



# Qualicum Beach Newsletter



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## SAFETY PROTOCOL

Reminder that adults are asked to enter QBES through the **front door** to check in at the office. Staff need to know who is inside the building. Authorized visitors are issued an identifying approved "Visitor" badge.



Please ensure that students are **ALWAYS** signed out at the office for appointments, early dismissals, or any other early departures. This procedure is essential for maintaining student safety.



**On-Line Kindergarten Registration for 2026-27  
is now OPEN!**

Read more [HERE](#).





## Student Led Conferences

Booking is open for the student led conferences via the QBES website or, by using the following link:

[Parent Conference Bookings](#)



If you have any questions, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Auditions for the QBES Talent Show get underway next week!

If you would like to **audition**, please sign up at the music room.

**Audition dates are: April 22, 24 & 29!**



### **Did you know ...**

The QBES Wellness Hub offers food, social connection and counselling services?

Please contact the office for further information.



## Cross Country Volunteers Needed!

A large contingent of volunteers are needed Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> (8:30 - 12:30) to support the District Cross Country Meet (CRC required). For further details please contact QBES PE Teacher, Mr. Tom Higgs at: [thiggs@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:thiggs@sd69.bc.ca)



### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

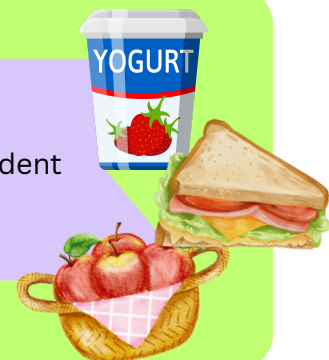
Spring showers have arrived and our QBES field can get very muddy! Please remember to send your student with a **change of clothes** in their backpack.

At QBES we enjoy outside recess in all types of weather and it helps to be prepared!



### WE FEED HUNGRY KIDS!

QBES offers lunches and snacks to any student who needs food any day of the week.





## QBES Bike club is underway!!

If your student is interested, please have them collect an information/ sign up form from the office.

We are still looking for parent volunteers - if this is something you would like to be involved with, please contact the office for information and criminal record check request forms.



Skateboard Club (Starts May 8th)  
Sign up permission packages can be picked up  
in the office.

If your child would like to borrow  
equipment, the signed permission forms must  
first be returned.

There will be an equipment sign out session  
on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> during little recess - meet  
in the MPR.



# SKATEBOARD CLUB

FRIDAY'S @ 11:30-12:05 PM  
STARTS MAY 8

MEET AT FRONT OF SCHOOL  
STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

- A SIGNED SKATEBOARD PERMISSION FORMS (FORMS IN OFFICE)
- HELMET & PADS

\* IF YOU NEED EQUIPMENT SEE MRS. KURAMOTO (159)

WHITE RAVENS SKATEBOARD CLUB



**QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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April 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

**RE: BUILDING COHORTS FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR 2026-2027**

During the next few months, staff at our schools will be involved in the complex process of forming learning groups for the upcoming school year. This work includes projecting student enrollment and creating environments that make the most effective use of our staff and, most importantly, building balanced student groupings that can work together cohesively as learning communities. This is a challenging task as there are many factors that must be taken into consideration including:

- Social and emotional dynamics
- Academic strengths and needs
- Unique learning needs
- Class size goals

Staff take this work very seriously and collaborate extensively in order to make the best decisions about student placement. We strive to shape learning environments which will support the needs of all students.

There are many unknowns as we begin this task. For example:

- We are not sure who all of the teachers will be at our schools next year as the annual staffing process is not completed until late June.
- Some staff members may request, or be asked, to change their assignment for next year.
- We are never completely clear about our enrollment until early September so learner groupings must remain somewhat fluid.

As a result, the learner groupings that we create in spring are tentative and are not finalized until early in the new school year. For this reason, learner groupings will be kept confidential until they are finalized in September.

If you would like to provide staff at your child's school with input for next year, we encourage you to:

1. Talk to your child's current teacher; and then,
2. Send a note to the school principal outlining what you see as your child's learning needs, preferred learning style, or any other information you think might be relevant as staff work through the task of shaping learning environments for the upcoming year.

**We ask that you do not request a specific teacher.** Your input will be considered along with the other complex variables that go into constructing a learning group.

