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Important Dates to Remember

Tues, Apr 16, 23,30, May 14	Ready, Set, Learn
Wed – Thurs, April 23 - 25	Student-Led Conferences 3:00 – 7:00pm (Online booking open now)
Thurs, April 25	District Pete the Cat event at QBES
Mon, April 29	Pro-D Day – No school for students
Thurs, May 2	District Chess Tournament hosted by QBES
Thurs, May 9	Grade 7 Health Fair at Nanoose Bay
Thurs, May 23 or 30 TBD	Spring Fling – QBES Family Dance – date change – see below
Thurs, May 16	QBES Moose Hide Walk
Fri, May 17	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No school
Mon, May 20	Victoria Day Holiday – No school

Kindergarten Registration Remains Open



Calling all 4- and 5-year olds! Push, pull, or drag your parents to get you registered for Kindergarten here at QBES! [Registration is online](#) and is open now. We can't wait to welcome you to our great school!

School Bus Registration for 2024-25

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 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.

TIMELINES

April - May 31, 2024 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 June 1.
- Exact bus route information will be emailed to families before the first day of school.

June 1 – June 30 2024 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.

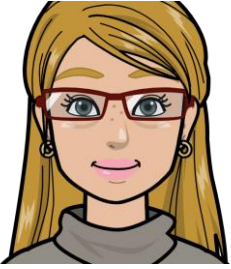
- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.

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

Student-led Conferences Coming Up

We are looking forward to seeing you here at the school April 23, 24 or 25 as your student gives you the grand tour of their learning. We love seeing the pride in our students as they so confidently explain their learning to the adults in their lives...and sometimes the amazement of adults when they marvel at the skills their youngster has gained. Our School Appointments software is open and ready to receive your booking. There are plenty of appointments as rooms can accommodate up to four families at a time. Don't forget to book!

A Message from the Principal, Ms McKinnon



Happy Spring to all our QBES Families!

As the sun shines a little brighter, the school year continues to tick away. Planning to the end of the school year (and even looking ahead to next year) is well underway. Many class excursions and other exciting learning opportunities are making their way onto the calendar. Staff and students are game to play and explore outdoors more than ever, and many classes are taking their learning to the forest and beach.

Many thanks to all of the families who attended our Celebration of the Arts in March. It was a wonderful collection of visual art by most of our students as well as Drama and Musical performances by some of our most talented young performers. It also was a testament to the great work of our teachers who pull high quality work out of kids every day. The turnout of parents and grandparents was wonderful so thanks for coming.

Over the past weeks I have been working in collaboration with PAC and Student Voice groups to define what these groups appreciate about our school, the values we share, and ways we can grow. Teachers will be engaging in a similar process as we take a hard look at our current Code of Conduct and reshape it into a document that better defines who we are and what we are working toward in a way that marks the uniqueness of QBES and the standards required to achieve it. Watch for visual displays of these value statements to be sprinkled around the school next year!

Issues around cell phones are rearing their heads here at the school once again. At the beginning of the current school year, we announced that QBES would be a cell phone free zone for students (staff model this as much as possible too). Phones, if brought to school at all, are to be stored for the day inside the student's locker. Please know that there is a desk phone available in the office for student use if they need to call home. Here at QBES a cell phone is not necessary as a "tool for learning". We have plenty of devices to meet your student's learning needs.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. Thank you all for your on-going support of your child's classroom teacher, the learning that is happening, and our various school activities.

New School Clubs Arriving For Spring

CHESS CLUB: For students in Grades 2 to 7; meeting Tuesdays at lunch recess in the library

FLY TYING CLUB: For students in Grades 6 and 7; starts in April: Tuesdays after school

MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB Returns: Thursdays after school

CULTURE CLUB Continues: A primary and an intermediate edition; meets alternating Thursdays at lunch



Spring Fling Dance Planned – DATE CHANGE!



PAC's plans to hold a spring family dance are coming together. It looks like a date change may be necessary to avoid Wednesday, a busy night for local youth sports. Luckily, our live band is being flexible as we work out the best date. Please stay tuned – but do shine up your dancing shoes for this great opportunity to bring the family out for some family fun! Possible dates are Thursday, May 23 or 30. We will confirm as soon as we can.

Attention Grade 4 & 7 Parents – Please Complete the Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. After Spring Break, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers at these grade levels to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Note that the survey is open to all parents who wish to participate.

The survey can be completed electronically [HERE](#). The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district, Qualicum District 69 and Qualicum Beach Elementary. The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-752-9212.

Community Recreation

<file:///C:/Users/cmckinnon-sanderson/Downloads/Free%20Try%20Lacrosse%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>

Photo Gallery – Celebration of the Arts



Community Events/Programs and Information Links

Whalers Nation BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

About This Camp

The Senior Boys Basketball team welcomes all those who want to come out to the Ballenas gym and participate in our fun filled, action packed skills camp! The camp will be facilitated by Whalers Head Coach Paul Wright, along with coaching staff and current Whalers players. The camp is also fundraiser for the upcoming season to support travel costs. Space is limited, so register today! All Whalers Academy participants will receive a T shirt and special invite to a home game next season!

Wednesday May 8th and Friday May 10th

Grade 4-5 5:30-6:30pm

Grade 6-7 6:30-7:30pm

Registration info to include:

Players Name, Grade and T-Shirt size

Parent/Guardian contact info

Register by email @ paulw@sd69.bc.ca

Payment link will be sent via School Cash Online



ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS

[Safer Schools Together](#) is offering *erase* virtual family learning sessions on social media awareness and online safety.

SOS – Play and Recreation

[Free Learning Series](#) - Pre-register at [SOSKidsPlay.eventbrite.ca](https://www.soskidsplay.com) or call SOS at 250.248.2093 by April 18 – capacity limited to the first 50 registrants.

SOS – Spring Program Guide

[SOS – Spring Program Guide](#) – Loads of new Child, Youth & Family Programs for the Spring

Mindfulness in May

[Mindfulness in May](#) – Annual Youth Art Exhibition – May 1st – 11th

BC Training and Education Savings Grant

[BC Training and Education Savings Grant](#) - **Attention all parents of students in Grades K – 4!** You may be eligible for a \$1200 Savings Grant to put towards your child's post-secondary education. Please follow the link for more information.

Qualicum School District International Program – Call for Homestays

Our International Program within the school district is hoping to secure some new Homestay families for next school year. If you're interested, hit the link below for further information. (My family has been doing this for several years now. Some of the kids we have housed have become like family. It has really enriched our lives.)

[Link to International Program Poster](#)