



FEBRUARY



A Note From The Principal

Hello Parents,

Last week's earthquake near the Sunshine Coast was felt by some at the school, but most were oblivious. It is a good reminder that - though we live in paradise - we are not immune to emergencies. A handful of parents called the office last Friday to check on the school's status. It seems timely to explain that we do have a well-stocked sea can of emergency supplies and a regular practice regimen for a variety of potential emergencies. Some of these involve the children (fire and earthquake drills for example) while other procedures we practice regularly just with staff.

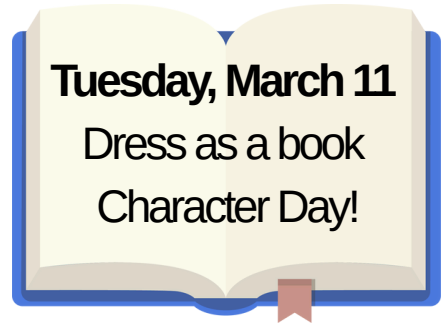
For some situations, such as a hazard in the community, we remain inside the school and carry on with business as usual though we would post a sign on our doors. For some other situations, such as for a significant earthquake, we perform our indoor procedures (Drop, Cover, Hold On) and, when safe to do so, evacuate to the outdoors. Our students are very efficient and attentive at moving outside where we line up and practice a school-wide attendance check on our playing field.

In the unlikely event that we should ever have to evacuate the school grounds, we have an arrangement with the Latter-day Saints' church at 591 Arbutus Street to use their building as a rally point. The church is conveniently located just off the walking trail adjacent to the school, and also provides easy access from several directions for parents. Our clerical would carry an emergency case with everyone's contact info and we would set up a pick-up system for parents from the church. Again, that scenario is highly unlikely.

We always hope for the best but prepare for the worst and would like to take this time to encourage everyone to review their household emergency plans.

Be prepared and stay safe,

Corleen



Tuesday, March 11

Dress as a book
Character Day!



ORDER NOW

SPIRIT WEAR!

We have sample sizes in the office to try on,
see office staff for more details.

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS IS THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.
Order online through School Cash Online or pay by cash in the
office.

Hoodies, \$35 - Colours - Purple, Grey, Black

T-shirts, \$18 - Black

Water bottle, \$15

Hats, \$25



SCHOOL NEWS



Lots of reading events happening over the next few weeks!

In support of the PAC Read-a-thon, our library is filled with reading challenges! Our QBES intermediate students have taken on the exciting challenge of reading as many millions of words as possible! For every million words they read, there is a school "reward". Ask your child about the details! Meanwhile, our primary students are also busy with their own reading goals, filling in bookmarks as they take on tasks like reading a fiction book or a non-fiction one. We are absolutely loving the excitement surrounding reading in our library! Keep those pages turning!

Know anyone with a child that is turning 5 OR is 5 years old? Let them know its time to get them registered for kindergarten!



Kindergarten Registration

Don't forget to register your child for Kindergarten!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register your child.

If you have any questions call the office 250-752-9212 OR by email qualicumbeach@sd69.bc.ca

QBES Clubs

Culture Club - All Grades	Monday	
QBES Choir - Grades 3-7	Mon & Thurs	
Noon Hockey - Grades 6 & 7	Mon	
QBES sports Teams Grades 6 & 7	Varies	
Arts & Crafts - Grades K-3	Tues	
Dance Club - Grades 3-6	Tues	
Origami - All Grades	Weds	
Gym Time w/ Dougie - Grades 5-7	Wed & Fri	
Badminton - Grades 5-7	Thur	
Drawing - Grades 6-7	Thur	
School Teams	Varies	
Mountain Biking	PAUSED	
Skateboard	PAUSED	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Fri, Mar 7	MATA Professional Development Day – School not in Session
Tues, Mar 11	Dress as a book Character Day & Assembly
Wed, Mar 12	Reports Home
Mar 17 – Mar 28	Spring Vacation Period
Mon, Mar 31	School Reopens After Spring Break
Tues, Apr 15	Class Picture Day
Fri, Apr 18	Good Friday
Mon, Apr 21	Easter Monday



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Great opportunities
for Pre-K learning!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bowser Elementary – March 3rd @ 11am – 12pm
Errington Elementary – March 3rd @ 1pm – 2pm
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – March 11th @ 10:30am – 11:30am
Qualicum Beach Elementary – March 12th @ 10am – 11am
Arrowview Elementary – March 13th @ 1:15pm – 2:15pm
NanOOSE Bay Elementary – March 14th @ 9:45am – 10:45am
Springwood Elementary – March 14th @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Ready, Set, Learn is a free drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their parents/caregivers with the intent of supporting children’s transitions into school.

Check out our website to book your spot:
www.oblt.ca

**Climb Aboard
the WOW Bus!**

Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – March 5th @ 10am – 11:30am
Meet at the main beach parking lot by the washrooms.
Errington Community Park – March 12th @ 10am – 11:30am
Rathtrevor Beach – March 13th @ 1:30pm – 3pm

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca

-WEBINAR SERIES-
Understanding and
Guiding Youth
in Online Gaming
[Click Here to Register](#)

Check the Qualicum School District website for up to date info on events in the community.

Community Events

A MESSAGE FROM PAC

Our annual QBES **Read-A-Thon** has officially begun. Students have until March 7th to track their reading minutes and collect pledges from family and friends., pledges will go towards new playground equipment.

There are many opportunities for students to win:

- **Participation:** Every student who reads, is read to, or listens to an audio book with signed minutes will be entered into the prize draw. All sheets need to be handed in by March 7th to be entered to win.
- **Reading Achievement:** The student who read for the most minutes in grades K-3 & 4-7 will win a prize.
- **Highest Class Fundraising:** The grade K-3 and 4-7 class that has the **highest amount of minutes read** will earn a class pizza party!

Teachers will have extra copies of the reading logs if needed.

Read - A - Thon