



WE ARE EXPLORERS —————> WE ARE MINDFUL —————> WE HAVE INTEGRITY

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

August 30, 2024

Dear QBES Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year full of opportunities and promise for all of our QBES students! If you are new to our school community, a special warm welcome! The school is sooo clean and shiny – a big shout out to our hard working custodial staff – but we are ready to fill it with kids!

The school year will start with a Re-connect. Students will rejoin last year's teacher and classmates for the first morning as we take stock of our exact enrolment numbers and finalize our overall arrangement. We hope to have students in their new classes for the second morning. Once classes are finalized – hopefully late Tuesday afternoon – we will reach out by email to let you know your child's placement.

Other important start up info is embedded throughout this newsletter. I encourage you to give it a good read through.

Corleen McKinnon
Principal, QBES



Regular Bell Schedule

- Start Time: 8:49
- Lunch Playtime: 11:30 – 12:05
- Eating Period: 12:05 – 12:20
- Afternoon Recess: 1:20 – 1:40
- Dismissal: 2:40

First Day of School Grades 1 – 7

Date : Tuesday, September 3rd 2024

Start Time : 8:49 am

Early Dismissal : 11:40 am (Busses will run by these times)

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Reminders for the first day:

- Please send your child with a snack and **reusable water** bottle.
- In lieu of students bringing in school supplies this year, there is a \$50 per student charge for school supplies (SchoolCash Online Link below) – each teacher will purchase sets of standard class supplies.
- Parent “drop off loop” – please do not park – this is a drop-and-go system.
- The front of the school is for busses only. Do not drop off out front.
- Current bus pass holders use their bus pass from last year. New riders will receive their passes on Tuesday.
- If you have any questions, please find Mr. McInnes or Ms. McKinnon – we will be wearing our pink QBES t-shirts.

Flat rate fee for school supplies. [Click here](#)

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



WHERE DO I GO ON THE FIRST DAY?

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN GRADE 1-7: [CLICK HERE](#)

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN KINDERGARTEN: [CLICK HERE](#)



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER




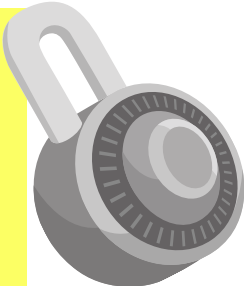
Tuesday, September 3	First day of School Grades 1 – 7 Dismissal at 11:40
Wednesday, September 4	First full day of School
Friday, September 6	Coffee and Meet-and-Greet for Kindergarten Parents
Tuesday, September 10	Welcome Assembly
Monday, September 16	Terry Fox Run
Wednesday, September 18	Meet the Teacher Open House: 5pm-6pm & PAC Family Picnic: 5pm-7pm
Monday, September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - students do not attend
Thursday, October 3	Individual Student Picture and Class picture Day (Retakes Nov. 8)
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, October 25	Provincial Professional Day - students do not attend

QBES Aligns with BC Cell Phone Restrictions

The QBES Code of Conduct has been updated to limit cell phone use in schools before and during the school day, including lunch and recess breaks. Cell phones used on the bus will be put away before exiting the bus. We are happy to provide a landline in the office to parents and students needing to communicate through the school day. The intent of the policy is to reduce distractions, foster online safety, and provide consistency across BC schools. Exceptions – such as monitoring for certain health conditions – will be supported on a case by case basis.



DON'T FORGET!

<p>Find this information helpful?</p> <div></div> <p>If you have not done so already, sign up for our monthly newsletter using the QR code or by visiting the QBES website.</p> <p>Check your email to confirm your subscription after signing up.</p>	<p>Meet the Teacher and PAC family Picnic</p> <p>Meet the Teacher 5 – 6 pm Wednesday, September 18th – 5-7pm</p> <div></div> <p>Bring: a blanket & meal for your family. *PAC is arranging food for purchase & activities for the kids!</p>
<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• TEAL PRESCRIPTION GLASSES FOUND IN JUNE. SEE OFFICE TO CLAIM.</div>	<div><p>Locks are available for purchase in the office for \$10.</p></div>



COMMUNITY NEWS

[SOS Fall Programs guide](#)

[SOS Teen Shopping Event](#)

[Meet Cheryl Bernard – Info and Coaching Events](#)

[Try Youth Curling October thru March](#)

[SOS Teen Shopping Event – September 5](#)

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

International Overdose Awareness Day – August 31 2024

Hosted by the Oceanside Community Action Team and Moms Stop the Harm.

Presentation 4 to 6:45 – How to affect positive change within our communities during the drug poisoning public health emergency – Naloxone Training/Harm Reduction Education/Refreshments.

7:00 Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance or those lost to substance use harms.

BC Training and Education Savings Grant for Students Grades K to 3

Post-Secondary Education Grant – your child may be eligible for the one-time \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for post-secondary education. See attached for more information.



Public Meetings of the Board of Education

Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education of the Qualicum School District are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the school year, beginning in August.

Two exceptions are the December Board Meeting; which will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 11th. There is no meeting held in July.

These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public. The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams until further notice. These meeting are recorded and posted on YouTube (Link can be found on the district website).

Committee of the Whole Meetings (COW) normally occur on the 3rd Monday or Tuesday of each month of the school year with none scheduled in July, August, December and March. Check the district calendar for dates and times. These meetings will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams until further notice. These meetings are currently not being recorded.

The agendas and minutes/notes of meetings as well as the Microsoft Teams links can be found on the [District Website](#)



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of the Qualicum School District provides information for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which offers a 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 [CLICK HERE](#)