

THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

Remember, Pro-D Day tomorrow so no students! We had a very busy week of learning and play this week. Our slide on the primary field now has a set of stairs built into the mound leading to the slide. Progress!! We are hoping this area will be open to our students very soon.

Halloween/Black and Orange Day: On Friday, October 29th: Students may, if they choose, dress up in a school appropriate costume or simply wear black and orange for Halloween again this year. Please be aware that **costume restrictions include**: anything that precludes them from wearing a medical mask; overt gore; weapons of any kind; any semblance of cultural appropriation.

NEW Quote for the week:



Looking Ahead:

- **Nov 1-5**
 - School-Wide Write
- **Nov 2**
 - PAC Meeting 7pm
- **Nov 5**
 - Photo Re-take Day
- **Nov 11**
 - Remembrance Day – No School
- **Nov 12**
 - Pro-D – No school for students

From Our Wonderful PAC:

Quadra Spirit Wear Now Available for Purchase

Your PAC has arranged a special store to directly purchase your school spirit wear for those that are interested. **The online store will be open until midnight, October 29th only.**

Clothing ranges from \$16 for the basic logo t-shirt to \$40 for the detailed logo hoodie and comes in both youth and adult sizes.

Shipping includes cost and clothing will be directly delivered to your child's classroom. Alternatively it can be picked-up from a PAC volunteer if you would like to keep it a surprise. If you are looking for gift ideas, orders will be ready in plenty of time for the holiday season.

Order directly here: <https://columbiapromotions.commonsku.com/shop/11e34103-3d3c-40e7-a5f7-9ed1d6d6ff31/shop>



From Our School District:

The Greater Victoria School District is considering the sale of 1.9 acres of land at Lansdowne Middle School - South Campus to the Victoria Hospice Society. We wish to provide you with additional information and an opportunity to share your input.

Please see the following letter from our Interim Superintendent, Deb Whitten for more details:

Greater Victoria School District Seeks Input on School Police Liaison Officer Program

VICTORIA, BC – The Greater Victoria School District is reviewing the School Police Liaison Officer (SPLO) Program. The District is asking for feedback from all members of the learning community through a survey to gather input on people’s perspectives and experiences with the program.

In September 2020, the Board of Education passed a motion to form a committee to review the SPLO Program. The committee represents students, parents and guardians, key stakeholders, Indigenous groups, police officers, senior administration and trustees.

Over the last year, the committee has participated in educational learning opportunities on anti-racism and culturally committed approaches. The committee hosted a speaker series informed by school communities and members of the public about their interactions with the SPLO program, including the collection of written and recorded submissions that could be shared with the committee to review.

As part of the next steps, the District wants to hear from the community about the future direction of the SPLO Program, including individual experiences and perspectives. The results of the survey will inform recommendations for the Board’s consideration by spring 2022.

“The Board is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment for all of our students and staff,” said Ann Whiteaker, Board Chair. “We are working hard to understand how best to move forward with the program to meet the needs of our diverse community, in partnership with the policing community. It is important we hear the perspectives and experiences of our learning community and encourage participation in this survey on the SPLO Program.”

For more than 30 years, police liaison officers from multiple departments have served as resources to District schools. They assist with education and drug prevention, school safety drills, community and sports events, and addressing school violence. Currently, there are 12 police liaison officer positions serving elementary, middle and secondary schools in the District.

The survey is open for two weeks. It will close on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 4 p.m.

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD61-SPLO-Program>

Have a Wonderful, Safe Weekend,
Connor McCoy
Principal