



Qualicum Beach Elementary School

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Important Dates to Remember	
Friday, September 15	Gr 5-7 Exploratory Surveys due @ Office
Friday, September 15	First PAC Hot Lunch
Tues, September 12/19/26	Popsicle Sales \$1.00
Monday, September 18	Terry Fox Run (LOONIE & TOONIE Donations welcome in classrooms)
Tuesday, September 19	Meet the Teacher Night 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 19	Welcome Back Family Picnic (PAC) 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Saturday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – students do not attend
Tuesday, October 3	First PAC Popcorn Day (Order through Hot Lunch website)
Thursday, October 5	Individual Picture and Class Photo

Important Information

Bus passes continue to arrive in the office, students will be called down to the office to pick them up.

Students Attendance - If you know your child is going to be absent or late, please inform the school by using the Safe Arrival App or leaving a message at the office 250-752-9212 or emailing qualicumbeach@sd69.bc.ca
All students arriving late or leaving early must sign-in/out at the office.

Please label your children's clothing. This reduces lost and found at the school. Thank you.

School Forms - Student Verification forms and Emergency Release forms have been sent home, they are very important to keep our student records up to date. Please ensure that the forms are completed on both sides and returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. This month you will receive **FOIPPA and GAFE/Google consent forms (Gr 3-7)** by email from our District School Messenger Program.

BC School Fruit and Veggie Program. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students during class time. Our students will receive these healthy treats 12 times over the school year. **Please send back the reverse consent form if you do not wish you child to participate or if they have any food allergies.**

Terry Fox Run – September 18

QBES students will participate in an annual run on Monday/18th. Kids can donate loonies and toonies.

Meet the Teacher Night & Welcome Back Family Picnic (A PAC Event) – September 19

“Meet the Teacher” – 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 19. This is an informal time to meet your child's teacher and hear about classroom expectations and routines. While you're here, bring a blanket or chairs and dinner for the family (or buy it from the on-site food truck). Stay after eating to meet other parents while the kids play. Thank you PAC for lining this up with our Meet the Teacher Night.

Lifetouch Picture Day – October 5th

Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual and class school photos.

- All orders will be done online – more information will be sent home.
- Students will have photos taken and then parents will preview and order the selections online.

QBES Newsletter Update



In line with sustainable practices, this newsletter will come home digitally from now on by signing up using the **QR code** or visiting our website [QBES Newsletter Sign Up](#).

*Please check your email and confirm your subscription after signing up.

Paper copies are available at the office upon request.

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 contact us for a letter and application form.



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) provides information for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

Communicating Student Learning for Parents and Caregivers Information

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/english-communicating-student-learning-information-for-parents-and-caregivers-package.pdf>

Community Events/Programs and Information Link

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

A Note From the Principal...

School is back in session! What a buzzing hive of activity - and happiness - the building becomes once the students return!

We have had a smooth start-up thanks to the hard work of our clerical staff, New Heather and the Unflappable Jane. Our classrooms are nearly all full to maximum capacity as we have welcomed nearly **30 new students** to our school community. This includes the creation of an **extra classroom** that sat empty last year and a second class of the district **STREAM** program (also full). And then there are our precious new friends in **Kindergarten** who bounded through the doors of the MPR with such confidence and enthusiasm this week. Welcome to all.

Classrooms are already busy building community as teachers lay the foundation for norms and routines and classmates get to know one another. **Music and PE classes** are underway for all students now with our two specialty teachers. We are looking ahead to getting Grade 5-7 students into their exploratories soon.

After talking recently with staff, I would like to emphasize the importance of our **Technology Policy** as found in the QBES Code of Conduct on our website. It reads:

Students are to refrain from inappropriate use of computers, cellular phones, cameras and/or other communication/wireless devices. Electronic devices should be turned off and kept in your locker or backpack during class time unless students have been given permission to use it for educational purposes. Videos and pictures can only be taken with the consent of the teacher and students. Personal devices should not be used at recess, lunch or between classes.

Our school expectation around **cell phones** in particular is made very clear by this policy. Most parents agree that phones provide a thousand opportunities for distraction from learning, can be easily lost or damaged at school, and get in the way of the interpersonal skills that are so important to develop in childhood. Those students lucky enough to own a cell phone will store it in their **locker during the school day**, including lunch and recess. Cell phones are allowed on the bus. Those students found in contravention of this rule will be asked to store the phone in the office until the home bell rings.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Meet the Teacher Night coming up soon.

Corleen McKinnon, QBES Principal