

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #8 February 3, 2025



Message From Principal

Hi folks,

It looks like winter has officially arrived! While I do enjoy a few days in the snow, it's important that we take necessary precautions to ensure everyone's safety at school. Please take a moment to review the attached "Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Families" for important information about our winter protocols.

A gentle reminder: Please dress your children appropriately for cold weather and send them to school with extra dry clothes. Staying warm and dry is essential for comfort and focus throughout the school day.

Regarding sledding at school, unfortunately, we are unable to permit it at this time due to safety concerns. However, if we receive more snowfall, we may explore the possibility of organizing sledding sessions with the help of parent volunteers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Finally, please remember to monitor the district website for any updates on school closures or weather-related conditions.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and warm this winter!

Stay cozy,
Jesse Witte

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Families

Please review the Inclement Weather Reminder in preparation for the upcoming winter season on our school website and the attachment below.



QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents/Caregivers:

During this time of season, inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. When snowfall or power outages have the potential to cause school closures, classes to be postponed, or School District bus services to be disrupted, alerts will be posted as quickly as possible on the district website (as power permits). The information will also be forwarded to local media outlets and conveyed through School Messenger*.

Before a decision is made about whether buses will be running, or schools will remain open or be closed, the Superintendent consults with the Director of Operations. These administrators take the current and forecasted weather into consideration, and are in communication with Highways Maintenance, our own crews, and other community members who can verify local conditions. District staff will be considering current road and weather conditions, and also whether schools have power. Freezing weather overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel.

It is our intention to make decisions on whether or not buses or schools are operating by 6:15 am, and to have these decisions communicated to local media outlets by 6:30 am wherever possible.

Parents/Caregivers should continue to monitor their local media for any weather-related updates and the potential impact on school district operations (i.e. bus operations or school closures).

Parents/Caregivers are also reminded to keep battery-operated radios handy and land line telephones plugged in to prepare for power outages. Since weather conditions can be very different in the various communities that make up our school district, we recommend parents/caregivers exercise their judgement based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school. If a decision is made by the District to keep schools open but parents/caregivers are concerned about safety issues, they are welcome to keep their children home.

***SchoolMessenger - Opt In/Out/Set Preferences**
Sign up for SchoolMessenger at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

or download one of the following apps on your phone:
Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolmessenger-infocenter/id978894818>
Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient>

See also Administrative Procedure: Emergency Closure of Schools (Student) under Board Policy 708: Emergency Preparedness and Closures
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Bylaws-Policies-and-Administrative-Procedures/700%20Student%20Services/708%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20and%20Closures.pdf>

PO Box 430, 100 Jensen Ave. East, Parksville, B.C. V9P 2G5
Phone (250) 248-4241 Fax (250) 248-5767 www.sd69.bc.ca

Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a **change of clothes** for your child that is to be kept at school as the weather starts to get rainy and wet (if your child comes home with dirty wet clothes, please replace with a new set to remain at school). Rain boots and rain jackets are necessary as well. Thank you!

Also, the lost and found is growing please stop by and see if anything belongs to your child.

POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Popcorn Sales are Wednesdays \$2.50 a bag.





Scent Free

Just a reminder our District Policy is that all worksites are Scent Free environments



SES Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is back in full force! Every Friday staff and students show their school spirit by wearing their Springwood gear.

T-Shirts \$22.00

Hoodies \$35.00

Hats \$30.00

Toques \$22.00

Please see the front office for purchase. Cash or Cheque accepted.

If you would like to use the online option, please contact Candice in the front office.



Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Feb 6th - Hot lunch - Tim Hortons

Feb 17th - BC Family Day - students do not attend

Feb 20th - Hot lunch - Boston Pizza

Mar 6th - Hot lunch - Extreme Eatery

Mar 7th - In-District PRO D Day - student do not attend

Mar 17th -28th - Spring Break Vacation

Mar 31st - School Reopens after Spring Break

Apr 10th - Hot lunch - Dominos/Sam's Sushi

Apr 18th - Good Friday - students do not attend

Apr 21st - Easter Monday - students do not attend

Apr 28th - School-Based PRO D Day - students do not attend

Apr 24th - Hot lunch - Chinese Kitchen

May 8th - Hot lunch - Tim Hortons

May 16th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend

May 19th - Victoria Day - students do not attend

June 26th - Final Day for Elementary Students - School dismiss three hours early 11:45 am


Island Health - Kindergarten Immunizations

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250) 947-8242 to book an appointment at the health unit.

