



NANOOSE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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***“At Nanoose Bay Elementary we learn by doing
and thereby develop independent, curious, self-advocating learners.”***



March 13 th – 24	Spring Break – Students do not attend.
March 31 st	Pizza Day
April 7 th	Popcorn Day



March 13 – 24

See you all back Monday March 27



As we all set off on our Spring Break adventures, I would like to thank families for your ongoing support. Our Showcase of Learning was a big success and the pride that students showed while sharing about their learning was evident throughout the 2 days. Thanks to the PAC who braved the cold to host the hotdog dinner on Thursday evening!

I recently read an article about the importance of letting our children be bored. The researchers state that "children develop important life skills when they come up with solutions to being bored". They further advised that over-scheduling or increasing screen time were not advisable as children's natural curiosities and creativity were not developed through these solutions. Creativity is one of the skills that employers are currently saying that they are seeking in their employees.



While activities such as sports and music can benefit social and cognitive development, children "need time to themselves - to switch off from the bombardment of the outside world, to daydream, pursue their own thoughts and occupations, and discover personal interests and gifts." The article goes on to give suggestions of how to coach children through their boredom. Spring Break might be a great opportunity for you to let your children develop their creativity through boredom!

If you would like to read the entire article, please click on this link [Want to be a great parent? Let your children be bored](#)



