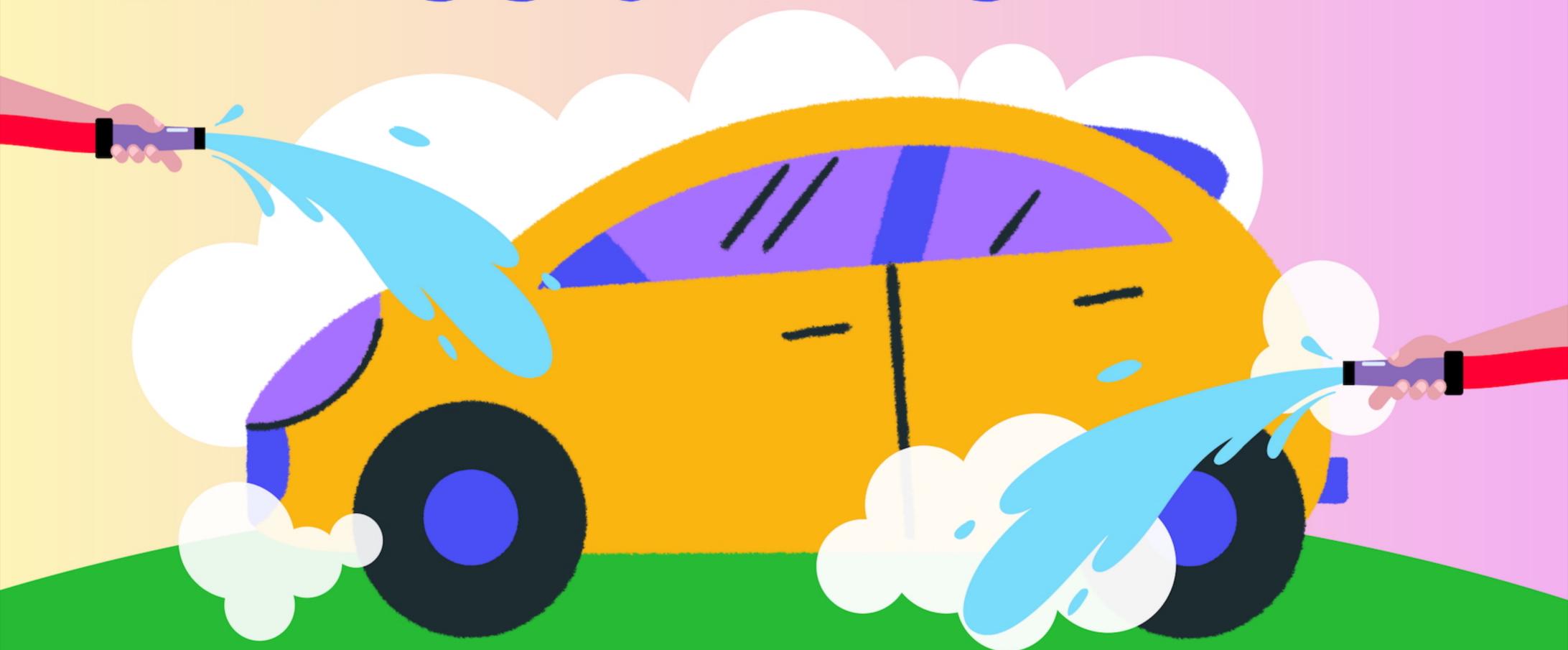
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HOSTED BY PARKSVILLE FAMILY FORD

CAR WASH BY KSS GRADS

To Raise
Funds
for Grad!



by donation

All proceeds go toward putting on a fun and memorable Dry Grad/Prom

April 25, 2026
10am until 3pm

FAMILY FORD
410 Island Hwy E,
Parksville

Find our fundraising events at www.kssgrads@online

FIESTA ON THE FAIRWAYS!

Cinco de Mayo Theme

Fundraiser Golf Tournament
at Arrowsmith Golf Course

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO KSS' DRY GRAD



Saturday May 2, 2026
Shotgun Starts at 2pm
Registration opens at noon

\$125 per player

Register in teams of 4 for 10% off

- Includes Taco Dinner at Extreme Eatz
- Scramble / best-ball style
- On-Course Challenges
- Putting Contest
- Chipping Contest
- Prizes to be won!
- Door prizes and Raffles
- 50/50 draw
- Prize for best team costume!

BUY TICKETS NOW at www.kssgrads.online

SOS GradWear

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



Call, text or email for a GradWear appointment today!

Book your one-hour appointment during Spring Break (March 16-28) or Youth Week (May 1-7), Monday-Saturday | Regular weeks: Monday-Friday
Evenings available upon request

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