



## NANOOSE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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



April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:30 Tech Hub
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – Students do not attend.
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday – Students do not attend.
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Conferencing Adjustment Day – Students do not attend.
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Day
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 12:30 Tech Hub
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day – Students do not attend.
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Victoria Day – Students do not attend
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Day
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:30 Tech Hub
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for students.



Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the busy spring months.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mostad for now acting as a mentor teacher for the district on Tuesdays and Fridays. Ms. Smith is now teaching Room 11 on Tuesdays and Fridays. A big welcome to Mr. Bortolotto who will be teaching teaching music/PE that Ms. Smith was teaching on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are already planning for the 2017-18 school year! If you know that your family will not be attending NBES next year, please let Mrs. Hardy in the office know as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families new to the area or that are planning to move here for the next school year, please encourage them to call the school office and let us know – the phone number is 250-468-7414. At this time we do not know the configuration nor assignemtns of teachers for next year, but if you have input as to the learning environment for your child’s placement for next year, I would encourage you to read the letter from Mr. Koop, Superintendent of Schools, just below this message, and to provide input as outlined in his letter. As you will note, the deadline for class placement input is April 13, 2017.



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

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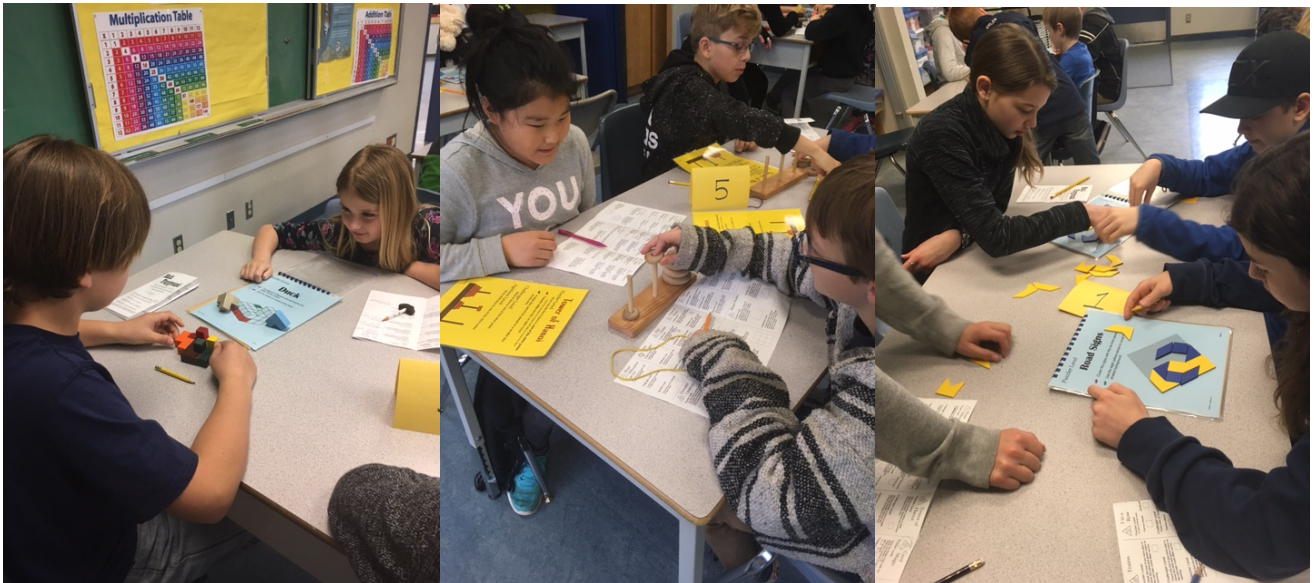
# This Week at N.B.E.S.