***Thank you to all our Students and Teachers
For a Successful Showcase***









Grade 6/7 BAND

With Guest Appearance by Ms. Mihoc





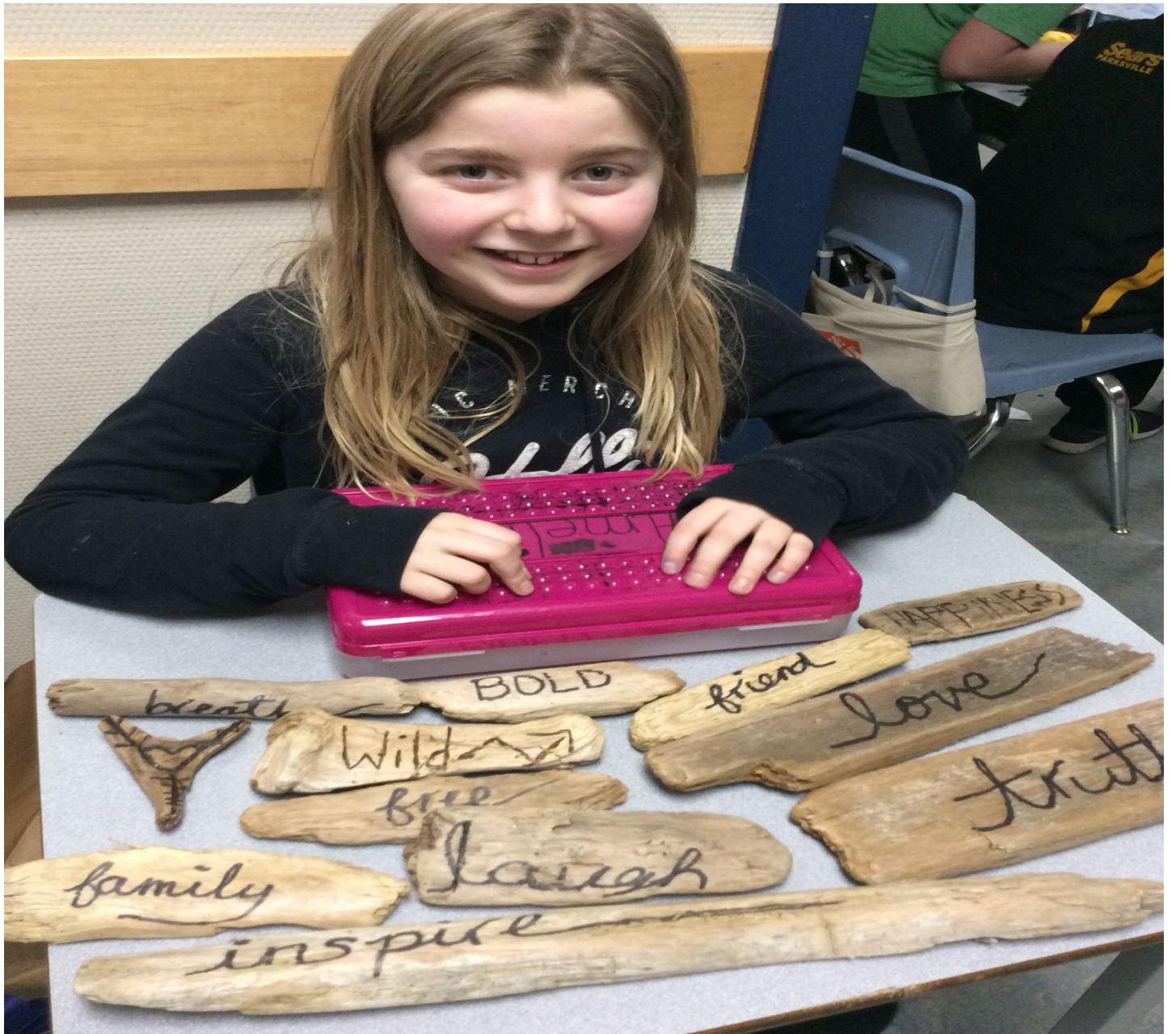


Room 4 Market







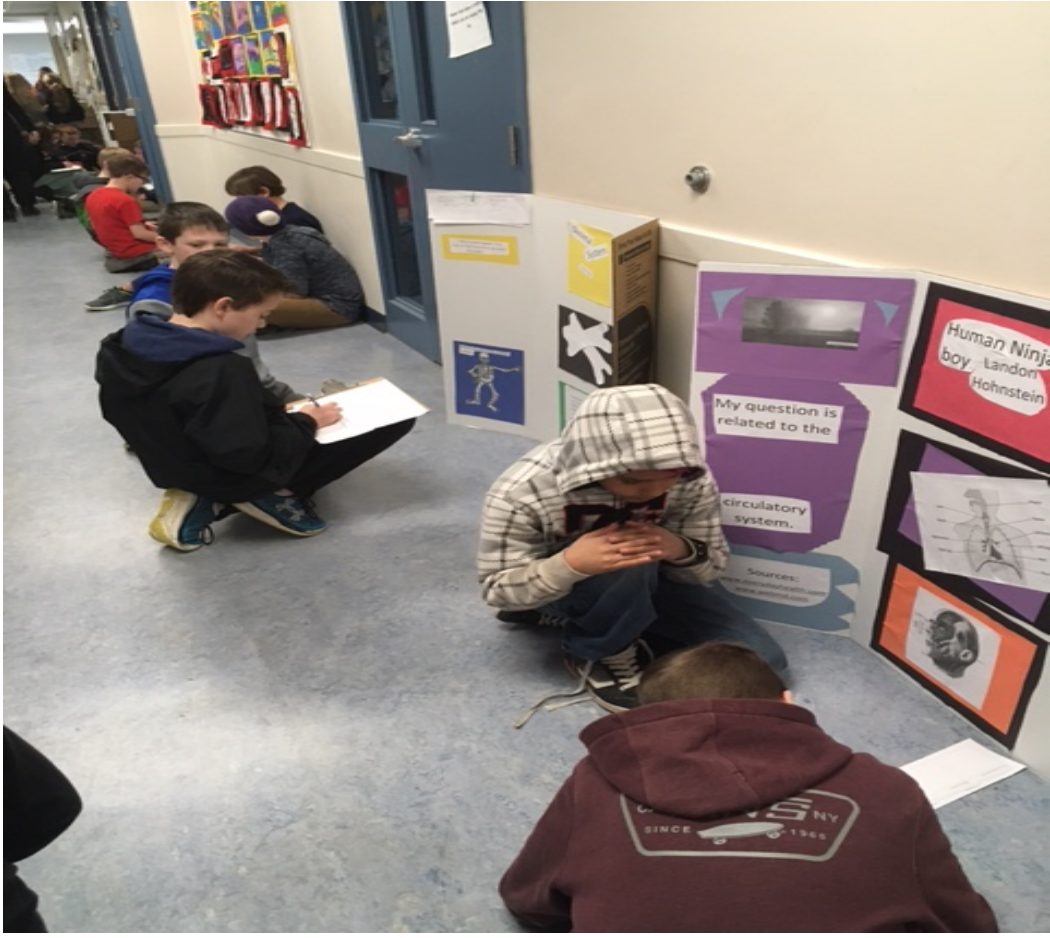




Students Helping Students







*A Wonderful Day with
Our Friend
Carole Fullerton*





Congratulations to our NBES students who participated in the District Chess Tournament



Donations Needed



Dear Families,

The students in Room 7 are looking for donations of small scrap pieces of **lumber** and loose parts (**nuts, bolts, washers, buttons, old keys, pipe, wire**, and other **interesting scraps** of **metal** and **plastic...**) for a project we have planned that will engage the students in the **Design Cycle**. If you have any supplies to donate please bring them to the office. Thank you! We look forward to sharing what we create!



