



Qualicum Beach Newsletter



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REMINDER
FOR VISITORS

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](#).



Cross Country Volunteers Needed!

A large contingent of volunteers are needed Friday May 8th (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



Did you know ...

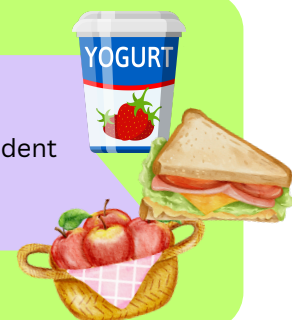
The QBES Wellness Hub offers food, social connection and counselling services?

Please contact the office for further information.



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 5th 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)



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



School Bus Registration for the 2026/27 school year is now open!

Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in **before the end of this school year** for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child and to **avoid extra fees**.

Busing Fee Summary Table

	ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES	COURTESY RIDER FEES
Early - between April - June 30 th	Free	\$175.00*
Late - between July 1 st - July 31 st	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
Late - after August 1 st	\$50.00*	\$275.00*

**Parents and caregivers who believe these fees will cause financial hardship in their household are encouraged to speak to their school principal about fee relief. Confirmation will be forwarded from the school principal to the Transportation Department.*

REGISTRATION PROCESSING TIMELINES

April – June 30 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after July 1.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

July 1- onwards Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

Applications received after Sept 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on buses allow.





Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – May 8th @ 1:30pm – 3pm
Parksville Community Park – May 22nd @ 10am – 11:30am
Family Day Event @ Qualicum Beach – May 31st @ 12pm – 4pm

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.

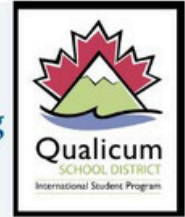
Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca





HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

We're seeking warm and welcoming host families in Parksville and Qualicum for students aged 13-18.



Each year, about 180 students from 20 different countries come to our incredible district to experience top-tier education and immerse themselves in an authentic Canadian cultural experience.

Students come for a 5-10 month term or 4 week summer program



By becoming a host family, you provide more than just a place to stay—you offer a home away from home, a supportive environment, and the chance to share your culture while learning about another.

All types of families are considered including singles, couples and more.

Apply at

www.schoolincanada.ca or
call us at 250-951-0857

Why host an international student?

- ❖ Make a meaningful impact on a young student's journey
- ❖ Experience cultural exchange right in your own home
- ❖ Build lifelong connections with students from around the world
- ❖ Our team can help you to mentor and create lasting memories
- ❖ Receive \$1200/Month stipend for your hospitality for students from September 2026 to June 2027
- ❖ You can host up to two students - no experience needed

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](#)

False Bay School Spring Fling



PAC PRESENTS

Spring Fling

SAT MAY 16 12-3
@ THE SCHOOL

BAKESALE-SILENT
AUCTION-LUNCH-GAMES
PLANTSALE

<https://westernpacificmarine.com/routes/lasqueti-island/>

DISTRICT SPRING SING



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

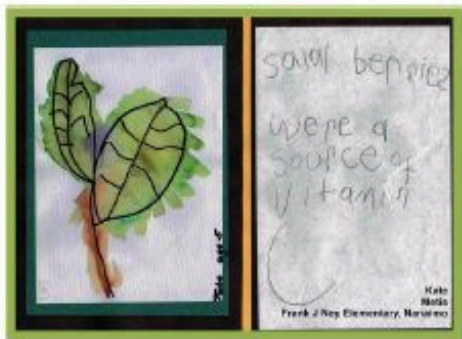


Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people, FORED sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.

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.

FORED BC is a charitable association established in 1925. We work with volunteers on community-based sustainability projects. We thank our generous donors; the Province of BC & the Vancouver Foundation.



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Support balanced **education** about our **environment** & sustainable **natural resources**. Trusted since 1925.



CALENDAR OF DATES

Fri May 8	District Cross-Country Meet
Wed May 13	Moose Hide Walk & Bannock
Thu May 14	MATA PD Day - No school
Fri May 15	Conference Adjustment Day - No school
Mon May 18	Victoria Day - No school
Wed May 20	Spring Sing (1 pm & 6:30 pm @ SES)
Thur May 28	Science World visits QBES
Tue Jun 9	Welcome to Kindergarten Event (1:30 & 2:00)
Wed Jun 10	QBES Talent Show
Wed Jun 10	Grad Walk
Tue June 16	Full School Beach Day
Fri June 19	Reports Home
Tue June 23	Grade 7 Celebration Event
Wed June 24	Shriner's Club Pancake Breakfast
Thu June 25	Farewell Assembly
Thu June 25	Last day for students - Early dismissal
Fri June 26	Administration Day



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**](#)

