



# YOU "OTTER" KNOW

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>



## Bonjour Oceanside Families! 'uy skweyul!

### Manners Matter!

Next week in our school-wide keystone, we'll be reviewing our school rules with all students. At Oceanside, we take pride in being kind, respectful, and using good manners— a simple "please" and "thank you" go a long way!

You can support us by reminding your child to:

- Walk in the hallways
- Go down the slide feet first
- Come dressed for the weather
- For our Intermediates: Please refrain from using strong scents, and ensure cell phones are off and stored in backpacks during the school day



Thank you for helping us create a safe, positive, and respectful environment for everyone!

### Kindergarten Registration Continues!

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

### Office Reminders

As you know, our office is a busy place! Ms. Cammy and Ms. Leta do an amazing job keeping track of attendance, registrations, field trips, finances, first aid, school events, sick kiddos, late arrivals, snacks, and so much more.

To help keep things running smoothly, we kindly ask that play dates and alternate pickup plans be arranged **the day before**. We love that the kids are building friendships, but the office is simply too busy to coordinate these arrangements during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



### Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 27 ICBC Road Safety Presentation for all students
- Jan 29 Lions Vision Screening, Grades 4 & 7
- Jan 30 Programs of Choice: French Immersion and PLC Registrations close
- Feb 10/11 Carnaval EOES!
- Feb 5 BSS Open House Grade 8 Information Session
- Feb 13 Professional Development Day – No school for students
- Feb 16 Family Day Holiday – School closed
- Feb 17 Happy Lunar New Year

### 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 enrolment 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%20Programs/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/Browsebound.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/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/4527f7e9%20Town%20Hall%20%20January%2014%202026.pdf>

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



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

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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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