



# ARROWVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 3, 2018

## Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope you had a chance to enjoy the spring break with your children. We have many exciting things to look forward to this spring. Please make sure to check the dates to remember in this newsletter and update your calendars at home. We do keep our calendar posted on our website and it is advisable to check it regularly.

During the spring break, a district announcement came out about changes to administrative staffing for September. It is with mixed emotions that I will be leaving AES at the end of the school year. I will be moving to Errington Elementary School to be Principal, as the current Principal (Marsha Dawley) will be retiring. I have really enjoyed my time at AES and am proud of all the things we have accomplished together. While I am excited about joining the EES team, I look forward to the next few months at AES. Lisa Pedersen-Skene will remain as Vice-Principal at AES next year, and she will be joined by a principal new to SD69 named Ixchel Bradley. Ms. Bradley will be coming from the Surrey School District.

With the longer days and the spring weather trying to make an appearance, we hope that the children are spending time outdoors. For those students who do spend time on the computer, the article below provides suggestions on how to make online safety a priority in your home.

Technology has changed how students learn and how they socialize. Millions of kids in all age groups are online every day – at home, at school, at friends' homes, at the library – and many are creating online content.

To keep your child safe online:

**Discuss rules and expectations.** Use software that helps to protect kids, but supervise carefully, too. Only allow your child to communicate with people you both know when he's online.

**Set limits on screen time**, such as 10 hours or fewer **per week**. Remember that screen time includes TV, computer and video game use.

**Do not allow your child** to reveal personal information online, such as his name, phone number, school, passwords or location.

**Keep Internet access** out of your child's room. Only let your child go online if you can see what he's doing.

**Learn about websites** your child wants to visit. Are they safe? Do you approve of their content?

**Encourage your child** to be honest with you if something inappropriate occurs online. React calmly if this happens. Report your concerns to the authorities.

**Stay informed** about online safety. Visit sites such as [www.fosi.org](http://www.fosi.org) (Family Online Safety Institute) and [Netsmartz.org](http://Netsmartz.org) for more tips.

*Source: Elementary School Parents (April 2013, Vol.24, No.8)*



## Families on the Move?

Please let the school office know if your family will be moving next year. As planning is underway for next year, it is very helpful if we are aware of any students who will not be attending our school in September.

## Planning for September

Soon we will begin developing a draft class organization for next school year. This includes projecting student enrolment and creating classes that make the most efficient use of our staff, while at the same time, observing provincial class size limits and building classes that can work together as a team. Attached below is a letter from the Assistant Superintendent regarding class formation for September 2018. If you would like to provide input to your child's placement, please do this by **Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that parent input is one of a number of factors that guide us in the formation of classes. We must pay attention to the other important considerations outlined in the letter below, which contribute to an optimum learning environment for all children. While a smaller school such as ours has many benefits, we are also faced with a very limited number of classes at each grade level – which limits placement options.



## SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

March 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

### **RE: CLASS BUILDING FOR 2018-19**

During the next month, staff at our schools will begin the complex process of forming classes for the upcoming school year. This work includes projecting student enrollment and creating classes that make the most effective use of our staff and most importantly, building balanced student groupings that can work together cohesively as learning communities. This is a challenging task as there are many factors that must be taken into consideration including:

- Social and emotional dynamics
- Academic strengths and needs
- Unique learning needs
- Class size goals
- Class balance

Staff take this work very seriously and collaborate extensively in order to make the best decisions about student placement. We strive to shape classes which will support the learning needs of **all** students.

There are many unknowns as we begin this task. For example:

- We are not sure who all of the teachers will be at our schools next year as the annual staffing process is not completed until late June
- Some staff members may request, or be asked, to change their assignment for next year
- We are never completely clear about our enrollment until early September and so learner groupings must remain somewhat fluid

As a result, the learner groupings that we create in spring are tentative and are not finalized until early in the new school year. For this reason, class groupings will be kept confidential until they are finalized in September.

If you would like to provide staff at your child's school with input into his/her placement for next year, we encourage you to:

1. Talk to your child's current classroom teacher about your interests, and then;
2. Send a note to the school principal outlining what you see as your child's learning needs, preferred learning style or any other information you think might be relevant as staff work through the task of shaping learning environments for the upcoming year.

We ask that you do not request a specific teacher. Your input will be considered along with the other complex variables that go into constructing a class; however, not all recommendations can be honoured.