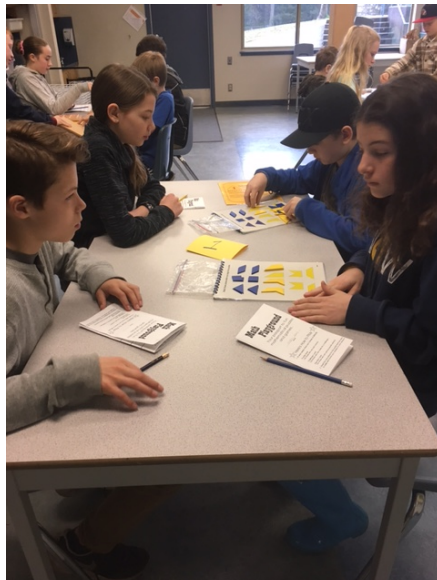
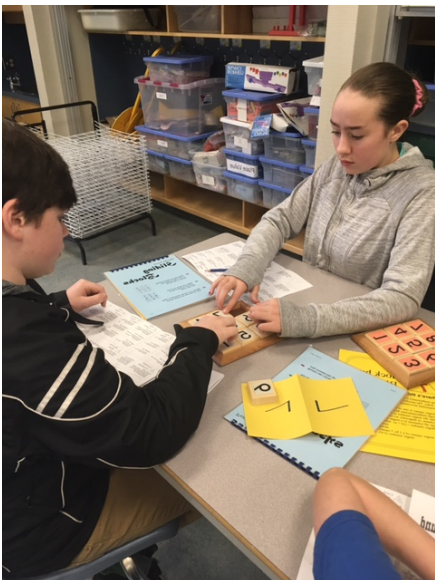
Play with Math and  
Give your Brain a Workout



Who doesn't love a good, hard puzzle or game? On Wednesday and Thursday, all students from grades 3 to 7 participated in Math Playground, fourteen stations of math puzzles and games. Students used strategic thinking, cooperation, and perseverance to complete three levels of challenges - puzzler, challenger, and agonizer - at each station. Students developed spatial awareness in solving three dimensional challenges and practiced math skills in others. "My favourite part was working with younger students from other classes", said one student. Our thanks go to Dennis Geisbrecht for providing this opportunity for our students.

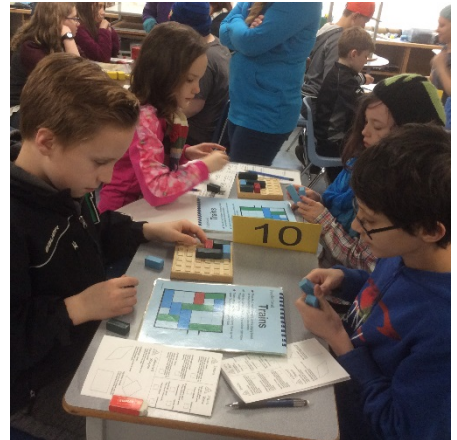
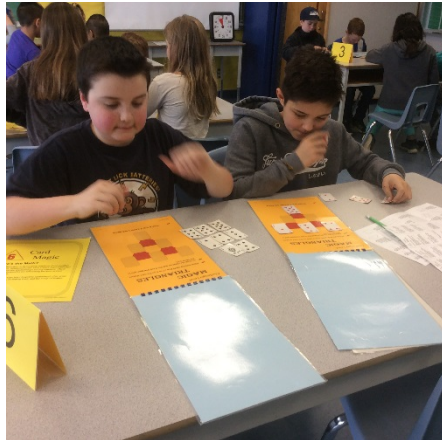


It was fun but super challenging for my brain.

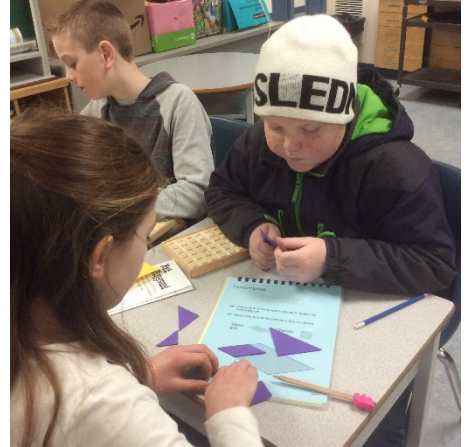


It was fun using your brain to solve puzzles.

