

# THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

It has been a short, but very productive week with students.

Reminder that tomorrow, **January 22, 2021 is a ProD Day and there is no school for students.** Staff will be participating in a variety of activities to help enhance the learning experiences of all students.

English Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 school begins on Monday, January 25, and is open until Friday, January 29. Information on this can be found on our district website at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca).

The following is a message from Island Health:

*Island Health continues to remind people across Vancouver Island to double down on their efforts to help stop the spread of the virus. COVID-19 is in all of our communities and everyone must continue to follow the steps we know are effective in reducing the risk of transmission.*

*Washing our hands regularly, keeping at least two metres apart, wearing a mask in public spaces, and getting tested if you feel unwell are fundamentals of defeating this virus. It is also so important that everyone limit their travel between communities and outside of the province, unless it is absolutely essential for work or medical care.*

*Testing is fast and easy – people aged 4 and older with symptoms of COVID-19 can be tested with a gargle test or nasopharyngeal swab and results are usually available within 24 hours.*

*For more information on COVID-19 case numbers, visit Island Health's COVID-19 [dashboard](#) or the BCCDC COVID-19 [data hub](#). You can find more information on COVID-19 at [www.islandhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.islandhealth.ca/covid19).*

The Daily Health Check for Parents and Caregivers has also been updated on the District website. Please ensure that you familiarize yourself with the new checklist. You can also access this information here:

[https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/01/GVSD61\\_DailyHealthChecklist\\_20210115\\_parents.pdf](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/01/GVSD61_DailyHealthChecklist_20210115_parents.pdf)

## **Looking Ahead:**

- **Jan. 22**
  - ProD – No school
- **Jan. 25-29**
  - English Kindergarten Registration Week
- **Feb. 1-5**
  - Grade 4 FSAs

## **Burnside Gorge Childcare and Out of School Care Registration Information:**

The Ministry of Children and Family Development approved funding for two child care studios to be located at Tillicum Elementary. The buildings are nearing completion and will accommodate a before and after school program, and a full time 3-5 year old child care program. The Burnside Gorge Community Association will be providing child care for both units. The **Burnside Gorge Community Association is accepting applicants March 1st for the before and after school spaces only.** Once they have secured staff for the full-time child care spaces they will start accepting applicants for this program. Please continue to visit the website for more information. To contact the Burnside Gorge Community Association please call 250-388-5251 to inquire about the before and after school care program.

### **How to Register Your Child in Out of School Care for the 2021/22 School Year!**

We have made some changes to our registration process for licensed Before and After School Care for children attending Quadra and Tillicum Elementary Schools. Please note this is for new families only! Families who are currently registered will be contacted directly by program staff.

**For families with children attending Quadra Elementary in 2021/22 - Registration for New Families opens on February 1st 2021 at 11:00 am**

Please call the Burnside Gorge Community Association Front Desk Team at 250-388-5251 once registration opens for your child's school. Childcare spots will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

When you call in you will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- Your child(ren)'s name(s) and grade(s)
- What school your child(ren) go to
- What type of care you need (before and/or after school\*)

You will be connected with the appropriate childcare program manager to complete the following steps:

- Filling out and returning your registration package
- Payment of the \$35 registration fee
- Applying for the Affordable Child Care Benefit (if applicable)
- We look forward to meeting you and your family!

\*Before School Care runs from 7:30am until the morning bell and After School Care runs from the afternoon bell until 5:30pm.

Please have a wonderful, safe weekend!

Connor McCoy  
Principal