The deadline for submitting information regarding your child's class placement is **Thursday, April 19, 2018**.

Sincerely,

Gillian Wilson  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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## Celebration of Learning

This is a reminder about our "Celebration of Learning" event coming up next week (Thursday, April 12, 2018). Below is a copy of what was sent out in the newsletter before spring break with information about this event and how to book a time. Teachers have been working on plans for this evening and we hope that you can all attend! We are confident that you will gain a good understanding of your child's learning journey at this event.

In addition to changes to our curriculum, the BC Ministry of Education is also changing assessment of student learning and how we communicate what we notice about student learning with families. Part of the shift is to focus more on opportunities for students to take a central role in sharing where they are in their learning as well as sharing what they see as their next steps. As educational researcher Anne Davies says, "When students communicate with others what they have learned, they come to better understand what they have learned and what they need to learn."




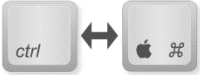
Due to the success we had with our spring conference format last year, we will structure them the same way this spring. Instead of scheduling a 15 minute individual conference with your child's teacher (as we did in the fall), we are setting up 30 minute times on **Thursday, April 12, 2018** (starting at 4:00pm) for families to come into their child's classroom to share and celebrate their learning – most classes will be preparing students to lead this celebration of learning. There will be up to six families at a time and teachers will be mingling and facilitating in a variety of ways.

Families who have specific questions for teachers that they feel need private conversation after the celebration of learning, are encouraged to make appointments with the classroom teacher at a mutually convenient time. We look forward to seeing everyone on **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the information below to book your child's "celebration of learning" time.



Parent-Teacher-Student Celebration of Learning bookings will be available online at <https://aes.schoolappointments.com>. Online bookings will open March 12, 2018. Please sign on through the online bookings to book your celebration time. If you have any problems or questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at (250) 752-3875 when we are back in session on April 4, 2018. You will find a quick link to the school appointments online website in our "Quick Links" section of our website homepage titled "School Appointments Online".

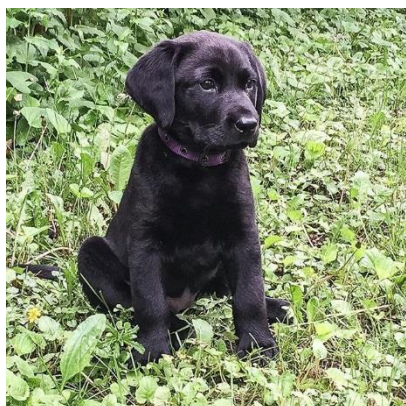
### School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://aes.schoolappointments.com/>
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 "**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  or  key to select multiple staff to view at the  same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.



### POPCORN SALES

We are excited to announce that popcorn sales will begin! **Every Thursday, at lunch recess**, the Learning Services team and some helpful students will be selling popcorn for **\$2.00**. There will be four kinds to choose from and they are all nut-free and gluten-free! If you forget, don't worry because sales will be every week!



### Information from Room #10: A letter that Mrs. Macmillan sent out to her class:

We have an exciting opportunity to offer the students in the classroom. As some of you may be aware, when I am not teaching your children at school, I am a volunteer raiser of service dogs through the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS). I have brought two of these service dogs to school for a morning visit to our classroom.

From mid-March to mid-May I have the opportunity to raise a new service puppy – from age 8-16 or so weeks. We call this Puppy Kindergarten! It is my firm belief that service puppies-in-training provide wonderful benefits to the students in my classroom, as there is wonderful opportunities for teaching students about the learning process, self-regulation, empathy and kindness to others.

The puppy-in-training will only be in our classroom on Fridays, from 8:30 am until 10:30 am. We may do some presentations in other classes after the recess break, when Mr. Fraser is teaching our class. The puppy will always be in a PADS vest, and under my direct control, unless in its sleeping spot.

### Common Questions:



Q: Have you brought service puppies to a classroom before?

A: Yes, in fact this puppy's mother, PADS Cadence, came to my K/1 classroom twice a week, all day for 5 months. The students found her to be a calming presence, and they learned about how they could help train her (mostly by exposing her to noise and food!) The Vice Principal was so impressed by how PADS Cadence created a positive classroom environment, she started to raise a PADS puppy too!

Q: Will the puppy be identified?

