



Qualicum Beach Newsletter



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It is good to see you all



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello QBES Parents & Guardians,

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As we go into a well-deserved long weekend that marks the 'end of the beginning' of the school year, staff are noticing that classes are now well settled into the routines. Teachers have been telling us how pleased they are with their students' kind and curious natures. Teachers are looking forward to parent conferences which are coming up October 20-22. (See the link attached later in this newsletter to book your appointments.) I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to get a sense of the class routines and the teacher's early observations - as well as to share your deep knowledge of your child.

Our grade 5 to 7 students are now excitedly engaged in their rotation of exploratory classes. These classes are offered in 6 week blocks for two hours and cover much of students' learning in Fine Arts and ADST (Applied Design Skills and Technologies). Multi-age groupings of students are currently learning Performance Arts, Cooking, Photography, Digital Literacy, Shop, Visual Art, and Design Challenges. The kids and teachers alike have been looking forward to Wednesday afternoons!

Staff enjoyed an outstanding day of learning on September 29 sponsored by the Qualicum School District's Indigenous Education department. Our staff has committed to getting language and culture learning in front of students in new ways. You might have heard from your kids about their new 'Kookum' (grandmother) who is really named Brenda. She is our Indigenous Education Advocate here at the school and has already drummed and sung the students the Eagle Song at two assemblies and has led some classroom circle meetings. If your family has Indigenous ancestry, reach out to Kookum to introduce yourself!

Finally, we are in need of wrapping up school supplies payments in the coming days. If you have not yet paid your \$50 school supply fee, please do so as soon as you can or call the school office to arrange a payment plan. We depend on recovering these fees as the supplies for your child were pre-ordered. Unpaid fees put the school in a deficit situation.

Link to [School Cash Online.](#)

Here's wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving weekend.

Corleen McKinnon, QBES Principal

WITS PROGRAM

Our school uses the WITS program to help students make safe and respectful choices when faced with conflicts. Students are encouraged to Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help when dealing with difficult situations.

By using WITS, we create a positive and supportive school environment where everyone feels respected and heard.



**PHOTO RETAKE DAY
OCTOBER 29!**



On hot lunch days, please call the school before 11 am if you plan to pick up the lunch for your absent student.

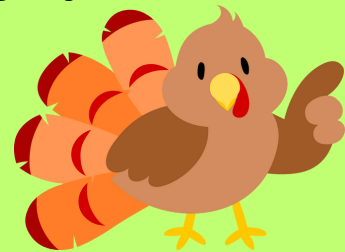


NO SCHOOL REMINDER

**Reminder to families that there is no school
Monday October 13, for Thanksgiving Day.**



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



GR.6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Grade 6 Immunizations

In B.C the Human Papilloma (HPV) vaccine is recommended for all grade 6 students as part of their routine immunization schedule. Grade 6 students may be eligible for additional vaccines if they are not up to date. A letter with instructions on providing consent for immunizations has now been sent home to students via email. Please follow the instructions and provide consent or refusal to immunizations using the new digital consent platform.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 6 students who have consent, on Nov 5, 2025.

Contact the local Health Unit at (250) 947-8242 if you have any questions.

CONFERENCING APPOINTMENTS

Parent conferences will run from Monday October 20 to Wednesday October 22.
School Appointments Online is now open for booking.
Please follow the instructions below and link provided.



Making life easier, one application at a time

School Appointments – Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site for your school.

[QBES Appointments Link](#)

2. Register for an account by clicking the **"REGISTER"** menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the **"Register Now"** button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the **"Add a Student"** button. Click the **"Insert New"** button to add more children.
4. Click the **"date"** icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the **"View Calendars"** button. Use the **"Ctrl"** or **"Command"** key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.



5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



QBES is taking part in Operation Christmas Child.

This global initiative aims to deliver shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items to children in need.

Students who would like to participate can contribute to their classroom shoebox , filling it with small gifts and hygiene items. Pick up will be the third week of November, for collection and shipping to children in need around the world.

Participating in Operation Christmas Child can teach children the importance of giving, sharing and the joy of helping others.





Take Part in Our

QBES

BOOK CHARACTER

PUMPKIN CHALLENGE!

**Gather your family and
transform a pumpkin into your
favourite book character—
decorate, carve, or dress it up!**

**Bring your pumpkin to school with you
on Monday, October 27th**



CALENDAR OF DATES

Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving - No School
Mon Oct 20 - Wed Oct 22	Parent Conferences
Fri Oct 24	Provincial PD Day
Fri Oct 31	Halloween Costume Parade
Fri Nov 7	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:30am)
Mon Nov 10	Conference Adjustment Day - No School
Tue Nov 11	Remembrance Day - No School
Mon Nov 24	MATA PD Day
Fri Nov 28	Reports Home
Tue Dec 9	Winter Concert
Tue Dec 16	Winter Wonderland Skate
December 22 - January 2	Winter Break

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](#)