## THE QUADRA WEEKLY BRIEFING

Dear Quadra Community,

This week I would like to start off by sending a shout out to our friends and partners at the Victoria Harbourside Rotary. These fantastic folks have worked with our counselors and our office staff to introduce the starfish backpack program at Ecole Quadra. This program provides extra food to families who may need it. A big thanks to the all those at the Rotary who have made this program possible. While we are on the topic of shout outs, I would like to recognize all the teachers who made our grade 4/5 track day such a success today. We had great weather for our athletes who competed in everything from the 100 meter dash to shotput (with softballs). We look forward to sending some of our athletes to the May 26 Zone C track meet at Uvic on May 26<sup>th</sup> (more information to follow in subsequent Daily Briefings). On a final note, we really look forward to meeting and welcoming our next year kindergarten families and students at our Welcome to Kindergarten event, also on May 26<sup>th</sup>.





May 3

Whole class photos

**PAC Meeting** 

May 5

Interim reports sent home

May 20

Pro-D - no school

May 23

Victoria Day – no school

## Please see the following information from our wonderful PAC:

few updates from your PAC. If you are able to assist please reach out to us directly at ecolequadraschoolpac@gmail.com

- 1. Annual Quadra Village Days Event is happening on Saturday, June 11th 10AM-2PM. This is a free family event where Quadra PAC would have a table to provide information on ongoing programs. If you are able to volunteer for some/all of the events please let us know. Set up is between 9AM-9:30AM.
- 2. Next bottle drive is Sunday, May 1st, save your bottles and come out to donate. If you can volunteer please let us know.
- 3. Next PAC meeting is scheduled for 7PM May 3. Please join us on zoom
- https://zoom.us/j/92978878303?pwd=aDNLVGFUTWRGNXBiVjdLa1ljR3NCZz09

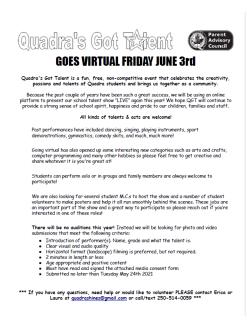
#### WE NEED YOUR TALENTS!!

Remember, going virtual opens up a much wider opportunity to share whatever it is that you're great at! Past performances have included singing, dancing, playing instruments, sports, artwork, magic tricks, comedy skits, science experiments and SO much more!!!

We are also in need of a video MC or two to host the show as well as a number of volunteers who would like to make posters to put up around the school!

Please read the following image for details and send completed media release consent forms and talent photos or videos to Erica or Laura at <a href="mailto:quadrashines@gmail.com">quadrashines@gmail.com</a> no later than **Tuesday May 24th!** 

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING US SHINE!



### From Our School District:

# **Board Highlights**



The Board of Education Highlights provide updates and brief summaries on decisions made during the monthly Board Meetings. For more information, visit the District website to view the full agenda and videostream of the meeting: <a href="www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings-of-the-board/">www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings-of-the-board/</a>

#### **Board Meeting Highlights – April 25, 2022**

#### **UPHIA - Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory (Terms of Reference)**

In collaboration with the Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory (UPHIA), which is one of the Four Indigenous Houses represented within the Greater Victoria School District, the Board approved their Terms of Reference (TOR). This TOR outlines how the Board and UPHIA will work together to improve educational outcomes for Urban Indigenous learners. The TOR also outlines the role of the Indigenous Education Department (IED) in providing authentic Indigenous perspectives in the schools, in curriculum and shared decision-making while being in relationship with UPHIA. The TOR also defines the advisory membership, their roles and how the advisory will work together to represent community voice that best serves Urban Indigenous children and families.

#### **Educational Materials - Fossil Fuel Sponsored Content**

Trustees directed the Superintendent to meet with the Greater Victoria Teachers Association (GVTA) to discuss the appropriate use and distribution of fossil fuel industry-sponsored educational materials in schools.

#### 2022/23 School Year Calendar

The Board approved the District calendar for the 2022/23 school year. The calendar highlights non-instructional days, vacation breaks, school openings and last day of classes. The calendar has been sent to the Ministry for final approval.

#### **Specialty Academy Fees**

The Board directed the District to publish the 2022-2023 Specialty Academy fees, which were approved by the Parents' Advisory Council, online. Specialty academies include:

- Esquimalt High School Rugby Academy
- Lambrick Park Diamond for Excellence Baseball and Softball Academy
- Reynolds Secondary Centre for Soccer Excellence Academy

• Spectrum Hockey Skills Academy

For the schedule of fees: <a href="https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/programs-of-choice/secondary-program

#### 2022/23 Annual Capital Plan

In response to the District's June 2021 Capital Plan submission, the Ministry confirmed support and funding for major and minor capital projects. Projects include seismic upgrades for Sundance Elementary, windows at Vic High, new siding and windows at Lambrick Park Secondary, energy upgrades at Spectrum Community School and a universal playground at Macaulay Elementary. The Board adopted the plan by approving three readings of the Board's Capital Bylaw.

#### **Advocacy Letter to Education Minister**

As a follow up to the passing of the 2022/23 annual budget, the Board directed the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding funding and budget constraints in the 2022/23 school year.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

Connor McCoy