A: Yes, PADS is an internationally accredited service dog organization, and as such, all puppies come with a PADS vest, which both identifies the dog, and teaches the dog that it is working. The puppy also comes with a license from the BC Ministry of Justice allowing it to enter businesses and public spaces. Visit [pads.ca](http://pads.ca) for more information.

Q: May I pat the puppy?

A: Yes, you or your family members may ask me to greet the puppy. As this is a service dog-in-training, these are viewed as important training opportunities, but they do have some protocol surrounding the greetings – for example, I need to ask the puppy to sit, not others.

Q: How do you give the puppy up?

We are raising service dogs, not adopting a pet for life. It is actually a lot like being a teacher; you get super attached, but you know that they are going on to bigger and better things. It also helps listening to clients talk about how their service dog completely changed their life. But it is still hard to say good-bye!

Q: Can you train my dog?

No, I am not a certified dog trainer, but I have been trained by PADS to help train service dogs, and that means very different things than training a pet.

## AES Calendar of Events

<b>April</b>	3	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	12	Celebration of Learning (Student-Led Conferencing)
	17	Class Photos
	19	"Pete the Cat" Event at Oceanside Place (for 2018-19 Kindergarten Families)
	21	AES PAC "I Made It" Market
	27	Conferencing Adjustment Day - No School
<b>May</b>	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	21	VICTORIA DAY – No School
	28	Grade 6 Immunizations
<b>June</b>	6-25	Grade 3 Swim Program
	28	Last day of sessions, school ends 3 hours early (11:45)

\*\*Please note the above calendar will be updated as new events occur\*\*



## Host Families Needed

The Qualicum International Student Program (District 69) is currently looking for host families in the District 69 Area to host international students from around the globe. We are looking for short-term homes (1 week to 8 week programs) as well as long-term homes (5–10 months) and summer homes. You must be able to provide a warm and welcoming home environment, a private bedroom (which includes a bed, dresser, desk, chair, and proper lighting) and three meals per day with snacks also provided. Some transportation will be required and students must have total inclusion in the family as would be granted a family member.

Hosting an international student will provide you with the opportunity to make new friends from around the world and can be an exciting cultural experience to share with your family! There is financial compensation to cover the costs of hosting an international student. Participating in the program can be a life changing experience for both students and their host families.

### Get involved today!

If you are interested in hosting an international student please call Sandie or Jenny at 250-951-0857 or email us at [homestay@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd69.bc.ca) Families will be financially compensated.

More information and registration is also available on our website at [www.schoolincanada.ca/live-here/homestay/become-homestay-family/](http://www.schoolincanada.ca/live-here/homestay/become-homestay-family/)



## OYSS Spring Soccer Registration Now Open

Spring Soccer Registration is now OPEN. For a fun spring season (April 14 to June 16) of soccer for 5-12 year old boys and girls register online at [OceansideYouthSoccer.com](http://OceansideYouthSoccer.com). Late fees apply after March 15, 2018.

Teams will be made up of similar aged players as best as possible given the numbers of players. All games will be held locally within Oceanside. Exact times and fields remain to be determined but games will be held Saturday mornings from 9-12.



For more information: <http://www.oceansideyouthsoccer.com>



# 5 or 10 km RUN

## COME AND SUPPORT

*Ballenas 2018 Grads and Oceanside Track and Field Club*

## SUNDAY APRIL 22

Qualicum Beach Civic Center

9:00 - 10:00 am Day of race registration (patio behind pool)

10:30 am Run start

\$10 donation recommended (free with PLEDGE forms)

Support and water along the way

Pledge forms available at BSS office or [oceansidetrackfield.ca](http://oceansidetrackfield.ca)

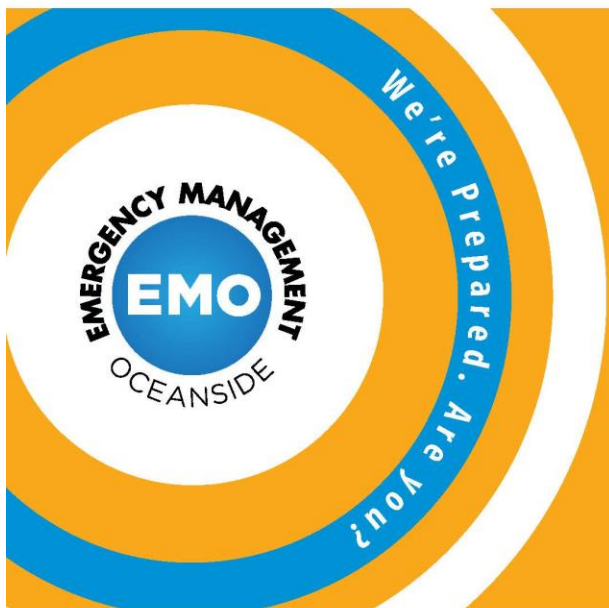
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY TRACK UPGRADE QUEST



