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Important Dates to Remember	
Friday, December 22	Pajama Day
Friday, December 22	Last Day of School
Monday, January 8	Winter Break ends – back to school!
Tuesday, January 16	PAC Meeting 7:00 Deez Restaurant

Alice in Winterland A Broadway-Sized Hit!

As is QBES tradition, hundreds and hundreds of parents and grandparents took in the annual Winter Holiday Concert in the school gym and the cast and chorus did not disappoint! A huge ‘Thank you!’ to Mrs. Macey, Ms. Clark and Ms. Kelly for their hard work, as well as the many supporters from the theatre and parent communities. ‘Bravo!’ to the students who played a role, whether a cast member or member of a singing group. Well done everyone!



PAC Raffle Basket Winners Announced



A hugely successful raffle was held in conjunction with the Alice in Winterland show. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser, including the generous merchants who provided goodies for the baskets and everyone who bought tickets. Winners are:

1. Nikki Morton
2. Graham Alexander
3. Graeme Linton
4. Haley Hillsden
5. Laurie Goertzen

All-Star Basketball Game a Hoot!

A fun hour of basketball was held on Thursday that featured a mix of our boys and girls basketball teams taking each other on in an exhibition of great athletic skills with the whole school watching. Organizers built in some exciting prize draws and even Santa Claus got in on the action going 1v1 with All Star Miller Bloomfield!



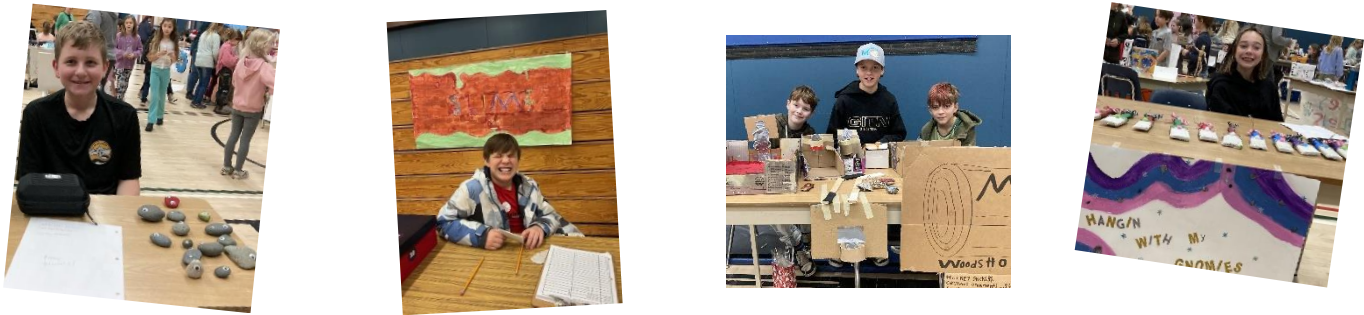
Criminal Record Checks

If you plan to volunteer with your child’s class on a field trip, outdoor ed, or other activity, you will require a CRC on file with our office. Please email the office at qualicumbeach@sd69.bc.ca for a letter and application form.

Maker Fair Displays Student Talents



On Wednesday, December 20, the gym was filled with 86 booths of handmade goods and a buzz of excitement. It took weeks of preparation and a lot of valuable learning from ideating a business concept, budgeting, marketing, financial literacy, and partner skills. The end result was the most amazing exhibit of entrepreneurship. There was everything from handmade ornaments to jewelry, art to bath products, and gift cards to toys (such as slime!). It was a very successful fundraising effort for the Grade 6 and 7 / STREAM trips planned for the spring. Many young shoppers took advantage of the great prices to pick up something as a gift for a family member or as a special treasure for themselves.



A Beautiful Afternoon at Winter Wonderland Skate



Thank you to all the parents who came to Oceanside Arena on Tuesday to help with a smooth transition into and out of skates and into and out of the arena. Everyone enjoyed the picturesque Winter Wonderland and some skaters also enjoyed the wide open Meeker arena as well. Our QBES students – all 400+ of them – conducted themselves in a way that brought pride to the school and elicited a thank-you from the Oceanside Arena staff.

Well done, QBES Students!



Farewell to Secretary Jane



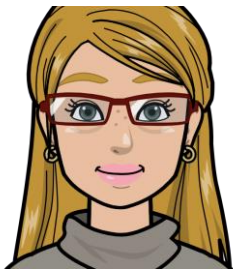
After 15 years at the helm of Qualicum Beach Elementary – in two separate locations – our beloved Head Secretary, Jane Patenaude, is retiring today! We are really going to miss Jane and all her local knowledge, organizational skills, and caring hand. She has been the friendly face that greets all of us as we enter QBES and seems to know the answer to most every question. Happy Retirement, Jane!

Please Pack a Change of Clothes



As exemplified in this picture of a Grade 2 student with her boots stuck in the mud, our field does get rather muddy in some spots! Please consider packing a set of extra pants, socks, and underwear in your child’s backpack in the event that they get muddy from playing outside. Also, please remember to replace those extras once they have been used!

A Message from the Principal, Ms McKinnon



Well, that's a wrap! As the calendar year comes to an end, learning updates are in the hands of parents, the first round of student exploratories (Grades 5 – 7) is complete, there's been a fabulous Winter Concert, an amazing Maker Fair, the staff have been well fed and watered, and it's time to take a two-week break. The school year picks up again on Monday, January 8 and everyone is sure to be rested and ready to go by then.

From the QBES staff, thank you for your support with all of these recent school activities – we couldn't do it without parent support. And to you and your family, we wish you the very best of the season. May you enjoy the precious time with your children, and take good care until we come back together in the new year!

Community Events/Programs and Information Link

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>