NBES After School
Mountain Biking Club

Every Thursday 2:15 – 3:30pm

Beginner or Intermediate groups

All students K-7 welcome and parents too!

Come explore the trails with us!!!

Sign up sheets can be picked up in the office.

Bike and helmet required.



Reminder to let the office know if you won't be attending NBES in September 2017.



Office hours have been changed to 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. If your child will be absent please call the school, 250-468-7414, and leave a message. If there is an emergency before or after office hours, please email Tandy Gunn at tgunn@sd69.bc.ca or Trish Cathrine at tcathrine@sd69.bc.ca.

PAC NEWS

This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year! :)



For just \$12 you will receive 1 coupon from Panago Pizza to enjoy ANY 1 medium pizza of your choice with all the toppings you want at no extra cost. You can order whatever your family enjoys, whether it's a plain cheese or a "specialty" pizza like Butter Chicken or even a Gluten Free pizza. For every coupon sold the school will receive \$4 of direct funding! Coupons are valid 90 days from when we distribute and can be used at any Panago location in BC.

Send in your order forms or see Mrs Hardy at the office to purchase your coupons.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

Notice of School Board Office Closure During Spring Break

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) wishes to advise that the administration offices of School District No. 69 (Qualicum), located in the Parksville Civic & Technology Centre at 100 Jensen Avenue East, will be closed to the public over the Spring Break period from March 13 to 24, 2017.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, March 27, 2017.



Interested in doing something interesting this summer?
Make some money at a part time job... where you will
learn some great skills?

OUR CLINIC is OFFICIALLY online for you to get registered to be a baseball Umpire for the summer season. LEVEL 1/2 clinic will be offered [April 1, 2017](#). Registering is simple:

1. GOTO LINK below.

<https://members.bcbua.ca/?pg=clinics>

2. Select Parksville-Oceanside

3. IMPORTANT- when you register SELECT "WILL PAY BY CHEQUE". DO not pay buy VISA or any credit card. Oceanside Minor Baseball wil pay for your clinic. I look after this directly...so DO NOT WORRY.... WE PAY!!!!

4. Lunch will provided, bring a snack if you like to get you through the day!!!

CONTACT Will Chambers if interested!! [250-616-4829](tel:250-616-4829)

North Island Wildlife Recovery Association

presents

Learning From **BONES**



Saturday, March 11 • 11am - 3 pm

PASSPORT TO
LEARNING FROM
BONES



The whole family can take part in the Learning from Bones bio facts adventure and win prizes!!



NIWRA Wildlife
Garden Information

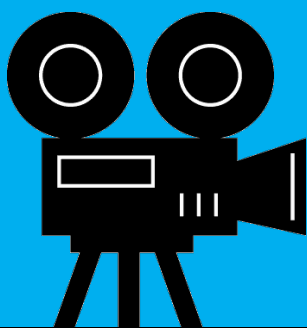
RAPTOR
PRESENTATION



ADMIT ONE

\$10 Adult Admission
Children under 12 are Free

SCREENING OF NIWRA'S AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY



**WELLNESS
TO
WILDERNESS**

All proceeds from this event go to support NIWRA wildlife care and education programs

Hey Girls COME WITH US FLY

Abbotsford International Airport

Sat/Sun March 11-12, 2017
9:00 am to 5:30 pm at
Abbotsford International Airport

Females of all ages - come find out what's behind the fence,
in the sky and under the hood at the airport!

- FREE flights for female first-time fliers of any age - previous airline flights excepted. Advance registration required for flights.
- Be amazed by hands-on activities and tactical displays from Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence - Space too!
- Fun for the whole family! FREE!

AN EPIC EVENT - You're invited!

For more information:

www.girlsfly2.ca

Email: info@girlsfly2.ca

Phone: (604) 210-4033



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WANTED!!!

