

THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

Students will be dismissed at 11:52 on Tuesday, May 4 for parent-teacher conferences. Conference Zoom links will be emailed out on Monday. If you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher, please click on the link sent to you at your scheduled time.

We are so very happy and grateful for our new GAGA Ball pit; that being said, with all new things come new protocols. It has been a fairly consistent observation that our students are playing in the GAGA Ball pit without masks and outside of their cohorts. In order to align with our District and school wide Covid 19 policies, we are closing the GAGA Ball pit from 2:30 pm until the end of our recognized supervision period – 3:00 pm. We have informed our students of this new protocol but it would be much appreciated if you reviewed this with them. On that note, we seem to have many students still on campus past the 3 pm time. We again respectfully ask that you arrange to pick up your student/s immediately after dismissal.

Looking Ahead:

- May 4
 - **Early Dismissal – 11:52 am** - Parent/Teacher or Student Led Conferences
 - PAC Meeting 7pm
- May 9
 - Mother's Day
- May 10
 - Class Photos
- **May 19**
 - District 'Get Growing' seed distribution at Quadra
 - 2:30-5:00 pm
- May 21
 - ProD – No School for Students
- May 24
 - Victoria Day –No School



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2021 – 2022 Class Building Parent/Guardian Information

Our goal at École Quadra Elementary is to provide optimal learning experiences for every child. The process of student placement is a complex task which we undertake thoughtfully. The unique needs of all learners are carefully considered as we address a variety of factors. Staff expertise and educational experience with class configuration are the drivers for this work. Our staff do an exceptional job of planning for student success at all grade levels and we appreciate your trust and support as we undertake this process.

Process for Student Placements: The School District allocates staffing based on projections for student enrolment and we always anticipate some changes in the fall. Staff moves, teaching assignments and grade configurations change annually. Configuration of classes must adhere to provincial class size legislation as well as District policy and contractual obligations.

Please note: Class configurations often include “combined” classes of two grades. This is standard practice and is educationally sound. All students work on provincially prescribed curriculum and teachers differentiate instruction for all students.

While we appreciate that specific friendships are important to children, we also acknowledge that getting to know others and learning to work together is a crucial aspect of learning and social development.

Considerations for Student Placement: Once tentative classes are organized, we begin to allocate students to proposed classes. Staff discussions concerning student placements will happen during a number of meetings with teachers, support staff and administration. We carefully consider the following criteria:

- Numbers of students permitted in each class (Collective Agreement / District Policy)
- Academic needs and learning styles
- Social and behavioural needs
- Previous class placements
- Provision of support staff working with students with Ministry Designations

In exceptional circumstances, parents may have additional information to share about their child. While parental input is considered, we cannot guarantee parent requests will be met. Please note: **Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered or discussed.** Thank you for not putting staff in an ethically compromising position by discussing your preferences for your child's classroom placement. Instead, if you have additional information to share about your child, please contact Mr. McCoy directly by May 15th.

From Our Wonderful PAC:

Please join us at the next PAC meeting, as we plan out the remaining activities for the school year. Note that PAC elections and budget planning will take place in late September.

Tuesday, May 4th @ 7pm

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62911987301?pwd=T3AzUXJDdXphRHg0d1g3Y2xGTTlxdz09>

Meeting ID: 629 1198 7301

Passcode: Z&19pZH8

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From Our School District:

Grade 6 Student Class Placement for 2021-2022



It is difficult to know exactly what school will "look" like in the fall. Never the less, the Lansdowne Middle School staff will soon be working on tentative placements of students for next year. If you have any information you would like to share or requests you would like to make regarding the placement of your son or daughter, please submit this in writing to Mr. Powell –

spowell@sd61.bc.ca – by May 14, 2021. We will attempt to incorporate your suggestions into our plans. Please note that all of our grade 6 students will attend school at our *Lansdowne South Campus*.

Your letter or email should outline educational reasons, individual needs, and social connections. There will be situations where it will not be possible to accommodate all requests because of the many factors involved in trying to build the best possible educational experience for all students. Among the factors we consider are: peer relationships; the child's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs; providing enriched opportunities and support; balancing numbers of students between classes; and trying to create the most advantageous overall educational setting possible for all students. We try to accommodate all requests received by May 14th. It is much more difficult to accommodate any requests received once the class-building process has begun. We will begin class building in May, but all lists will be considered temporary until later in September when we can confirm numbers and staffing.



FREE VEGGIE SEEDLINGS FOR YOUR GARDEN!



AS PART OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA'S [GET GROWING](#) PROGRAM,
LIFECYCLES & FARM TO SCHOOL BC WILL BE DISTRIBUTING
FREE VEGGIE PLANTS TO YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON
WED MAY 19 @ 2:30 - 5:00
IN FRONT OF QUADRA ELEMENTARY

- PLANT VARIETIES INCLUDE VEGGIES, HERBS & EDIBLE FLOWERS
- DISTRIBUTION WILL FOLLOW HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS
- PLEASE WEAR A MASK & FOLLOW SIGNAGE FOR DISTANCING
- IF POSSIBLE, BRING A BOX TO TAKE YOUR PLANTS HOME IN
- QUESTIONS? CONTACT: GROWINGSCHOOLS@LIFECYCLESPROJECT.CA



Have a Wonderful, Safe Weekend,
Connor McCoy
Principal