The **deadline** for submitting information regarding your child's learning group placement is **Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

Sincerely,

Gillian Wilson  
Associate Superintendent of Schools

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## Qualicum School District

### 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey



The Qualicum School District Board of Education follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

To support the Qualicum School District Board of Education in their decision making during the annual Budget Development process, they are seeking input from educational partners, including administrators, employees, parents/caregivers, students and community members, to help inform priorities for the 2026/27 school district budget.

This short survey focuses on understanding what matters most to partners and where funding could make the biggest differences for students. Your responses are anonymous and will be shared in summary form with the Board.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026/27 Budget Development Survey



# PETE THE CAT

## FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

5:00PM - 7:00PM

OCEANSIDE PLACE ARENA  
830 WEST ISLAND HWY, PARKSVILLE



**BOOK YOUR SPOT!**



- Meet Pete the Cat
- Climb aboard a school bus
- Free fun activities
- Parent resources
- and lots more...

Registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcome!

[www.oblt.ca](http://www.oblt.ca)



Ministry of Education and Child Care



# Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

- Qualicum Beach (4 Poles)** – April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10am – 11:30am
- Nanoose Place Community Centre** – April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm – 3:30pm
- Springwood Park** – April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15am – 11:30am
- Oceanside Community Church** – April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm – 4pm
- Qualicum Bay Resort** – April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10am – 11:30am

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](http://www.oblt.ca)





# R S L

Ready, Set, Learn!

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

## WHY ATTEND?

- Give your child a confident start to kindergarten.
- Build early skills through fun play, stories, songs, and art.
- Meet local families and school staff.
- Help your child feel comfortable in their future school.
- Get tips and resources from **Early Childhood Educators**.

Check out our website  
to book your spot:  
[www.oblt.ca](http://www.oblt.ca)



Ready, Set, Learn sessions are free for families and are funded by the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/programs/ready-set-learn>

To access other helpful early learning resources, check out the Early Learning Framework: A Guide for Families, which was created by the BC Ministry of Education and Childcare

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/elt-a-guide-for-families.pdf>



Check out our website for more information:

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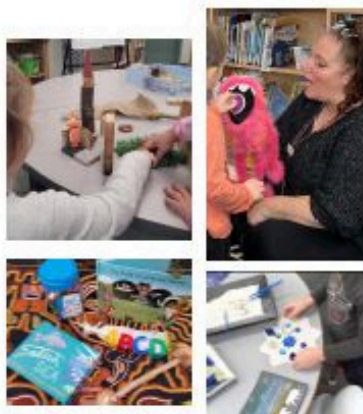
Follow us on social media:  
@OceansideBLT



## What is Ready, Set, Learn?

Ready, Set, Learn is a free, drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their caregiver.

Led by licensed Early Childhood Educators, the program invites families to local elementary schools in the Oceanside area, offering a welcoming space for learning, play, and connection. Facilitators support children as they build skills and confidence to help ease their transition into school.



## Why attend?

- Help prepare your child for a successful transition to kindergarten right from birth.
- Support your young child's early learning and development through play and hands-on activities such as reading, singing, creating art, and exploring together.
- Give your child a sense of familiarity and confidence by becoming part of the school community.
- Connect with other families in your neighbourhood and within your child's catchment area, and take the opportunity to meet the school staff.
- Access Early Childhood Educators who can answer questions and provide guidance to community resources.



## How do I register?

- Ready, Set, Learn sessions are **FREE** for children birth to kindergarten and their caregiver.
- Registration is appreciated but drop-ins are always welcome.
- Monthly schedules are posted at: <https://oblt.ca/calendar> and sessions can be booked weekly.
- Follow us on social media @OceansideBLT for updates.
- Each local elementary school hosts 1-2 sessions per month.
- Families are welcome to attend sessions at any school regardless of catchment area.



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



**Ready, Set, Learn!**

**Ecole Oceanside Elementary – April 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:10am–10:10am**

**Bowser Elementary – April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am–11:30am**

**Errington Elementary – April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm–2pm**

**Arrowview Elementary – April 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:30pm–2:30pm**

**Springwood Elementary – April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am–10:30am**

**Qualicum Beach Elementary – April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am–11:30am**

**Nanoose Bay Elementary – April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am–11:30am**

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## ERASE Family Sessions

Due to high demand, Safer Schools Together is continuing to offer complimentary FAMILY Sessions on the topics of “Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities” as well as “Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion”. There is one training per month. [erase Family Sessions](#)



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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**  
**12:30 PM & 6:30 PM**  
**SPRINGWOOD GYM**  
(Approximately 45 minutes)

Featuring 150 singers from:  
**NBES · SES · QBES**

**Parking Information**  
No parking at the site during the day  
Minimal parking available in the evening  
Please park and walk

*Ballenas Secondary School's*

# SPRING CARNIVAL



MAY 22ND | 5:30-8:30PM | BALLENAS SECONDARY

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

Join us for a fun evening of games, food, and activities at Ballenas Secondary. Come out and enjoy the Bouncy Castles, Cake Walk, Obstacle Course, and SO MUCH MORE! Admission is free, and tickets cost 25 cents.

