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# QUALICUM BEACH ELEMENTARY

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WE ARE EXPLORERS

WE ARE MINDFUL

WE HAVE INTEGRITY

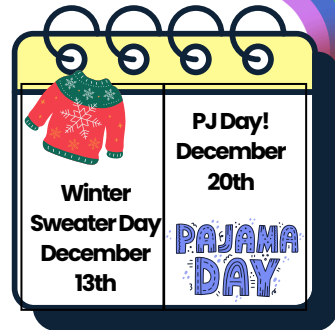
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## A Note From The Principal



Hello Families,



At QBES, we really love this time of year. It's a time to work steadily each day with students on all the aspects of their learning with the bumps of the beginning of the year behind us. These days classrooms are buzzing with routines as students work on their own, with a friend, in small groups, or with an adult. While much of this learning centers around literacy and numeracy, teachers have also displayed awesome art projects all along our hallways and these often connect to Social Studies and Science themes underway in classrooms. The first round of our popular Grade 5 to 7 exploratories wind down on December 13.

We also enjoy this calm time of year because the anticipation of December is building. The school has so many activities planned in the coming weeks that we need to conserve our energies to take it all on! Please see the attached list of dates giving all our events from our concert to dress-up days and our whole-school trip to the Winter Wonderland at Oceanside Arena for ice-skating.

Speaking of our winter concert, we offer two concerts at 1:00 and 6:30. The reason for this is the potential for overcrowding in the gym which does not endear us to the local fire marshal. If at all possible, we encourage members of your family who are not bound to work commitments during the day to please take in the 1:00 show. This also helps our parking shortage. When you come to the show, be sure to bring some cash so you can enjoy a refreshment from the PAC concession and get your name in on some of their incredible raffle basket draws. Your entry to the concert is a non-perishable food item to support families in need in our community. We look forward to seeing you around the school in the weeks ahead.

## Winter Concert Thursday, December 12th

**Times: 1:00pm & 6:30pm**  
**Rehearsals are Dec. 11th**

If cold weather makes you shiver to and fro, you'll love our COOL show about friendship and SNOW! Hep 2 3 4! Here come the Shovelers, ready to go where shovels have never gone before. And now – a BIG round of applause for the stars of our show – those friendly, furry monsters – the Abominable Snowman, and special buddies Bigfoot and Sasquatch with their high-kicking dance moves! Special appearances by Olaf too! Don't judge a monster by its fur! Learn how real warmth starts from within and can spread like a blizzard when shared with a song. A WINTER Concert for all to attend. Performances by the musical theatre elective and grades Kindergarten- 3/4.



## Learning Updates Coming Home

Reports coming home December 13th.

## Winter Wonderland Skate



**Skate Tiers  
Needed!**

**All classes will be participating  
in this fun filled activity.**

**There will be two groups:**

**One at 11:30 am & one at 1:00 pm**

**When:** Tuesday, December 17th

**Cost:** \$4 – Payable now through  
school cash online.

**Pay Online Here!**



SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to our New Secretary Ashley!



Ashley has come from the high school bringing with her loads of experience in a busy office setting. She asks that you please be patient with her while she learns how things work in the elementary world. She has been a great addition to our staff with her cheerful ways and go-getter attitude. Welcome Ashley!

Operation Christmas Child update

Thank you QBES community for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child aka “The Shoebox Project”. We were able to give **32** beautiful gift boxes to the local organization to send off to families in Guatemala.

# WINTER FOOD DRIVE

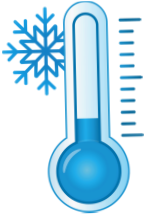
QBES Winter Warmth  
Collecting Food for Local Families

STARTS DEC 2ND.

- ❄️ Donate non-perishable food items
- ❄️ Food goes to local Q.B.E.S. families
- ❄️ If you need support with food for the winter break please reach out to the office.  
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Each class will have

Please Pack a Change of Clothes



**We are EXPLORERS and this means we dress for the weather!**  
QBES kids play outside everyday despite rainy or chilly conditions so a warm coat, waterproof boots, a hat and mitts are highly recommended!



**Last chance to bring donations will be the evening of the Winter Concert - Dec 12!**

Waiting Outside Takes Patience

Arriving at school in the morning means waiting outside. This is necessary as staff arrive and prepare for the day. Please remind your children that we have morning supervision out front and on the playground starting at 8:30. Please note that we do not supervise the playground after school as students generally head straight home.

Ways to give this Season

There are many ways to be charitable this winter season.  
**QBES Food Drive** – December 2nd – 13th  
**Gently used, Clean, Generic Clothing and Winter wear** – Donate to our school closet for students in need.





## SCHOOL NEWS

Important Dates to Remember	
Fri, Nov 29	District-Wide Planning Day (QBES)
Mon, Dec 2	QBES Food Drive Begins
Tues, Dec 3	Scholastic Book Fair starts – runs until December 5
Wed, Dec 4	Ready – Set- Learn Pre-school Program (10 – 11)
Wed, Dec 11	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal Day
Thurs, Dec 12	Winter Concert (1:00pm & 6:30pm)
Fri, Dec 13	Reports Home & Winter Sweater Day
Tues, Dec 17	Winter Wonderland Skate (2 Time slots – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm)
Wed, Dec 18	Maker Faire
Wed, Dec 20	Pajama Day
Fri, Dec 20	Last Day of School Before Winter Break
Mon, Jan 6	First Day back to School After Winter Break
Tues, Jan 21	Grade 4's Invited to Symphony @ Port Theatre
Thurs, Jan 23	Idiom Day

## A cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl sitting on a large, thick green book. The boy, on the left, has red hair and is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and black pants. He is sitting upright, holding a blue book open with both hands and looking at it. The girl, on the right, has blonde hair tied in a bun and is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. She is lying on her stomach, propped up on her elbows, reading a book. The large green book they are sitting on has yellow and orange stripes on its spine and edges.