Volunteers needed - any age, any gender, any ability at the world's largest outreach event to inspire female future leaders in Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence

The Sky's No Limit – Girls Fly Too! unique annual outreach events change lives! Our events are fun, hands on and completely **FREE** to ensure no barriers to participation. Free flights are available to female first-time fliers of all ages. All participants (male & female) are encouraged to explore the many hands-on activities, aircraft, and tactical displays. Families welcome! Be a community leader and valued team member helping to raise awareness of the incredible opportunities available to women in Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence.

- *Inspire future leaders - from shop floor to top floor*
- *Share your skills with others*
- *Learn new skills and be challenged*
- *Give back to the community*

**Join us March 11-12, 2017
9 - 5:30 at the
Abbotsford International Airport**

For more information & to sign up please visit:

www.girlsfly2.ca
(604) 210-4033





**OCEANSIDE
YOUTH
FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION**

**SPRING
TACKLE FOOTBALL**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION AT
oceansideyouthfootball.ca**

LIONS PEEWEE Spring PROGRAM 2017

Oceanside Youth Football Association invites 8 - 11 year old boys and girls to come join our Spring full contact football season. We will be practicing in Parksville; our games will be played in town and down island. We provide the equipment, you provide the enthusiasm. Even if you have never played before, we work on a ground up learning experience teaching football. If you have questions please email oyfa.info@gmail.com(BORN: 2005,2006,2007,2008)

LIONS JB Spring PROGRAM 2017

Oceanside Youth Football Association invites 12 and 13 year olds to Join our Spring Program ,We will be practicing in Parksville; our games will be played in town and down island. We provide the equipment, you provide the enthusiasm. Even if you have never played before, we work on a ground up learning experience teaching football.

If you have questions please email oyfa.info@gmail.com(BORN: 2003,2004)

ALL INSURANCE AND FEES TO PLAY ARE PAID with ONLINE REGISTRATION

NO personal Checks will be taken for insurance and fees.

Cost is \$180.00 for Spring Program

WE are Lions,



Oceanside Softball Registration

Registration is now open for the 2017 season.

Register before March 15th to receive Early Bird price.

To register online visit www.oceansidesoftball.ca



VIU's Milner Gardens 7th Annual Fairy House Surprise June 22 to 25, 2017

Do you believe in fairies? Did you know fairies wear Foxglove flowers as hats, gloves, and petticoats?

Meander the sun dappled shadows of Milner Gardens on your self-guided search for areas **where** Fairy Houses may have magically appeared, in honour of International Fairy Day and Veronica Milner's belief in fairies.

Admission adults \$11, youth \$6.50, children 12 and under accompanied by an adult, Milner Gardens members, and current VIU students with card enter free.

June 22 to 25, 2017, 10am to 5pm (last entry 4:30pm).

Fairy Tea Time: 1pm - 4pm June 22nd – 25th

Served in the Queen's Room & Milner House patio

Tea & Fairy Treat \$8.95 + GST per person.

Sorry, no Full Afternoon High Tea and reservations when the fairies are in the garden.

Shuttle cart service prioritized for those with mobility challenges. Certified guide dogs only allowed.

For more info 250-752-6153 or <https://www2.viu.ca/MilnerGardens/>



February 27, 2017



SPRING SUMMER ACTIVE LIVING GUIDE will be online Friday March 3.

Create your wish list and be ready to register on Monday March 6th.

Registration opens at 6:00 am.

Still room to register in Spring Break camps. View details online rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ezra Soccer Camps 3-12yrs,	M-F Mar 20-24
Byte Camp - Claymation 9-11yrs,	M-F Mar 13-17
Adventures at VIU Deep Bay 7-10yrs,	M-F Mar 13-17
Youth Adventures at VIU Deep Bay 11-14yrs,	M-F, Mar 20-24
Camp Kowabunga 5-10yrs,	March 20, 24 still available
Camp Bigfoot 5-10yrs,	March 17, 20, 24 still available
Claytime Creations Camp 6-11yrs,	M-F Mar 13-17
Go Wild Outdoor Camp 6-12yrs,	M-F Mar 20-24
Spring Break Express Camp 11-14yrs,	M-F Mar 20-24

Drop in Gym and the Loom and Craft Room

A variety of craft and building materials will be available including Rainbow Loom, beading, Lego bricks and painting supplies at the Loom Room. Please note: Drop-in gym and Loom Room are not open during spring break.

