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Important Dates to Remember

Fri, March 8	Spirit Day (Leadership Class) – Wear Floral / Primary Scavenger Hunt!
Tues, March 12	Boys Volleyball – League Tournament (Oceanside)
Tues, March 12	Beach Walk: 5 Classes
Wed, March 13	Celebrating the Arts @ QBES: ALL PARENTS WELCOME!
Thurs, March 14	Girls Volleyball – League Tournament (Springwood)
Thurs, March 14	School Wide Hot Dog Day – Free for Students
Fri, March 15	Last Day of School before Spring Break

QBES Celebrates the Arts – Wednesday, March 13 – Please Attend!



When: Wednesday, March 13 2:30 – 7:00

Where: QBES Foyer and Multi-Purpose Room

What: Rock & Pop Bands Perform

Musical Theater – 4 One-Act Plays

Photography / Design / Visual Art Displays (K – 7)

****MOST QBES STUDENTS WILL HAVE WORK ON DISPLAY!**

Kindergarten Registration Remains Open

Calling all 4- and 5-year olds! Push, pull, or drag your parents to get you registered for Kindergarten here at QBES! [Registration is online](#) and is open now. We can't wait to welcome you to our great school!



QBES Read-a-Thon Huge Success – Reading logs due Monday



Staff are noticing an EXPLOSION in reading these past weeks. Kids are talking about their books, about authors, and participating in the Library Challenges. Reading logs are due to the classroom teacher on Monday and then our fabulous PAC volunteers will get to work adding up minutes and distributing prizes! Now that Read-a-thon is over, let's keep the excitement about reading going!

Hot Dog BBQ Next Thursday, March 14

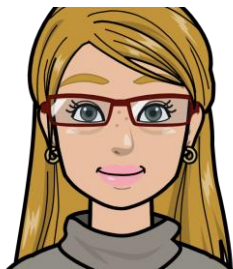
We are all excited about the upcoming Spring Break! So, in celebration of a great Term 2 of work, there is no need to pack a main course for lunch next **Thursday, March 14** (as long as your child enjoys hotdogs). We will provide everyone at school with a complimentary hotdog and a drink. Thanks to staff and PAC volunteers for helping out with this. More hotdog days are also planned for the spring.



Pajama Day Friday, March 15

QBES Leadership students have planned a relaxing Pajama day for the last day before Spring Break. Students are invited to wear their pajamas to school that day. Additionally, they are planning short recess get-togethers for Primary and Intermediate with some movie clips just for fun. Thank you Leadership leaders!

A Message from the Principal, Ms McKinnon



Really proud of our students these days for all of the effort they are expending into their classroom learning. With this week's sunshine there is a happy spirit about the place. The kids seem to be both working and playing really hard these days!

We have been hard at work these past weeks preparing for the big **Celebration of the Arts** coming up on **Wednesday/March 13 2:30 – 7:00** here at QBES. Almost every student will have some work on display, whether it is their term's work in **Musical Theatre** (4 one-act plays), the debut of their band from the **Rock & Pop** Exploratory class, their **Photography** or **Art** or **Design** work. Many thanks to both students and teachers for their hard work preparing for Wednesday evening. Parents can check it out as early as 2:30 or come later as a family to see a play or hear some music.

Learning Updates are on their way next week. This is an additional report over and above previous years' reporting schedules. We plan to send them home on Wednesday / 13th. Teachers devote considerable time to looking at evidence of learning and writing summarizing comments. Be sure to check your child's backpack for this important document.

Finally, if you are a parent of a Grade 4 or 7 student, please provide feedback to the school and the district by completing the Student Learning Survey for 2023-24. The information you provide through this important annual survey helps us understand parent needs and preferences and guides us in setting our priorities for the following year. Please see the info in the section below titled "Student Learning Survey" to access the survey.

Whether traveling afar or staying close-by in our own backyard, QBES staff wishes you a happy Spring Break!

Volleyball League Finals Next Week



Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball for our Girls and Boys teams wraps up next week. The boys have their season-ending league tournament on **Tuesday/12th** at Oceanside Elementary. The girls teams compete on **Thursday/14th** at Springwood. All of our teams have had wonderful seasons so far and we wish them well in their league finals. A BIG thank you to Mr. Titanic and Ms. Eirikson for coaching this year. Good luck to our players!

New School Clubs Arriving For Spring

Chess Club: For students in Grades 2 to 7; meeting Tuesdays at lunch recess

Fly Tying Club: For students in Grades 6 and 7; starts in April: Tuesdays after school

Mountain Bike Club Returns: Thursdays after school

Culture Club Continues: A primary and an intermediate edition; meets alternating Thursdays at lunch

Spring Fling Dance Planned – Hold the Date!



PAC's plans to hold a spring family dance are coming together. It looks like a live band has been secured for the evening of **Wednesday, May 15**. What a great opportunity to bring the family out alongside our school community while taking in some great music. And shouldn't the kids learn the "RIGHT" way to dance? ... the two-step? the Chicken Dance? the Macarena? There are plans to provide tables and refreshments with the focus on a couple of hours of family dancing.

Please Pack a Change of Clothes

After the snow our field has become quite saturated. Please send your child in a warm jacket and boots if possible. Sitting in wet clothes is a drag, so sending fresh pants and socks is helpful. The trick is remembering to replenish the stocks once used.

Student Learning Survey – Grade 4 & 7 Parents

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. After Spring Break, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers at these grade levels to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Note that the survey is open to all parents who wish to participate.

The survey can be completed electronically at [HERE](#). The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district, Qualicum District 69 and Qualicum Beach Elementary. The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-752-9212.

Free: Try Lacrosse

<file:///C:/Users/cmckinnon-sanderson/Downloads/Free%20Try%20Lacrosse%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>

Community Events/Programs and Information Link

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

Qualicum School District International Program – Call for Homestays

Our International Program within the school district is hoping to secure some new Homestay families for next school year. If you're interested, hit the link below for further information. (My family has been doing this for several years now. Some of the kids we have housed have become like family. It has really enriched our lives.) [Link to International Program Poster](#)