For more information about immunization, please go to <https://immunizebc.ca/> or contact the school nurse at Oceanside Public Health Services.

École Ballenas Secondary School

Building Successful Students




BSS Open House and 2025-2026

Grade 8 Information Session

Thursday, February 6th 6:30–8:00 PM

All parents and students who plan to attend Ballenas in the upcoming 2025-2026 school year are invited to our annual Open House. All Ballenas programs and departments will be on display throughout the school.

In addition, **next year's** Grade 8 students and families are invited to attend a special information session at **6:30 PM** in our **Auditorium**.



Phone: 250-248-5721

Web: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BSS/Pages/>

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Ready, Set, Learn!

Ecole Oceanside Elementary – February 4th & 25th @10:30am – 11:30am
Qualicum Beach Elementary – February 5th & 19th @10am – 11am
Springwood Elementary – February 7th @9:45am – 10:45am
Bowser Elementary – February 10th & 24th @11am – 12pm
Errington Elementary – February 10th & 24th @1pm – 2pm
Arrowview Elementary – February 13th & 27th @1:15pm – 2:15pm
Nanoose Bay Elementary – February 21st @9:45am – 10:45am

Ready, Set, Learn is a free drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their parents/caregivers with the intent of supporting children’s transitions into school.

Check out our website to book your spot:
www.oblt.ca





Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Meadowood Community Park – Feb 6th @10:30am–12pm
Nanoose Place Community Centre – Feb 11th @10am–11:30am
Coombs Fairgrounds – Feb 26th @10am–11:30am

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



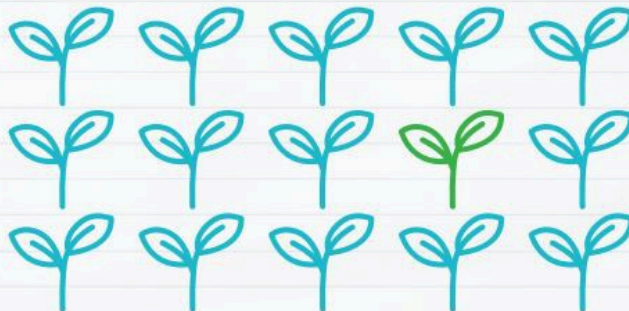
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BE 1 IN OUR 100!

100 KIDS FOR CHANGE

Hey Changemaker, you belong in 100 Kids! We're a group of Oceanside youth who meet 4 times a year to donate money to local charities, and we'd love to see you at our next meeting.



Tuesday,
Feb. 11, 2025
7:00-8:00 pm



Yates Memorial,
1000 Allsbrook
Rd, Parksville



Bring a cash
donation to
the meeting

ARROWSMITH AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

COOMBS FAIR

MONDAY

February 17, 2025

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Bringing Baaack FUN!

13TH ANNUAL

COOMBS

FAMILY DAY

All

Ages!

• Heritage Demos

• Educational Displays

• Games & Crafts

• Face Painting

• Garden Railway

• Live Animals

• Sandbox Treasure Hunt

• Cookie Decorating

• Photo Booth

FREE Hotdogs, Popcorn, Coffee, & Tea

while supplies last.

*Please leave your pets at home.

Coombs Fairgrounds

1014 Ford Road

Coombs, BC

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ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Funding support provided by:

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

Mindfulness in May

“Have Your Say” 2025 Art Exhibit

Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 & surrounding areas,

including home learners

THE SILENCE OF STIGMA 2015

THE ART OF KINDNESS 2021

Early Submissions by **March 21st** for a chance to be featured on the exhibit posters and win extra prizes!

All Media – Digital (non-AI), Fabric arts, Mixed Media, textiles, Sculpture etc.

3 Categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literary Art

All works due by April 4th

Submit online here:

<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

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VANCOUVER ISLAND

REGIONAL LIBRARY

Exhibition: May 1st-11th at the Qualicum Beach Library

660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach

OPENING EVENT MAY 1ST 6:00-7:00PM

SHOW RUNS APRIL 30TH-MAY 10TH DURING LIBRARY HOURS

For questions or more info, contact Diane at moraninthemoon@gmail.com

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