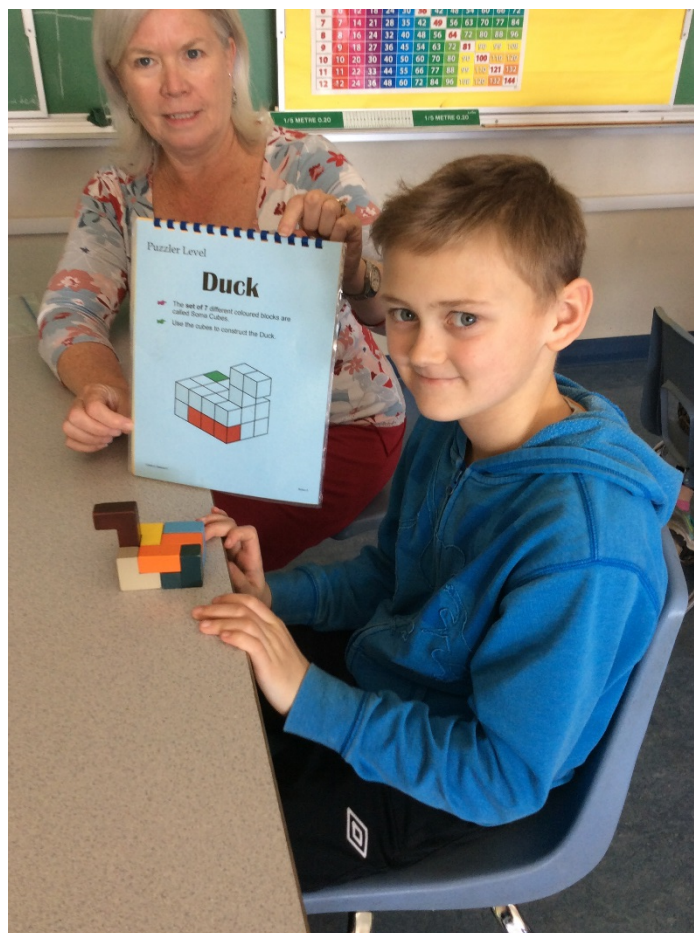




*I enjoyed all of the different choices in puzzles and games.*



*I learned something new and in a fun way.*



*It's hard to make a duck!*



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.



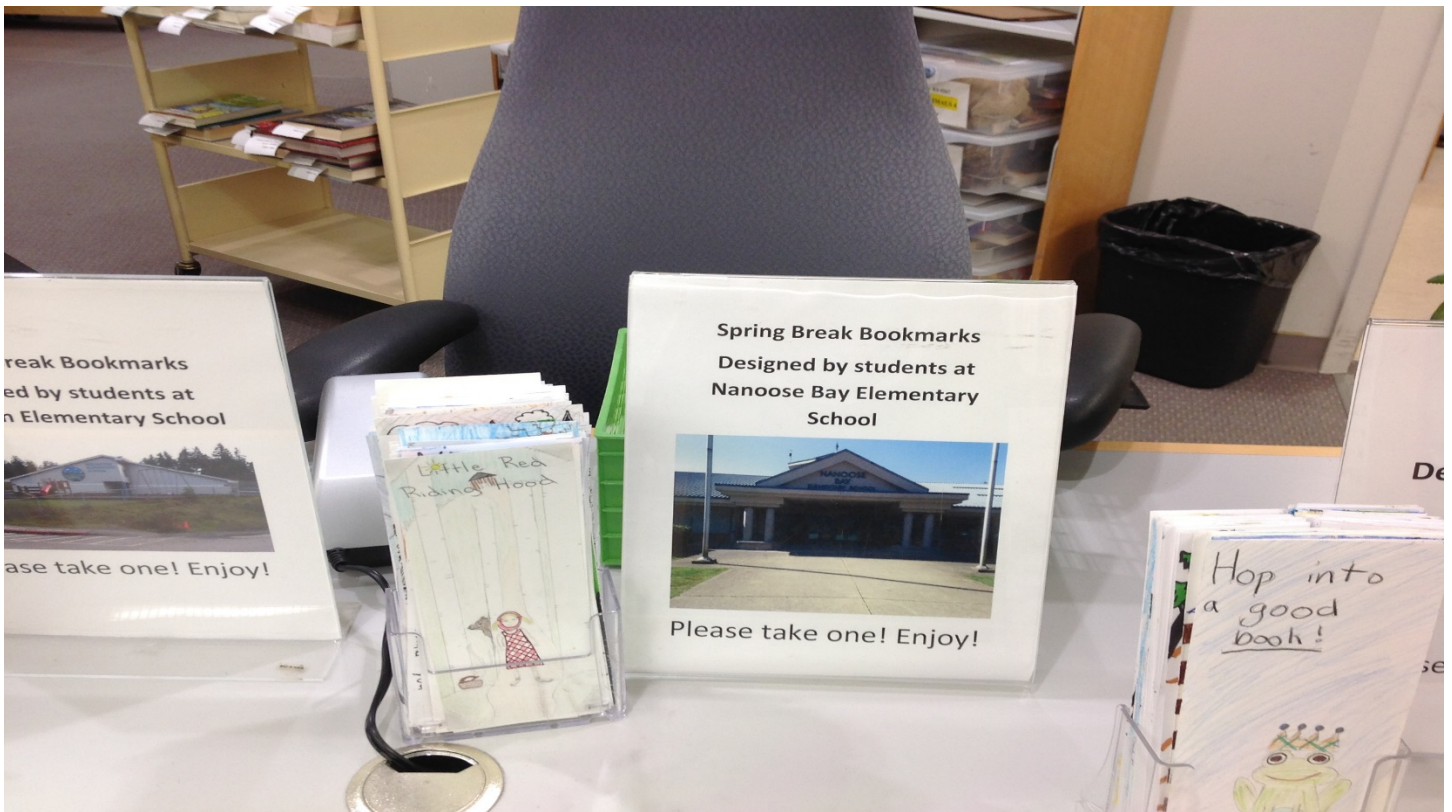
Reminder to let the office know if you won't be attending NBES in September 2017.



