

THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for your efforts in ensuring that your child/ren are arriving at school with weather appropriate clothing and footwear. I can't stress enough how important it has been for our kiddos to get outside on a daily basis. The mental and physical health benefits of being outdoors and interacting with peers are huge. Being an 'all weather recess' school can be challenging but the reward is worth the extra effort so once again, thank you for your efforts!

Gentle reminder: remember to cross the street with our crossing guards at the beginning and the end of the day and please do not lead your child/ren through either of our two parking lots at any time.

We will be observing Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 10. This observance will be virtual and viewed by all classes.

Please remember that on both Thursday (Remembrance Day) and Friday (Pro D) there is no school for students.

On another note: We are asking all parents/guardians/family members to keep their dogs outside of the school fence during school hours (thanks in advance for your cooperation).

Quote for the week:



Looking Ahead:

- **Nov 7**
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends – clocks back one hour
- **Nov 11**
 - Remembrance Day – No School
- **Nov 12**
 - Pro-D – No school for students

From Our Wonderful PAC:

We are excited about our upcoming Loonie Emporium both for the students as well as our fundraising efforts. We have had one parent step forward willing to co-host and are asking for one more parent to support the organizing efforts. Please reach out to the PAC at Ecolequadrashoolpac@gmail.com if you are interested and we will be in touch.

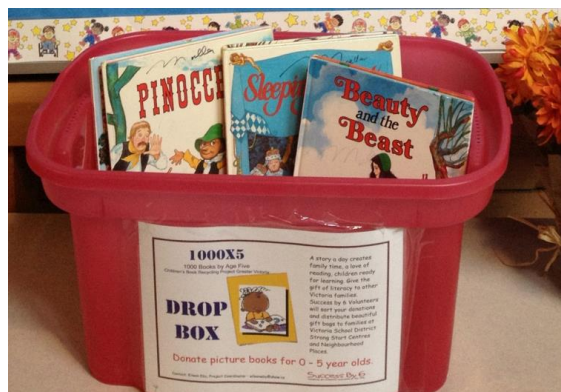
Shout-outs to all the volunteers that helped us with the fall bottle drive, we received our final tally and raised a total of \$1,483.12! Our next bottle drive is being held on January 2 so please save your bottles, we will also need volunteers for this event. Please reach out if you are able to come and support.

To stay up to date make sure you subscribe to our newsletter (<https://vcpac.ca/quadralist>), and on Facebook (Families of École Quadra School), and join the conversations on Slack (https://join.slack.com/t/ecolequadrashoolpac/shared_invite/zt-y85ozgw-7b~MoHSo34AIW1U7Q9FUaA).

Our next PAC meeting will be held on February 1 at 7 PM, we welcome all parents to join us.

From Our School District:

3 Books = 1 Gift
5th year of challenge



This year, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bags: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Quadra Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1332 books, enough for gift bags of books to 444 children. **Let's make it happen.**

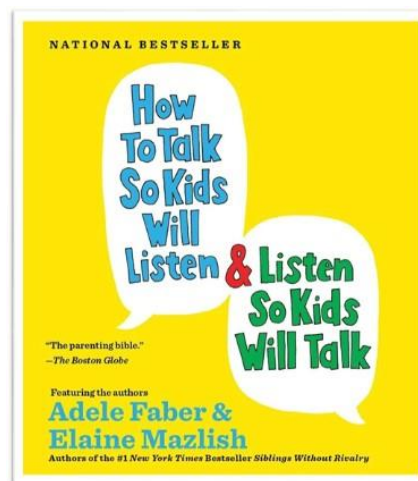
Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin outside of the office.



November 2021 Early Learning and Elementary Snapshot

This month's topic is on communication!

A summary of ["How to Talk so Kids will Listen and How to Listen so Kids will Talk"](#)



Planning begins for new seismically safe Cedar Hill Middle School

VICTORIA, BC – The Greater Victoria School District is in the early stages of planning for a new school for Cedar Hill Middle and is asking the school community and neighbourhood to be involved in the design

process. The current school has an H-1 seismic ranking, the highest level of priority need and needs to be replaced.

The District is hosting an online information session next week to discuss the scope of the project, public engagement, timelines and potential use and design features for consideration.

In July 2021, the Province announced \$42.9 million for a low-carbon, seismic replacement for Cedar Hill Middle. The District will contribute another \$3.6 million, bringing the project total to \$46.5 million.

The new building, serving 575 students, will be designed and constructed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and exceed LEED Gold Equivalent design, with more efficient heat pumps, and displacement ventilation in classrooms. These temperature and air systems will use renewable BC Hydro energy to minimize the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels.

The new school will set a new standard for sustainability in the District while providing facilities tailored to the needs of modern-day learning and student and staff well-being. It will also include a neighbourhood learning centre for additional community programming space.

The school community and broader public will be asked for input at three stages of design. The first information session to learn more about the process will be online on November 9, 2021. Staff, parents and guardians, and members of the community are invited to attend. The District will continue to consult in the coming months on design and other potential amenities.

Online Information Session

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/62758837061?pwd=dGhDNU43WUU0L1BqQXZ6N0p1QXVadz09>

An online survey will also launch following the information session and run until November 23, 2021. For more information visit: www.sd61.bc.ca

“We are just at the beginning of the process. Over the coming months, the District will be engaging students, staff, parents, Rightsholders, community members, and other stakeholders to help shape plans for the new Cedar Hill Middle School,” said Board Chair, Ann Whiteaker. “We believe that success in planning a new school comes from listening and understanding the diverse wants and needs of the current and future school community. These ideas will help inform the overall design and the educational spaces that will benefit students and staff for years to come.”

The new school is scheduled to be completed by January 2025. The current school will remain open until the new school is constructed.

Have a Wonderful, Safe Weekend,
Connor McCoy
Principal