

THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

Thanks to all of you for your continued support in helping to navigate our school through this ongoing pandemic. Parents and guardians doing the seemingly little things, such as wearing a mask when possible on school grounds, practicing good social distancing measures at all times and modeling for our students, make a world of difference in our school community. On another COVID – 19 note, we are very proud of our grade 4s and 5s for quickly adopting and adapting to yet another change in protocols by wearing their masks. Kudos need go out to our staff, as well, for ensuring all our students understand the importance of and reasoning for all our COVID-19 protocols.

While we are thanking folks: A big thanks to our PAC for their tireless efforts to improve our school. Prior to the break, many members of the PAC collaborated with our District to replace the log structures that our students enjoyed for many years. The result of this collaboration can be seen on both the primary field and the upper nature playground!

Looking Ahead:

- April 2
 - Good Friday – No School
- April 5
 - Easter Monday – No School
- April 6
 - PAC Meeting 7pm

From Our Wonderful PAC:

We would like to extend a big thank-you to the folks in the Facilities department of our school district for providing and installing the amazing benches in our outdoor learning area.

Save the dates:

April 6th – PAC Meeting

April 11th - bottle drive

April 13th @ 6:30pm - Online presentation for parents on the topic of anxiety, registration to open at the end of March, spaces limited.

June 11 - Quadra's Got Talent

Follow PAC activities through the newsletter (<https://vcpac.ca/quadralist>) and on Facebook (Families of École Quadra School), and join the conversations on Slack (https://join.slack.com/t/ecolequadraschoolpac/shared_invite/zt-n7l43z52-3DcVy_6OQLMP4G_Bg9RfPg) and at the next PAC meeting on April 6th.

From Our School District:

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2021** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, and their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-382-8296.

Budget Thought Exchange

Good afternoon,

As the Greater Victoria School District starts preparing the 2021-2022 budget, it is seeking input to

develop a budget that reflects the needs of its learning community. The District is asking families, staff, students and educational partners, how they can prioritize areas to support student success for all.

The District has launched an online engagement where participants can share their thoughts on budget priorities, view the ideas of others, and rate all ideas as they are posted in real-time.

Join the conversation: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/346444921>

*The online forum will close on Monday, April 12, at 4:00 p.m. We encourage people to visit the online platform more than once to build on each other's ideas and to rate any additional thoughts.

All input provided will be presented at the Board Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021, and posted on the District website. The input received will be used to guide decision-making for the 2021-2022 budget process.

Annual budget development allows an understanding of current investment in areas of success for students: literacy, numeracy, health and well-being and the path to reconciliation, while at the same time identifying areas of opportunity and emerging need to advance student success.

The Greater Victoria School District is comprised of 47 schools that serve the communities of Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Victoria, View Royal, portions of Saanich and the Highlands, along with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. It is proud to provide quality education for more than 20,000 students—including 1,000 international students from across the globe and over 650 adult learners.

For more information about the District's annual budget visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/financial/>



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT – TRAINING PROGRAM

APRIL 12TH TO 23RD, 2021

Are you looking to join our District?

Do you want to make a difference in the everyday lives of children?

We have an opportunity for you!

The Greater Victoria School District is offering a two-week condensed training program designed to get aspiring Educational Assistants classroom ready!

For more information about the Educational Assistant Training Program, including program content and requirements for acceptance into the program, visit the School District 61 website at www.sd61.bc.ca and go to [Employment](#).

I wish you all a safe and happy long weekend,

Connor McCoy
Principal