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](mailto:tgunn@sd69.bc.ca) or Trish Cathrine at [tcathrine@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:tcathrine@sd69.bc.ca).



# Spring Break Book mark program a success



All classes, grades k - 7, took part in a joint project between NBES and the Parksville Public library where our students created "Bookmarks for Spring Break". After listening to, and reading, various fairy tales, our students each created a bookmark to be given out to seniors and families at the Parksville Public library. The beautiful bookmarks were well received!

## 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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**REMINDER:** Purdy's chocolate pick up at the NBES office.





BOTTLES

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METAL

**NBES PAC BOTTLE DRIVE**

**SUN APRIL 9TH - 10AM TO 2PM  
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**METAL BIN ON SITE FROM FRI 7TH TO MON 9TH**

# Ballenas Secondary



Come for Dinner! Dunk Tank! Horizontal Bungee Zone!

Come out and enjoy a family night of games, food and fun, at the

Ballenas Secondary School

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Carnival

April 28 5:30-8:30pm

Cake Walk! Basketball Throw! Climbing Wall! Much More

Free Admission! Tickets ONLY .25 cents each!



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual DENTAL HEALTH DAY

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – FREE DENTISTRY FOR KIDS ALL DAY!

Includes exams, x-rays, polishing, scaling and fluoride.

**Nanoose Family Dentistry**

**Justin Holder D.D.S.**

### OUR TEAM KEEPS YOU SMILING!

Healthy kids are the beginning of a healthy community so we are doing it again – A full day of free dentistry for kids. Our annual Dental Health Day is our way of giving back to this great community. Please call to book your appointment.

Thank-you for letting us care for your smile!

Justin Holder D.D.S. – 2470 Apollo Drive., Nanoose Bay, BC V9P 9J9  
250.468.1830

[info@nanoosefamilydentistry.com](mailto:info@nanoosefamilydentistry.com)





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)



[www.nanoosebaylions.com](http://www.nanoosebaylions.com)

## Current Events:



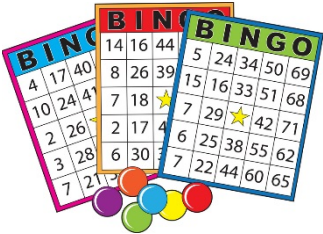
### Easter Egg Hunt

**Where:** Nanoose Place

**When:** Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Opens at 12:30 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m.

