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Important Dates to Remember	
Thurs, May 23	Spring Fling – QBES Family Dance (Tickets available NOW!)
Tues, May 28	VIHA Immunization Clinic – K, 1, 6 as per VIHA contact
Fri, May 31	CRAZY HAIR DAY – Spirit Day
Wed, June 5	QBES HAS TALENT!!! TALENT SHOW 10:30
Fri, June 7	Welcome To Kindergarten – orientation event
Tues, June 11	School-wide free Hotdog Day & Grad Walk (Grade 12’s come back to QBES)
Tues, June 11	RAINBOW DAY – Spirit Day
Wed, June 19	Grade 7 Dance
Thur, June 20	Beach Day including Grade 7 Celebration
Mon, June 24	Grade 4 – 7 Field Day
Wed, June 26	Pancake Breakfast by Shriners – Special Grade 7 Seating
Wed, June 26	TACKY TOURIST DAY – Spirit Day & School Wide Fun Day (PM)
Thur, June 27	Year End Assembly

Spring Fling Dance – It’s Here! And It’s the Best Value in Town!



Thank you PAC! ... for organizing a family dance for QBES students and parents to enjoy a fun night out. Tomorrow - Thursday, May 23 - is going to see the school gym rocking to live music by local band MJB. Bring the whole family out for some fun!

Tickets are only \$10 per family and are available on the school website - [CLICK HERE](#). **Some remaining tickets will be available at the door.**

The family ticket will be sent home with your child. We ask that there be at least one adult with each QBES family group and that the adult be fully responsible for those children throughout the evening.

Speech Competition Big Success

Congratulations to all of our Grade 5, 6 and 7 students who composed persuasive speeches and delivered those speeches to a live audience. Many students performed their speeches once in front of their teacher and classmates. A few students, selected from each class, performed again at the finals in front of a much larger audience and a panel of supportive judges. Congratulations to all finalists and a big shout out to the winners! Prizes will be awarded at our closing assembly in June.



New! Skateboard Club for K - 7



Calling all skateboarding enthusiasts! Ms. Kuramoto is living her best life and wants to learn to skateboard! She needs lots of friends to learn alongside her. And so, the White Ravens Skateboard Club is born! If your student is interested in skateboarding – or wants to give it a try – they should see Ms. Kuramoto for permission and waiver forms and then join in the fun on Fridays after school!

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 remains open. We can’t wait to welcome you to our great school!

School Bus Registration for 2024-25

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 school year is now open! Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in **before the end of this school year** for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child.

May 31, 2024 DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!

Only eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

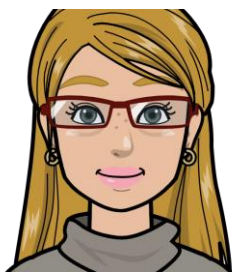
- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after June 1.
- Exact bus route information will be emailed to families before the first day of school.

June 1 – June 30 2024 Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.

Applications received after July 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on busses allow.

A Message from the Principal, Ms McKinnon



Greetings, QBES Families,

As the school year feels like it's winding down, students are enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. There are so many class excursions, camping trips, and beach days ahead that it is challenging to calendar it all. Without question, teachers have saved the greatest excitement to the end of the year (as they should) so we are all busy working out the many details. Watch the backpacks for those elusive permission forms that find their way to the squishy bottom of the bag. We need those signed and returned as expediently as possible.

Last week we held our Moose Hide walk. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially those students who painted the banner "We Walk for Peace". It was a good reminder that we lay the foundation for good problem-solving skills in these early years with programs such as WITS ... and lots and lots of practice.

We are really looking forward to seeing families out enjoying themselves at the Spring Fling tomorrow (Thursday) evening between 6:00 – 8:30. Be sure to get your family's ticket through our QBES website's School Cash Online (only \$10 – wow) and enjoy a wholesome night out. Pizza and other refreshments will be available. There are tickets remaining that can also be purchased at the door.

2024-25 School Supplies



For next school year, QBES has chosen to follow the trend that most other schools have set for years now and will provide school supplies to students for a flat fee. Gone will be that late-August rush around town looking for all the various items on the school supply list. Instead, parents will simply log into our QBES school-cash-online and pay the \$50 fee and in return your child's supplies will be made available through the classroom teacher as the year progresses. Personal items such as headphones and PE gear will still be a parent responsibility.

Community Events/Programs and Information Links

Qualicum Beach Triathlon

[Qualicum Beach Triathlon](#) - This triathlon is for ages three years and up so suitable for all school age students, staff, parents and community. Click the link above for more details and registration information.

Canadian Dental Care Plan

[Government of Canada Dental Care Coverage](#) - Accessible, affordable dental care for your family.

ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS

[Safer Schools Together](#) is offering *erase* virtual family learning sessions on social media awareness and online safety.

BC Training and Education Savings Grant

[BC Training and Education Savings Grant](#) - *Attention all parents of students in Grades K – 4!* You may be eligible for a \$1200 Savings Grant to put towards your child’s post-secondary education. Please follow the link for more information.

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.

[Link to International Program Poster](#)