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# Qualicum Beach Elementary School

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## Important Dates to Remember

Tues, May 7	Tribal Vision Indigenous Dance Performance (9:00) (Art Starts)
Thurs, May 9	Grade 7 Health Fair at Nanoose Bay Community Center
Thurs, May 9	Grade 5 & 6 Speech Finalists
Fri, May 10	Grade 7 Speech Finalists
Thurs, May 16	QBES Moose Hide Walk
Fri, May 17	Conferencing Adjustment Day – <b>No school</b>
Mon, May 20	Victoria Day Holiday – <b>No school</b>
Thurs, May 23	<b>Spring Fling</b> – QBES Family Dance (Tickets available NOW!)
Fri, May 31	CRAZY HAIR DAY – Spirit Day
Tues, June 11	School-wide Hotdog Day (FREE)
Tues, June 11	RAINBOW DAY – Spirit Day
Wed, June 26	Pancake Breakfast by Shriners – Special Grade 7 Seating
Wed, June 26	TACKY TOURIST DAY – Spirit Day

## Spring Fling Dance – It’s Here! And It’s the Best Value in Town!



Thank you PAC! ... for organizing a family dance for QBES students and parents to enjoy a fun night out. Thursday, May 23 is going to see the school gym rocking to live music. Bring the whole family out for some fun!

Tickets are only \$10 per family and are available on the school website - [CLICK HERE](#).

The family ticket will be sent home with your child. We ask that there be at least one adult with each QBES family group and that the adult be fully responsible for those children throughout the evening.

## Speech Competition Underway

Grade 5 to 7 students are busy writing and rehearsing their original speeches. This tradition goes back over 20 years here at QBES, to our roots as a middle school. The topics are surprisingly varied and the opinions and views of the students on these topics are refreshing. It is no easy feat to write a good speech and then deliver it to one’s peers, so all participants are to be commended for their hard work. We will celebrate and recognize the very best speeches in the weeks ahead using a panel of judges from outside the school. Grades 5 and 6 finalists will present their speeches on May 9 while the Grade 7 finalists will perform on Friday, May 10.



## New! Skateboard Club for K - 7



Calling all skateboarding enthusiasts! Ms. Kuramoto is living her best life and wants to learn to skateboard! She needs lots of friends to learn alongside her. And so, the White Ravens Skateboard Club is born! If your student is interested in skateboarding – or wants to give it a try – they should see Ms. Kuramoto for permission and waiver forms and then join in the fun on Fridays after 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 remains open. We can't wait to welcome you to our great school!

## May 16 – Moose Hide Walk



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This year, as a school-wide act of reconciliation, our school community will be participating in the Moose Hide Walk on Thursday, May 16. The walk, begun in BC ten years ago along the 'Highway of Tears' signifies a commitment towards ending violence against women and girls. At the elementary age level, we will deliver this message softly with a focus on solving problems peacefully.

## 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.

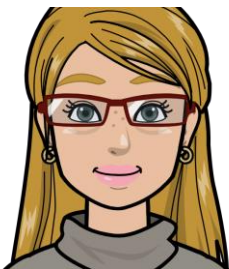
- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after June 1.
- Exact bus route information will be emailed to families before the first day 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.

## A Message from the Principal, Ms McKinnon



Happy Spring to all our QBES Families.

It has been a fun few weeks here at the school. We enjoyed hosting a majority of our families for Student-led Conferences last week. There's a lot of pride in showing an adult the most recent accomplishments. Thank you for supporting your child's learning by listening, and asking questions.

Many field trips and outdoor excursions are being planned, both as learning opportunities and as year-end celebrations. Watch for classroom info and permission forms coming home soon.

Yesterday we hosted the annual Qualicum School District Elementary Chess Tournament. The level of skill and focus among the players was outstanding. Congratulations to our Grade 4, 5, 6, and 7 representatives. Mr. Libby is our Chess Club facilitator and Mr. McInnes single-handedly organized yesterday's tournament. Many thanks to both.

Our Grade 5 to 7 students have begun their third and final term of exploratories. Many avid bikers are happy to see the return of Mountain Bike Club, but several other clubs have also emerged after the winter. Chess Club is happening on Tuesdays at lunch, 3-on-3 Basketball runs Tuesdays or Thursdays at lunch, Culture Club runs on Thursdays at lunch (alternating weeks between primary and intermediate), a Fly Tying Club for Grade 6 & 7 meets on Tuesdays after school, Cross Country Running Club is out on Mondays and Thursdays at lunch, and most recently we seem to have gained a Friday after-school Skateboarding Club. All of this is a testament

to the energetic and caring QBES staff who are always up for anything that enriches students' school experience.

Speaking of the staff, this past Monday Pro-D Day was a great day of learning for teachers. We spent the day considering the topic "Engaging Students in the Digital Age". We took in sessions led by our own staff members including a look at some cool Literacy strategies, gamification, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and ways to give kids brain breaks in the classroom through Physical Literacy. It was time well spent and a reminder of the range of expertise we have within the building.

I'm really looking forward to seeing families out enjoying themselves at the upcoming Spring Fling on May 23. Be sure to get your family's ticket through our QBES website's School Cash Online (only \$10 – wow) and enjoy a wholesome night out. Some refreshments will be available. Watch for further details from PAC.

## Grade 7's Off to Health Fair



On Thursday, May 9 all Grade 7 students in the Qualicum School District are invited to attend the District Health Fair. Facilitated by Health practitioners from around the area, the full-day convention covers topics such as Digital Safety, physical and emotional health, and making good choices. A healthy lunch and some takeaways will be provided to all the participants.

## Community Events/Programs and Information Links

FREE [YOUTH WEEK MOVIE NIGHT](#) – Sunday, May 5, 2024 6:00 – 8:00pm ages 11+

### 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](mailto:paulw@sd69.bc.ca)

Payment link will be sent via School Cash Online



**ARROWSMITH TENNIS CLUB** - offering tennis lessons for 8-13 year olds beginning in May.

The lessons are on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 at the Springwood courts beginning May 7th. The cost is \$60 for the series of 6 lessons one day a week.

For more information or to register please call Jill Trelawny at 250-954-3474.

### Qualicum Beach Triathlon

[Qualicum Beach Triathlon](#) - This triathlon is for ages three years and up so suitable for all school age students, staff, parents and community. Click the link above for more details and registration information.

### SOS – Play and Recreation

[Free Learning Series](#) - Pre-register at [SOSKidsPlay.eventbrite.ca](https://SOSKidsPlay.eventbrite.ca) 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

## **Canadian Dental Care Plan**

[Government of Canada Dental Care Coverage](#) - Accessible, affordable dental care for your family.

## **ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS**

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

## **Mindfulness in May**

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

## **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.

[YMCA Ignite](#) is happy to announce a new course series coming in May!



### **The Success Academy Entrepreneurship Courses**

*Now on YMCA Ignite, in partnership with League of Innovation*

This 6-week Entrepreneurship series will take young leaders, 14-30 years old, through self-directed courses that will get them thinking like entrepreneurs and expressing their ideas to change aspects of their world.

Weekly mentorship and guest speakers who've made their success as entrepreneurs offer inspiration, support and networking opportunities for participants.

#### **Information Session:**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm - 2pm PST

#### **Course Launch**

May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm - 6:30pm PST

Join the information session May 2 at: <https://bit.ly/3Jj60A7>

Meeting ID: 833 6861 9007 Passcode: 153316

## **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.

[Link to International Program Poster](#)