**Activities:** Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Coloring and Face Painting



### BINGO

**Where:** Nanoose Place

**When:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 6 PM



## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Served in the Queen's Room & Milner House patio

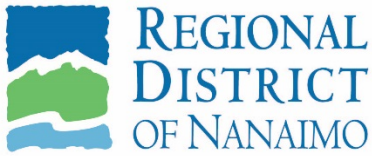
Tea & Fairy Treat \$8.95 + GST per person.

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/>





**REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO**

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

Find us on



**March 28, 2017**

**Drop in Gym and the Loom and Craft Room open March 27-May 18**

View child and youth drop-in schedule online for details: [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation) Use your 10X active pass to drop-in.

**Pro D Day camps 6-11yrs**

Parents this is your Pro D Day solution.

Qualicum Commons, 8:30-4:00pm \$38/day, Tuesday, Apr 18 and Friday, May 19

**Paint with Jenny 6-10yrs & 11-16yrs**

All supplies are provided. View painting projects and course info online.

**Drawing classes 8-14yrs & 10-16yrs**

This spring explore the art of drawing animals, landscapes, and human figures. View dates and times online.

**Interpretive nature tours – children 6years+ are welcome to register with an adult.**

**Salmon Tour** - Big Qualicum River Regional Trail, Sat Apr 22, 10:00am-12:00pm, \$16

**Intertidal Zone** - Moorecroft Regional Park, Sat May 13, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$16

**Native Plants** - Englishman River Regional Park, Sat Jun, 3 10:00am-12:00pm, \$16

**Pickleball Lessons for Families 6yrs+ All equipment is provided.**

Oceanside Place Arena, Sa May 20-Jun 17, 10:30-11:30 am \$28

**Dodgeball 8-12yrs and 13-17yrs**

Oceanside Place Arena, Sa May 16-Jun 13, 4:00-5:30pm \$25

**Golden Shoe Hunt**

Clues and instructions for the locations of the shoes will be posted weekly to [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation), RDN Facebook and RDN Twitter starting April 13. Explore RDN parks and trails for a chance to find the shoe and win prizes.

**Fishy Family Fun Swim, Ravensong Aquatic Centre, Sa Apr 15, 10:00a-12:00p Regular admission**

**Pro D Day Everyone Welcome Swim, Ravensong Aquatic Centre, T Apr 18, 1:00-2:30p Reduced rate**

**Pickleball Free Drop-In, Oceanside Place Arena, Mo, Apr 24 9:00a-3:30p**

## **Youth Week**

Youth week is a national celebration of youth held annually May 1 to 7. It is a week of interaction and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities. To find out more and get involved go to [www.rdneyouth.ca](http://www.rdneyouth.ca) or contact Kelly Valade at 250-248-3252

**Youth Week Teen Swim**, Ravensong Aquatic Centre, Fr May 5 7:00-9:00p Free

**Youth Week Wheelie Event 11-18yrs**, Oceanside Place Arena, T May 2 4:30-6:00p Free

**Youth Week Pickleball Clinic and Tournament 13-18yrs**, Oceanside Place Arena

W-Th May 3-4 3:30-6:00p \$15 pre-register



Days in Session: 189 Days of Instruction: 180

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

<b>September 2017</b>	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
<b>October</b>	Oct 10 – Nov 10	Conferencing in schools – Please refer to individual school schedule(s)
	9	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
	19	Conferencing Adjustment – Schools not in session
	20	Provincial Professional Development Day – No school for students
<b>November</b>	6-7	Secondary Provincial Exams
	10	Curriculum Implementation Day – Non-instructional day – No school for students
	13	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY (OBSERVED)</b>
<b>December</b>	22	Last day of classes prior to Winter Vacation Period
<b>January 2018</b>	8	Schools reopen after Winter Vacation Period
	25-26	Secondary: Internal and Provincial Exams
	29	Secondary Semester II Starts
<b>February</b>	12	<b>BC FAMILY DAY</b>
	23	Professional Development Day – No school for students
<b>March</b>	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	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>April</b>	2	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
	3	Schools reopen after Spring Vacation Period
	27	Conferencing Adjustment – Schools not in session
<b>May</b>	18	Professional Development Day – No school for students
	21	<b>VICTORIA DAY</b>
<b>June</b>	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



### 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!