Former Parksville Elementary School :

Drop-in gym & Loom Room - Mondays from 3:00-5:00 pm, March 6 & 27.

Drop in gym - Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 pm ,March 9 and 30th.

Qualicum Commons

Drop-in Gym - Wednesdays from 3:00-4:45pm, March 1, 8, 29.

Use your 10X active pass to drop-in. View Child and Youth Drop-in schedules online for complete schedule:
rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Claytime Creations

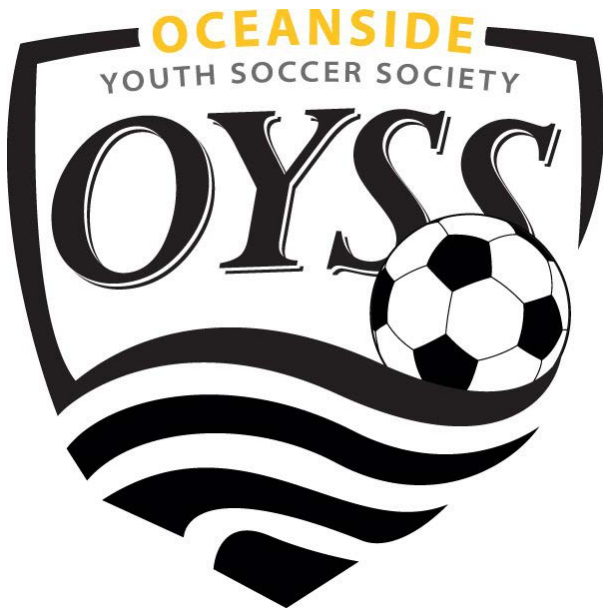
Join local pottery artist Anne Marie Veale to learn the skills and creativity of wheel work and hand building. Create your own masterpiece with clay. Qualicum Commons on Tuesdays, March 7-28 from 3:00-5:00 pm. \$92/4 sessions. An additional glazing session is also available.

Dad's Night Out: Free Skate

Dads, bring the kids to Oceanside Place Arena and enjoy a free skate together on the pond Tuesday, March 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This free skate is sponsored by our partners at Building Learning Together.

Spring Break Out Everyone Welcome Swims and Skates

Spend your spring break at Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena. There will be everyone welcome swims each day of the week with organized games planned on Tuesday and Thursday. March 13-24 from 1:30 to 4:00p. Oceanside Place Arena will also host a variety of public skates. Regular admission. Phone RDN, Recreation and Parks 250-248-3252 or view skate and swim schedules online at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.



SPRING SOCCER

Register Now!

Oceanside Youth Soccer Society offers spring soccer from April 8 to June 10, 2017 (U6-U18).

Pony soccer (U6-U10) at Parksville Community Park,
(U11-12) at Arrowview Elementary School,
(U13-U18) at Kwilicum Secondary School.

Register by March 15 at:

www.oceansideyouthsoccer.com



School District 69 (Qualicum)

Notice to Parents Regarding: Cross-boundary Requests

Parents of students wishing to attend a school outside of their catchment area next year are required to submit an “Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year” form.

“Applications for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year” **must be submitted during the months of February and March (First Monday in February up to, and including, the last Friday in March prior to Spring Break).** Early applications will not be accepted.

- Cross-boundary requests submitted outside the noted time frame must be by way of “Application for Late Cross-boundary Enrollment” form.

District students making a cross-boundary application must FIRST be registered at their catchment school prior to being able to be considered for cross-boundary enrollment.

Siblings of previously approved continuing cross-boundary students may apply directly to the cross-boundary school during this time frame only. If cross-boundary application is outside of this time frame, siblings of previously approved continuing cross-boundary students must register at their catchment school, based on their home address, and submit an “Application for Late Cross-boundary Enrollment” form.

A student who has spent the previous school year in an approved cross-boundary placement at a District 69 school will be deemed to be a catchment area student for the duration of his/her attendance at the school. This status will be retained upon transition to the secondary school which students from that school would normally attend based on district catchment areas (A second cross-boundary application is not required for this transition).

Wherever possible, requests will be approved. The District does, however, reserve the right to rescind any approved cross-boundary transfers up to and including September 30. The decision to return a student to his/her catchment area school will be based on current legislation regarding class sizes and Board Policy 7015.

