

JANUARY
2025

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WE ARE EXPLORERS

WE ARE MINDFUL

WE HAVE INTEGRITY



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A Note From The Principal

Hello Parents,

Hope your new year is starting out well! We've certainly been blessed with a parade of sunny days, perfect for playing outdoors!

These first weeks of the term have been all about learning—no major events on the calendar just yet. We did enjoy an assembly led by a trio of Grade 7 students, celebrating our first pillar: "We are EXPLORERS"! They encouraged everyone to dive into new adventures this year. Be sure to check out our fabulous brick wall display, "405 Things to Try in '25," over in the foyer—it's bursting with hand-drawn ideas from all of our students! We also gave a shout-out to our basketball teams and those who've been walking or biking to school, along with our Outdoor Pursuits and Mountain Bikers. Special recognition went to club leaders and environmental heroes who snagged the coveted "Q Crew" t-shirts!

With a long stretch of learning ahead, our teachers are diving into classroom activities, focusing on our goals to improve student writing and number sense. Our staff has a zillion ways to instruct, encourage, and motivate, so expect growth in your kids in these areas!

Term 2 exploratory classes for Grades 5 to 7 are back! We've got the same lineup as last term, but with some fun swaps—Mountain Biking is on pause for ADST Design Challenges, Musical Theatre has been replaced with Textiles (Sewing), and Outdoor Pursuits is now Art in Clay. The kids are buzzing with excitement for these fresh offerings!

Enjoy these crisp days of winter on Vancouver Island and have fun exploring outdoors with your kids whenever you can!

Cheers,

Corleen

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now live!
Registration is done online from now until
January 31st.

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



SPIRIT WEAR!



ORDER NOW



ORDERING DETAILS

We are currently taking orders for QBES Spirit Wear!

Closing date for orders will be February 24th.

Order online through School Cash Online.

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

T-shirts, \$18 – Black

Water bottle, \$15

Hats, \$25



SCHOOL NEWS

POKEMON UPDATE

We understand that students are excited to play and trade Pokemon cards, however it has become an activity that can create conflict and upset at school. QBES students should not bring their cards to school at this time.



February 26 – Hearing Screening for Kindergarteners.

More details [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Wed, Jan 29	Gr 6 – 7 Student Voice (Lunch)
Thurs, Feb 6	Grade 4 & 7 Vision Screening
Tues, Feb 11	KSS Band Concert
Fri, Feb 14	Feb 14 Sock-hop
Mon, Feb 17	BC Family Day – School not in Session
Wed, Feb 26	Kindergarten Hearing Screening & Pink Shirt Day
Fri, Mar 7	Professional Development Day – School not in Session
Mar 17 – Mar 28	Spring Vacation Period

GRADE 7 INFO NIGHTS

Upcoming open houses for Grade 7 students at Kwalikum Secondary and Ballenas.

KWALIKUM SECONDARY

**GRADE 7
INFO NIGHT**

6:30PM-7:30PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025
IN THE KSS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Current grade 7 students and their caregivers are welcome to come and learn about the grade 8 program, tour the school, and ask questions - we will try and answer as many as we can.

École Ballenas Secondary School
Building Successful Students

**BSS Open House and 2025-2026
Grade 8 Information Session**

Thursday, February 6th 6:30–8:00 PM

All parents and students who plan to attend Ballenas in the upcoming 2025-2026 school year are invited to our annual Open House. All Ballenas programs and departments will be on display throughout the school.

In addition, **next year's** Grade 8 students and families are invited to attend a special information session at **6:30 PM** in our Auditorium.

Phone: 250-248-5721
Web: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BSS/Pages/>



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

JANUARY 27, 2025

Learn to be Green, Together

What is it?

Every year on January 27th, we celebrate Family Literacy Day—a special day to highlight the importance of reading and enjoying literacy activities together as a family. Since 1999, schools, libraries, literacy organizations, and community groups across the country have been joining in to make this day meaningful and fun!

Ideas for Home:

Story Time Adventures

- Take turns reading aloud, using funny voices or acting out the characters.
- Create your own stories together and illustrate them like a homemade book.

Scavenger Hunts

- Write clues or riddles to guide kids around the house in search of hidden treasures.

Word Games

- Play classics like Scrabble, Boggle, or Hangman.
- Try creating your own crossword puzzles or word searches based on family interests.

Cooking with Recipes

- Involve the kids in reading recipes aloud and measuring ingredients. It's literacy and math rolled into one!

Explore Virtual Authors On Line

Community Ideas:

- attend the OBLT event for literacy fun - January 27 (Info attached)
- visit our local VIRL Library - get a library card!
- if you have little ones at home, visit a OBLT, "Ready Set Learn" class - even here at QBES!
- watch for Author Talks/Visits throughout the community

Going Green Ideas:

- visit "Little Libraries" to find new-to-you books
- use less electricity
- practise the 4 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover
- be Water Wise
- take time to meet as a family to develop a plan to become a Green Family

For more tips and ideas, check out our QBES library page:
<https://qblibrary.weebly.com>

Jen Pickard (Teacher/Librarian, QBES)

Community Events

Family Literacy Day!

Monday, January 27, 2025

3pm to 5pm

744 Primrose St, Qualicum Beach

FREE activities for children 0-8 and their caregiver, take aways, warm chili, refreshments, children movie passes draw & more!

Please dress for the weather as this event takes place outside at Storybook Village. The event will move indoors if there are adverse weather conditions.

For updates, follow us on @OceansideBLT

www.oblt.ca

21st Annual Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday

'It starts with a seed'

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
Saturday, February 1, 2025
10 am – 3:30 pm

- Seed Swap
- Master Gardeners answering questions
- Seed, Plant and Garden-Related Vendors
- Demos
- Educational Displays
- Children's Activity
- Door Prizes
- Seedy Café
- 50-50 Draws (cash only)
- No ATM on site
- Pesticide/chemical drop off (in original package)

Swap and Shop:

bring your seeds for the seed swap or buy local seeds that have been swapped!

Admission: suggested \$5 donation

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association
www.qbseedysaturday.ca • qbsschair@gmail.com
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DID YOU KNOW?

RSL

Ready, Set, Learn!

Qualicum Beach Elementary – January 8th & 29th @10am –11am
Bowser Elementary – January 13th & 20th @11am –12pm
Errington Elementary – January 13th & 20th @1pm –2pm
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – January 14th & 28th @10:30am – 11:30am
Arrowview Elementary – January 16th & 30th @1:15pm – 2:15pm
Nanoose Bay Elementary – January 17th @9:45am – 10:45am
Springwood Elementary – January 24th @9:45am – 10:45am

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