**We've got more booths than ever!**





## PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

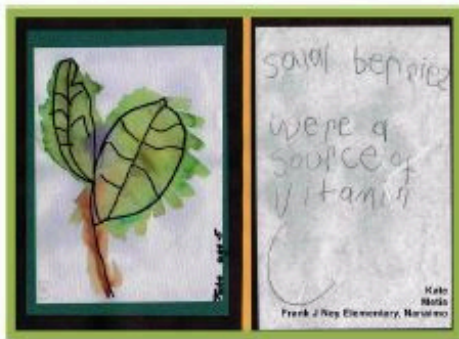


Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people, FORED sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.

Theme: **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine** Prize: **4 x \$150 prizes** with at least one national winner. *Group work shares prize.* 💰

**DEADLINE:**  
**MAY 22, 2026**

Interview a local elder about homemade salal tea on video? All creativity is welcomed.



Contest Details: Use our easy [website entry form](#). Entries may be mailed to address at bottom.

- Eligibility: youths aged 5-18 of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or self-declared ancestry.
  - Participants must include their name, band affiliation/ancestry, home address, phone & email, parent & teacher contact, grade & school on [website entry form](#) or by mail.
  - Please include a brief description of how your artwork relates to traditional knowledge and medicine.
  - **DEADLINE: May 22/26**
- All original work accepted: i.e. crayon, paint, collage, photos, animations, videos etc. (.jpg, .pdf, .png, .mp4, .MOV). Minimum image size 2MB. Videos must be less than 3 min. Please have someone take a photo of you with your artwork if possible.
  - By entering, winners agree their names & entries can be published in local & social media, or displayed on BC Ministry of Education sites for Indigenous People's Day & our [website](#).
  - All entrants qualify for complimentary, honorary youth membership. No commercial use of entries.
  - Mailed entries won't be returned. Only winners will be notified.
  - See how Indigenous volunteer mentors integrate traditional knowledge into natural resources practices on our [YouTube](#). [Follow us on social @foredbc](#).
  - Complimentary teacher & youth activities by age group on Indigenous culture available [here](#).

Questions? Email [education@foredbc.org](mailto:education@foredbc.org).

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## CALENDAR OF DATES

<b>Tue April 21 - Thu April 23</b>	<b>Student-Led Conferences</b>
<b>Friday April 24</b>	<b>Class Photo Day</b>
<b>Wed Apr 22</b>	<b>Earth Day - lunch picnic</b>
<b>Wed May 13</b>	<b>Moose Hide Assembly and Walk</b>
<b>Thu May 14</b>	<b>MATA PD Day - No school</b>
<b>Fri May 15</b>	<b>Conference Adjustment Day - no school</b>
<b>Mon May 18</b>	<b>Victoria Day - No school</b>
<b>Thur May 28</b>	<b>Science World visits QBES</b>
<b>Fri June 19</b>	<b>Reports Home</b>
<b>Tue June 16</b>	<b>Full School Beach Day</b>
<b>Tue June 23</b>	<b>Grade 7 Celebration Event</b>
<b>Wed June 24</b>	<b>Shriner's Pancake Breakfast</b>
<b>Thu June 25</b>	<b>Farewell Assembly</b>
<b>Thu June 25</b>	<b>Last day for students - Early dismissal</b>
<b>Fri June 26</b>	<b>Administration Day</b>



## IMPORTANT LINKS

Please take a moment to click on the links below to familiarize yourself with important school information:

[\*\*QBES Code of Conduct\*\*](#)

[\*\*QBES Enhancing Student Learning Plan\*\*](#)

[\*\*Fair Notice Letter\*\*](#)

[\*\*QBES Student Hot Lunch\*\*](#)

[\*\*School Cash Online\*\*](#)

[\*\*Transportation\*\*](#)

[\*\*Community Programs & Events\*\*](#)

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters.

Please click on the link below to view the events/programs offered within the community - access is via the Qualicum School District Community Page:

[\*\*Community Information Programs and Events\*\*](#)