Transportation for a student choosing to attend a non-catchment school or District program is the responsibility of the parent.

Access to District Programs, are not subject to the cross-boundary application process. Access to these programs are based on availability of space, resources, and staffing. A cross-boundary application is not required.

Further information may be obtained from your school office or by contacting the District office at 250-248-4241.



Days in Session: 189 Days of Instruction: 180

SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 (QUALICUM) SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-18 DISTRICT

September 2017	5	Schools Reopen (Regular Start Time – Schools dismiss three hours early) Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary – Grade 8 students only
	6	Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary – First day for Grades 9-12
	22	District-wide Planning Day
	25	School-based Professional Development Day – No school for students
October	Oct 10 – Nov 10	Conferencing in schools – Please refer to individual school schedule(s)
	9	THANKSGIVING DAY
	19	Conferencing Adjustment – Schools not in session
	20	Provincial Professional Development Day – No school for students
November	6-7	Secondary Provincial Exams
	10	Curriculum Implementation Day – Non-instructional day – No school for students
	13	REMEMBRANCE DAY (OBSERVED)
December	22	Last day of classes prior to Winter Vacation Period
January 2018	8	Schools reopen after Winter Vacation Period
	25-26	Secondary: Internal and Provincial Exams
	29	Secondary Semester II Starts
February	12	BC FAMILY DAY
	23	Professional Development Day – No school for students
March	Mar 5 – Apr 13	Conferencing in schools – Please refer to individual school schedule(s)
	16	Last day of classes prior to Spring Vacation Period
	30	GOOD FRIDAY
April	2	EASTER MONDAY
	3	Schools reopen after Spring Vacation Period
	27	Conferencing Adjustment – Schools not in session
May	18	Professional Development Day – No school for students
	21	VICTORIA DAY
June	25-27	Secondary: Internal and Provincial Exams
	28	Final Day for Students – schools dismiss three hours early
	29	Administrative Day

Prescribed minimum number of hours of instruction for **2017/18:**
 873 hours of instruction for students in Grades 1 to 7
 947 hours of instruction for students in Grades 8 to 12



March 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

RE: CLASS BUILDING FOR 2017-18

During the next month, staff at our schools will begin the complex process of forming classes for the upcoming school year. This work includes projecting student enrollment and creating classes that make the most effective use of our staff and most importantly, building balanced student groupings that can work together cohesively as learning communities. This is a challenging task as there are many factors that must be taken into consideration including:

- Social and emotional dynamics
- Academic strengths and needs
- Unique learning needs
- Class size goals
- Class balance

Staff take this work very seriously and collaborate extensively in order to make the best decisions about student placement. We strive to shape classes which will support the learning needs of **all** students.

There are many unknowns as we begin this task. For example:

- We are not sure who all of the teachers will be at our schools next year as the annual staffing process is not completed until late June
- Some staff members may request, or be asked, to change their assignment for next year
- We are never completely clear about our enrollment until early September and so learner groupings must remain somewhat fluid

As a result, the learner groupings that we create in spring are tentative and are not finalized until early in the new school year. For this reason, class groupings will be kept confidential until they are finalized in September.

If you would like to provide staff at your child's school with input into his/her placement for next year, we encourage you to:

1. Talk to your child's current classroom teacher about your interests, and then;
2. Send a note to the school principal outlining what you see as your child's learning needs, preferred learning style or any other information you think might be relevant as staff work through the task of shaping learning environments for the upcoming year.

We ask that you do not request a specific teacher. Your input will be considered along with the other complex variables that go into constructing a class; however, not all recommendations can be honoured.

The deadline for submitting information regarding your child's class placement is **Thursday, April 13, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Rollie Koop, Superintendent of Schools

RK/hc

Mayan Families Canada Fundraiser

2017 Island Living Coupon Books are now available at the office. The link below is an online flipbook so you can view the book and it's coupons (Note: It is slow to load).

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/56224407/2017-island-living-coupon-book>

Rain ~ Wind ~ Snow

With the heavy rain and wind we ask that you send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing for recess and lunch. Smaller children should have a change of clothes left at school. Thank you!

Criminal Record Checks

If you have not completed a Criminal Record Check and are wanting to volunteer in a situation where you might find yourself alone with a child you must have one on file. A letter and forms are available at the office. Thank you!