

# THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

To begin with, I would like to wish all families a safe and happy long weekend. Quality time spent with family is so developmentally important for our children and they are all so lucky to have you, our Quadra parents, in their lives. (remember, no school on Monday!!)

**Important info: Parking lots and our neighbours:** By necessity, last year we had to use the door we labelled as H as a student entrance. This door is right off the gym and leads out to our smaller parking lot off Finlayson. Last year, we chained this area off and re-designated the maintenance staff parking spot to our other parking lot as students needed to walk through the parking lot to get to their entry door (H). As we no longer are running a cohort system, we don't require the use of this door this year and have removed the (H) from the door. The parking lot is once again a very active area with District maintenance staff coming and going from morning to end of day. Our admin team occasionally has to leave the building for offsite meetings as well. Students are being retrained to avoid travel through this parking lot. To help us with this, we are asking that parents not use this parking lot as a walkway to drop off or pick up their children. Supervision staff, in the last few weeks, have been gently asking parents to avoid this area. Almost all such requests have been received respectfully but several parents have been quite upset. Please understand that safety is our primary concern and walking through either of our two parking lots with or without children is not an example of safe practice. I have also received communication from several of our neighbours about their driveways being blocked on Quadra street during morning drop off. Please avoid blocking driveways on both Quadra and Fifth street as we certainly want to maintain positive relationships with our community members.

**Masks:** With the new mask mandate going into its second week, we are respectfully requesting that you send your student to school with an extra mask. We know that these go missing like mittens in the winter but we are having a hard time keeping up with the demand.

**Parent-teacher Conferences:** Please remember that this Thursday and Friday we will be dismissing at 1:35 pm for our Parent/Teacher conferences.

**Outdoor time:** Being outside on a daily basis was important before COVID and is even more important now. Going forward, unless we are having severe weather, we will attempt to get our students out on a daily basis (rain or shine). Please look at the weather forecast each morning and ensure that your child has proper footwear and a weather appropriate jacket.

**Photo Day** – please refer to this PDF:

**Kudos:** Special thanks to Catherine McDuff and her small team of parent and student volunteers who came to the school on Sunday and ran a very successful bottle drive. Also, a big shout out to Madame Clausen and her team of parent and students who beautified our front flower beds. Have a look at what was accomplished in an afternoon:







### **Looking Ahead:**

- **Oct 11**
  - Thanksgiving – no school
- **Oct 12**
  - Student Photo Day
- **Oct 14-15**
  - Early Dismissal for Students – 1:35pm
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Oct 22**
  - Pro-D – no school for students
- **Nov 5**
  - Photo Re-take Day

**From Our Wonderful PAC:**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our bottle drive and garden beautification, we should have a final tally of funds raised soon and will share that with everyone when we know.

As a reminder our next PAC meeting is being held on Tuesday, November 2 at 7 PM, everyone is welcome to attend.

**From Our School District:**

Please click on the following link for a letter from our school district:



September 2021 Snapshot

**Preparing for School: Resilience, Connection and Skills for a Successful  
September**

Have a Wonderful, Safe Long Weekend,  
Connor McCoy  
Principal