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[www.oceansidetrackfield.ca](http://www.oceansidetrackfield.ca)



# emergency PREPAREDNESS EXPO 2018

SATURDAY APRIL 28  
9 am to 4 pm  
QUALICUM BEACH  
CIVIC CENTRE

## Be Aware • Plan • Prepare • Survive!

Emergencies can happen at any time and your best defense is to be prepared. Expo 2018 is a fun, informative way to learn about being prepared and about the many resources available to Oceanside residents.

Check out the displays, demonstrations and workshops. Local first responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities and emergency partners will host a variety of activities to help emphasize the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. Everyone welcome!

**FREE ADMISSION**

- SEE** emergency response equipment, displays and demonstrations.
- LEARN** about preparing for an emergency at home, work or school.
- TALK** to professionals about careers in emergency response.

### Free drop-in WORKSHOPS

- 10 to 11 am Fire Safety for Homeowners
- 11:30 am to 12:30pm Adventure Smart: Stay Safe on the Trails
- 1 to 2 pm Home Insurance 101
- 2:30 to 3:30 pm Age and Health Factors for Preparedness

### Free half-day WORKSHOPS

(Pre-registration [emergencyservices@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:emergencyservices@rdn.bc.ca) or 250 390-6759)

- 9 am to noon Post-Earthquake Rapid Damage Assessment
- 1 to 4 pm Disaster! Surviving the First Few Hours

## EXPERIENCE SHAKE ZONE



The Parksville/Qualicum Shrine Club will have food services available on site.



# We're prepared. Are you?

### 9 am-4 pm

Experience what it's like to go through a major earthquake.  
**The ultimate earthquake simulator**  
Shake Zone shakes home the importance of being prepared.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OCEANSIDE

City of Parksville [parksville.ca](http://parksville.ca)    Town of Qualicum Beach [qualicumbeach.com](http://qualicumbeach.com)    Regional District of Nanaimo [rdn.bc.ca](http://rdn.bc.ca)

11-14yrs

# BABYSITTERS CERTIFICATION

Get trained. Get hired.

**Saturdays**

**Apr 14 or May 12, 2018**

**9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**\$46.35**

**Qualicum Commons**

*Fee includes manual*



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**Register at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)**

Ravensong Aquatic Centre  
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach  
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena  
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville  
250-248-3252

Find us on



8-13YRS

# DODGEBALL

**Oceanside Place Arena**

**Tuesdays**

**4:00-5:00 pm**

**Apr 24 - May 15**

**\$20/4**

**Pre-registration required**



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14-17 yrs

# SHE'S IN NATURE YOUTH

## Find Yourself in Nature

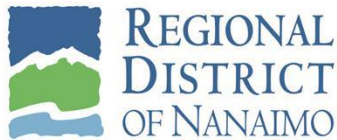
### Females only

**\$25/4**

Being active in nature is great for your physical, and mental health. Learn the skills needed to safely explore our parks and trails and develop confidence hiking as a group.

**W Apr 11-May 2 3:15-5:15pm**

Registration includes four guided hikes.



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# LIFESAVING COURSES

## Learn to be a lifesaver at Ravensong Aquatic Centre

### Bronze Star

10-13rs

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm  
April 14—June 23

8116

### Bronze Medallion

13yrs+

Sundays 12:00-5:00pm  
April 8—May 6

8115

### Bronze Cross

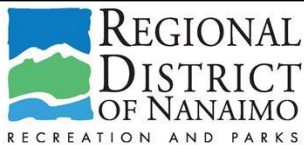
(Pre-req Bronze Medallion)

Sundays 12:00-5:00pm  
May 27—June 24

7020

### You do the math...

*Great job*  
*+ Leadership skills*  
*+ Lifelong friends*



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