



Qualicum Beach Newsletter



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Hello Parents,

The Hul'q'umi'num introduction has been some of the learning that QBES staff have had in recent months as we continue to infuse Indigenous language and practices into teaching. Should you ever find yourself hosting a meeting in your own life, feel free to borrow and adapt the one I have posted above. There are some great sites that can help with pronunciation.

Our grade 5 - 7 students have moved into their second of four exploratory experiences held on Wednesday afternoons this year. This year students have been placed in one of seven groups that moves through a series of four courses together as a permanent grouping. They get their Fine Art and Applied Design curricula covered through this means. Placement into the group was done based on 'best fit' for each student's interests.

Speaking of December, it is creeping up on us already. There are a number of important events and activities that your child can be part of. Be sure to check the attached calendar of dates so that you can feel fully informed. Two of the highlights will be the Winter Concert on December 9 and the school-wide Winter Wonderland skating trip on December 16. We could sure use help tying skates at the Oceanside Arena that day if you are available. Ice times are 11:30 and 1:00.

Finally, a quick word about our pick up and drop off process. The front of the school is reserved for the school buses only. There are two spots strictly designated for parking for the disabled. The end of the school day can appear confusing at first. The system works smoothly so long as everyone keeps moving. Please do not park in the drop off loop - even if you think someone else is doing so. If you want to park and come in or wait out front, you must find a parking spot elsewhere.

All the best.

Corleen





REMINDERS FOR VISITORS

**Would all visitors/parents please
check in at the office first before
visiting at QBES.**

THE SHARING SHELF

**QBES
PAC-run Pantry!**

Did you know our PAC-run pantry—located along the right-hand wall in the school foyer—is open to all families?

You'll find an ever-changing mix of items, from crackers to cake mix and everything in between. Next time you're in the building, take a peek and help yourself to whatever you need!

If you have unopened, unexpired extras at home, feel free to drop them off. Every contribution helps keep the shelf stocked and supports our school community.

This initiative is all about building community together—and showing our kids how small acts of sharing can make a big difference while reducing food waste!






VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dec 2nd & Dec 3rd

Please contact Jennifer Pickard if you can help:

jpickard@sd69.bc.ca




2025


SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, Dec 1 - "Book Look"
Classes will come to the library to view the books. There will be no purchasing this first day.

**Tuesday, Dec 2 and
Wednesday, Dec 3 -
"Store is Open!"**
Parents welcome 8:30 - 3:30
Students will have time to shop with their class throughout the day

**LAST MINUTE SHOPPING
AVAILABLE THURSDAY, DEC 4
8:30 - 9:30 AM**

 **QBES**

 **December 1 - 4**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR QBES LIBRARY!



THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE!

We are excited to share that Mulberry Bush Bookstore has generously sponsored an upcoming author visit to QBES on November 28th, with Heather Fawcett, the acclaimed writer of *The Grace of Wild Things*, *The Islands of Elsewhere*, and many other favourites.

Thanks to their support, our students will have the opportunity to meet a real author, hear about her writing process, and be inspired by her stories.



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Rough weather ahead! 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!



JOIN US FOR OUR
*Snowmen At
Night
Concert*

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
2:00PM/ 6:30PM
QUALICUM BEACH
ELEMENTARY GYM
STUDENTS ARRIVE BY 6:15
IN CLASSROOMS (NO
EARLIER THAN 6PM)



SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas
for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 18, low income families and individuals can register at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville from 9:15 am - 11:30 am and 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Parents and grandparents receive help providing gifts for children and youth, and grocery gift cards are provided to adults, seniors and families. Proof of residence, income and picture ID are required for all household members. CareCards, birth certificates or passports are acceptable ID for children.

Support the program

Financial donations: Donate online, by phone or in person.

Gift donations: New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Attend a local event benefitting the program, or locate an SOS Angel Tree at a participating business.

Thank you for helping create magic for residents in need!

SOS Community Services Centre

www.sosd69.com | 250.248.2093 ext. 229

245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville

coordinator@sosd69.com |     



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Services

DISCOVERY PROGRAM

CAREGIVER CONNECTION GROUP – SUBSTANCE USE
AND YOUR YOUTH

Oceanside

UNDERSTAND

EMPOWER

SUPPORT



A group for
caregivers/parents to
talk, connect, and gain
resources around youth
and substance use

- ✓ SUPPORT
- ✓ EDUCATION
- ✓ RESOURCES

DECEMBER 16TH 4:00PM – 6:00PM

THE FAMILY PLACE, PARKSVILLE



CONTACT: +250-927-2956 TO REGISTER

FOR THE OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY – 2025

Books by Thomas Meehan/Music by Charles Strouse/Lyrics by Martin Charnin
Original Broadway Production Directed
by MARTIN CHARNIN

Annie

QUALICUM BEACH SCHOOL OF DANCE

Village Theatre Qualicum Beach

January 9th to 18th



Info and tickets @ www.ticketowl.io/qbsd

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

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COOKIES & CAROLS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 2 - 4 PM
Jensen Centre

Live music and entertainment, visit from Santa.
 Many activities – crafts, letters to Santa, facepainting
 Cookies, hot chocolate bar and more! **Something for everyone!**

FREE EVENT

 **City of Parksville** hosted by the City of Parksville parksville.ca




OBLT
 Oceanside Building Learning Together

Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Bowser Legion – Nov. 5th @10am – 11:30am
Qualicum Beach Community Hall – Nov. 13th @12:30pm – 1:30pm
Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – Nov. 19th @10am – 11:30am
 Meet at the main beach parking lot by the washrooms.
Oceanside Community Church – Nov. 20th @2:30pm – 4pm
NanOOSE Place Community Centre – Nov. 25th @10am – 11:30am
Bradley Centre – Nov. 27th @1pm – 2pm

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





Educational Charity
ripplefoundation.ca/contest



CALENDAR OF DATES

Mon Nov 24	MATA PD Day - No School
Dec 1 - Dec 4	Scholastic Book Fair
Tue Dec 9	Winter Concert (10:30 am rehearsal), (2:00 pm Grandparent's Show) & (6:30 Show)
Wed Dec 10	School PJ Day
Fri Dec 12	Report Cards Home
Tue Dec 16	Winter Wonderland Skate
Thur Dec 18	Maker Faire
Fri Dec 19	Winter Sweater Day
Fri Dec 19	Fun Assembly
December 22 - January 2	Winter Break
Mon Jan 5	School Reopens
Fri Feb 13	MATA PD Day - No school
Mon Feb 16	Family Day - No school
Wed Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day
March 16 - March 27	Spring Break
Mon Mar 30	School Reopens
Fri Apr 3	Good Friday - No school
Mon Apr 6	Easter Monday
Tue April 21 - Thu April 23	Student-Led Conferences
Wed Apr 22	Earth Day
Wed May 13	Moose Hide Assembly and Walk
Thu May 14	MATA PD Day
Fri May 15	Conference Adjustment Day
Mon May 18	Victoria Day
Thu June 25	Farewell Assembly

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](#)

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 Events](#)

