



# YOU "OTTER" KNOW

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Bonjour Oceanside Families! 'uy skweyul!**

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## Food Support Programs at Our School

At Ecole Oceanside, we are committed to ensuring that every student has access to nutritious food throughout the school day. We have several programs available:

### Bagel Café

Our Bagel Café is open for any student who needs breakfast or a morning snack. If your child would like to participate but cost is a barrier, the school can provide a Bagel Card at no charge.

### Lunch Program

This program is available for families who would benefit from support with the cost of providing lunches. We provide nutritious lunches every school day.

### Snacks & Fresh Fruit

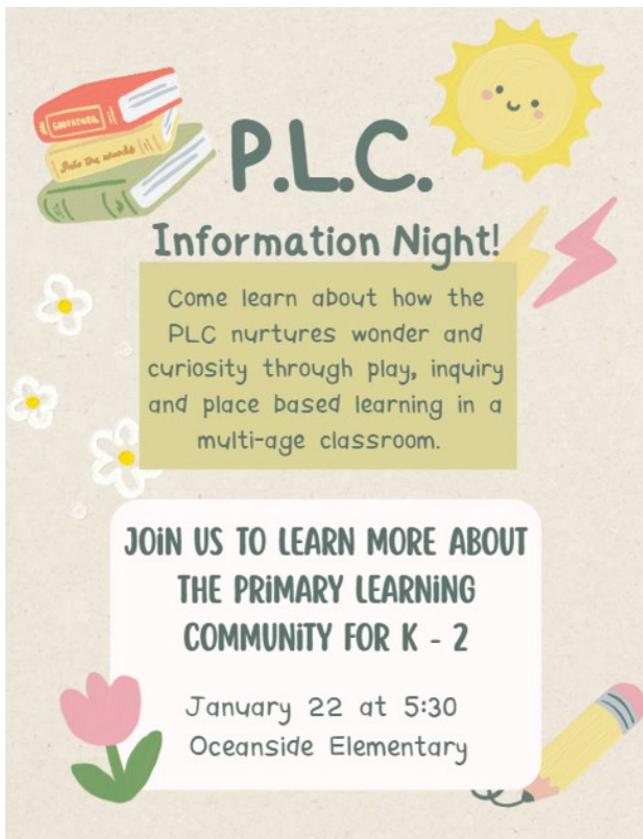
If a student is hungry at any point during the day, snacks and fresh fruit are always available in the office.

### Hands to Heart

Our school district partners with Hands to Heart, a community food program.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or need confidential support, please contact Mrs. Nichols or Mr. McInnes. We also can supply you with a list of organizations in our community offering additional food assistance. We are here to help!

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## Kindergarten Registration

A reminder that SIBLING-ONLY Kindergarten French Immersion online applications closes today.

Registration for all other families will open on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a child coming to Kindergarten in September, please let them know that registration opens on January 19<sup>th</sup> for English, our PLC and French Immersion. All new applications for new French Immersion and PLC will be entered into a lottery.

**We are encouraging ALL parents and caregivers of children entering, applying or considering French Immersion Kindergarten or the Primary Learning Community to attend our important information session on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at EOES.** Our PLC Info session begins at 5:30 and FI begins at 6:00.

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## Colour Group Activity

On Thursday, students met in their colour groups to listen to a story by an Indigenous author and then spent time reading with friends. Our colour groups continue to strengthen connections between students across the French Immersion, English and PLC programs and grade levels. This time also helps students build meaningful relationships with other teachers and staff throughout the school.



## Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 19 Kindergarten Registration for ALL students (for English, PLC, and French Immersion program – spaces are limited for French Immersion and our Primary Learning Centre: )
- Jan 22 Important Information Night for families who have signed up, applied or are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten French Immersion or PLC; PAC Meeting at 7:00
- Jan 23 Last Day for Semester 1 Exploratories for Grade 6 and 7 students

## Community Events

There is lots happening in the community! See our district page [here](#) for information on after school programs, sporting opportunities and more.



**QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Kindergarten Registration**  
Opens January 19, 2026

Online Kindergarten registration (through MyEdBC) for the 2026-2027 school year opens on January 19, 2026. To qualify for Kindergarten enrollment in September 2026, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2026. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School District website registration page to see what else you need to know.  
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx/>

The District will offer a "Pre-Kindergarten" program in April and May. Incoming Kindergarten students must be registered at their catchment school in order to apply to participate in this program. If you have registered your child by Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> you will be sent an application via email and those who register for Kindergarten after that date will be considered based on available space.

**PROGRAMS OF CHOICE (PoC)**

**Early French Immersion** – when first registering your Kindergarten child on-line at their catchment area school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child in the Early French Immersion Program. Then complete the online Kindergarten French Immersion application Form.

**Primary Learning Community** - when first registering your Kindergarten child on-line at their catchment area school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child attend the Primary Learning Community Program. Then complete the online Primary Learning Community application form.

More information and the online application forms for French Immersion and the Primary Learning Community can be found on the District website at:  
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Education/20P/programs/Pages/default.aspx/>

**Application Forms for these PoC will open January 19 and close on January 30, 2026**

**CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION**

The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend their catchment area school based on their home address. Students who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area may apply through the online cross boundary application process after registering at their catchment area school. (Not required if accepted into a Program of Choice)

More information on the Cross Boundary process can be found on the district website at:  
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Registration.aspx#/>

**PROPOSED SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES**

The Board of Education is currently undergoing a review of school boundaries. A Virtual Town Hall (information session) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Visit the Qualicum School District Website for the video conferencing link.  
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Assets/Announcements/Attachments/452/VirtualTownHallEvening2026Jan14.pdf>

**École Ballenas Secondary School**  
*Building Successful Students*



**BSS Open House and 2026-2027  
Grade 8 Information Session**

**Thursday, February 5th 6:30–8:00 PM**

All parents and students who plan to attend Ballenas in the upcoming 2026-2027 school year are invited to our annual Open House. All Ballenas programs and departments will be on display throughout the school.

In addition, **next year's** Grade 8 students and families are invited to attend a special information session at **6:30 PM** in our Auditorium.



Phone: 250-248-5721  
Web: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BSS/Pages/>

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