

# Qualicum Beach Elementary School

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Important Dates to Remember	
Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Beach Day – refer to permission form for more details (weather permitting)
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run @ 9:30 am (volunteers needed, contact the school)
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	PAC meeting in the library 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	District Wide Planning Day – no students in attendance
Thursday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher @ 6:30
Thursday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lifetouch Picture Day (all day)
Monday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day - More information at <a href="http://www.orangeshirtday.org/">http://www.orangeshirtday.org/</a>

## Welcome Back Everyone...

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to welcome you back to what I know will be another exciting and rewarding school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and I know that our students (and many parents too) are excited about returning to school. To those parents and students who are new to our school, I welcome you and look forward to meeting you in the days ahead.

### Meet the Teacher Night – Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

- “Meet the Teacher” begins at 6:30
  - This is an informal time to meet your child’s teacher and to hear about classroom expectations and routines.

#### Lost and Found Volunteer

We have been very fortunate over the last few years to have a parent organizing our lost and found once a week, (thank you Heather ☺). That position has become available - if you are interested in taking over please contact the office.

### New Path and Crosswalk



The town of Qualicum has recently installed a new cycling and walking path adjacent to Canyon Crescent. This makes walking or cycling to school much safer. Be sure to check it out.

### Popsicles and Popcorn Sales – Tuesdays (morning recess)

Sales will continue this year alternating between PAC popcorn (\$1.00/bag) and QBES Popsicle (\$1.00/each). Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the first day for popsicles.

### Newsletter Notifications – via email!

Please sign up to receive our newsletter by email by signing up on our school webpage at:

[qbes.sd69.bc.ca](http://qbes.sd69.bc.ca)

Go to the black bar near the bottom of the page and enter your email address.

In the future the school will not be publishing paper copies of the newsletter unless requested.

### Lifetouch Picture Day

On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos.

- There is a change in procedure for ordering.
- Envelopes will not be coming home this year.
- All orders will be done online (unless you request an envelope) – more information will be sent home.
- Students will have two photos taken and then parents will preview and order the selections online.

### Student Information Verification Forms

These forms will be sent home in the next few days. The verification forms are very important to keep our student records up to date. Please ensure that the form is completed and returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

## Criminal Record Checks

The School District requires Criminal Record Checks for all parents/guardians/community members wishing to act as a school volunteer. If you have previously had a Criminal Record Check completed for Qualicum Beach Elementary School, the RCMP has informed us that a new CRC is not required. All **new** volunteers must first obtain a letter from our office then go to the Oceanside RCMP Detachment in Parksville and complete a "Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information" form. All record checks remain confidential.

## Students with Medical Problems (Alerts)

Please note it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make the school aware of any **life threatening medical problem/s** your child may have. This includes any changes in conditions for those students already on our medical alert file. Written permission from the student's doctor is required before the school can issue medication or supervise the taking of medication. An authorization form is available from the school office. Medication cannot be administered unless the form is completed. Ref. Policy #8006. Parents are to provide medication in its original container clearly marked with the student's name. Please check the expiration date of the medication. If the medication requires administration (i.e. injection) it is important that those charged with the procedure have the proper training. Please call the Health Unit at 248-2044 for assistance.

## PAC News

Hello everyone!

This will be an exciting year for QBES! We will be starting Hot Lunches very soon, and we will be planning our activities in the next few weeks. The School Shelter is still happening and we will be completing that this school year too!

Our first Meeting will be held at the **QBES Library on September 16th at 6:30 PM**. If you can make it but have some questions or new business for the PAC you are welcome to send them to me and I will be happy to pass them along on your behalf.

Best regards,

Paul Trudeau, PAC Chair

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## PAC HOT LUNCH



The 2019-2020 Hot Lunch Schedule is ready for your orders! To get started placing your orders simply go to [www.QBEShotlunches.net](http://www.QBEShotlunches.net) and click the REGISTER button using the **access code: QBHL**. Fill in your information then click ADD STUDENT and enter the required student information and you're ready to order!

Payments will be accepted online via:

- PAYPAL or
- By cheque payable to the QBES PAC, (WITH A PRINTED REMITTANCE FORM ONLY) to the office

Please note **we will not be accepting cash payments** this year.

Orders and payment are due 1 week prior to the scheduled lunch AT NOON so the hot lunch volunteers have time to send the orders to the vendors. NO late orders are permitted. If you need to cancel or change your order it must be done before the cut-off date. When reporting your child absent on a hot lunch date you can let the administration know if you would like your lunch sent home with a sibling, picked up by you or pay it forward. A pay it forward lunch is donated to a child who requires a lunch for any number of reasons.

We are still looking for a few hot lunch volunteers this year, specifically for Pizza and Thalassa days. It's a fun, fast paced way to help fundraise for our kids! Please email the Hot Lunch Team at [qbeshotlunch@telus.net](mailto:qbeshotlunch@telus.net) for more information or meet in the foyer of the school between 10:45-11:00.

Thank you, QBES Hot Lunch Team

## Skateboard / Scooter Permission Forms

Permission forms for skateboarding or scootering at school are available in the office. All students must complete a form and have a suitable helmet.

## Bell Schedule

8:45	Warning bell – students line-up
8:50	School Begins
10:30-10:50	Recess
11:50-12:05	Supervised Eating Period
12:05-12:50	Lunch Play Time
2:50	Dismissal bell
3:05	After School Safety Bell All students not supervised by an adult after 3:05 must report to the office.

## Bus Information

Bus passes are mandatory for all students riding to/from school

- Bus pass application forms are available on the school district's website [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) and at every school.
- If the bus pass is for an eligible rider (within the catchment area & outside the walk limit) there is no charge and the form can be faxed to the # on the form. The bus pass will be sent to the school.

If the bus pass is for a courtesy rider (within catchment area & within walk limit or outside catchment area) the fee is \$125 and the bus pass needs to be purchased at the School Board office – 100 Jensen Ave. E in Parksville

## Important Reminders

- Playground supervision begins at 8:25 a.m. There is no supervision before 8:25 a.m. and students are asked not to arrive earlier than that time in the morning. The school will open for students at 8:45 a.m., except when weather is inclement. Students are supervised at lunch playtime and after school until the last bus leaves. After school, supervision ends at 3:05 p.m. at which time a bell will remind students to come into the school and wait for their rides.
  - Important Traffic Safety Notice for Drivers and Walking Children - This school year, a number of our students are walking or riding their bikes to and from school. We also have more parents dropping their children off near to the school. We would appreciate people who are driving their children to please slow down and obey the speed limits and to use the cross walks.
  - The round-about at the end of the school is a **drop-off area only**. I would appreciate parents not parking in that area or getting out of their vehicles. **This area is meant to be a quick drop off area – Thanks!**
  - The “bus loop” – any time after 9:00 parents can drop off their child closer to the main doors.
  - **Students Attendance** - If you know your child is going to be *absent* or *late*, please inform the school by contacting or leaving a message at the office 250-752-9212. All students arriving late or leaving early must sign-in/out at the office....Thanks for your help!
- Please label your children's clothing. This eliminates lost and found at the school. Thank you.



### Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>