

The Quadra Weekly Briefing

These last couple of weeks have truly been a whirlwind of activity here at Quadra School! We've had the pleasure of conducting not just one, but two winter concerts, and we've been busy organizing delightful winter crafts. All the while, we've been keeping our students engaged and excited, knowing they're eagerly awaiting the winter break!

As we inch closer to Christmas, the anticipation in our little ones is simply infectious, and I have a little secret to share – our staff members are just as thrilled! We're all eagerly looking forward to a well-deserved break from our usual routines.

I want to take a moment to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the tremendous support we've received from our incredible families and dedicated staff over the past few months, especially during this busy cold and flu season. As a parent myself, I understand how challenging it can be to keep your children home when they're under the weather, but it truly helps to keep the rest of us healthy and able to be here for our students.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support of Quadra School. Parent involvement is such an essential part of what makes our school a thriving and nurturing community for our students to learn and grow.

I'd also like to publicly acknowledge and thank our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for going above and beyond in supporting our school community through initiatives like 'Meet the Staff,' the 'Loonie Emporium,' and various fundraising efforts. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

As we approach the holiday season, I wish you all a safe, warm, and joyful holiday. May it be filled with love, laughter, and precious moments with your loved ones. Thank you again for being such an integral part of our Quadra School family. Happy holidays!

From Quadra Staff!

- **Jan 8**
 - Classes resume after Winter Break
- **Jan 14**
 - PAC Sponsored Bottle Drive
- **Jan 26**
 - Pro-D – no school for students

We wanted to share some of the positive initiatives that have enriched Quadra's school community in various ways this term.

Under the guidance of Ms. Pollet and Madame Schwarz, the choir at Quadra Elementary has thrived, creating beautiful harmonies and fostering a sense of musical accomplishment among the students.

The Kindness Ninjas, led by Ms. Ganesan and Ms. Kidd, have undertaken remarkable projects, with their highlight being the collection of an impressive 431 kg of food and supplies for the Mustard Seed. This act of generosity not only demonstrates the compassion of the students but also instills a sense of social responsibility and community support.

Ms. Kaese played a pivotal role in supporting the cross-country team earlier this fall. Through her guidance, students enjoyed early morning practices and had lots of fun at the after school meets.

Mr. Gorman's dedication to the Hockey Heroes program has provided students with a unique opportunity to learn and excel in the development of important physical abilities and, just as importantly, social skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and good sport like interactions, both within the arena and in their daily interactions. *Watch for our Hockey Heroes exposé on Hockey Day in Canada on January 20th! (We will share the link with our school community at a later date).*

During recess, Mr. Crawford and Ms. Kaese have been instrumental in organizing soccer games, providing an outlet for students to stay active, develop their soccer skills, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

Madame Senese's Creative Writing club has been a haven for budding writers, fostering creativity and providing a platform for students to express themselves through words.

In the Art club, led by Madame Katrina, students have explored their artistic abilities, creating beautiful works of art that serve as a testament to the importance of creativity and self-expression.

Quadra staff hosted a successful community-building event during the Meet the Staff night, featuring cookies and milk. It was wonderful to witness numerous connections being made.

We've also organized several theme days, including PJ day and Jersey day, to foster community and school spirit. A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making these days enjoyable and positive!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has played a vital role in supporting school-wide events such as the Loonie Emporium. Both staff and students were truly appreciative of everyone's hard work in ensuring the success of this event.

Overall, the hard work and dedication of Quadra Elementary's educators, parents and guardians, and students have created a vibrant and supportive learning environment and made a lasting positive impact on our school community. Thank you! Merci!



Dear Parents of children born in 2019,

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child. Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). Early French Immersion registration is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29-February 2. All required documents needed for the online registration are found here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

We are very excited to meet you and your child.

Welcome to School District 61.

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

We are writing to share that the report cards you will receive this year will reflect the new Ministry of Education and Child Care reporting order. The Greater Victoria School District has been preparing for these changes and you will likely notice a minimal difference from the previous year.

Some highlights include:

- The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale from K-9 and letter grades and percentages in grades 10-12
- Descriptive feedback on all report cards from K-12
- Student self-reflection of Core Competencies and goal setting
- Graduation status update for students in grade 10-12 in June

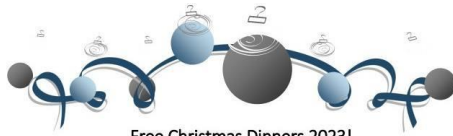
As a district, one change we have made this fall is the way you will receive your child's report card. Families will access report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on

Thursday, December 21, 2023. Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect.

To access the report cards, parents and caregivers need to first create a Parent Connect account. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website or [click here](#).

If you require a paper copy of your child's report card, please reach out to your child's teacher, or speak to the school's office staff directly.

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment please [click here](#).



Free Christmas Dinners 2023!

Dec 11 – 5:30 - 8:30 pm; Community dance at 7 pm – Holiday Dinner – Fernwood Community Center. Register at the Fernwood NRG for tickets by Dec 4: 1240 Gladstone St. (250) 381-1552.

Dec 12 – 5:30-7 pm – Christmas Dinner – Downtown Community Center: 755 Pandora Ave. (250) 383-0076.

Dec 16 – 12 pm – Turkey Dinner – Bay Street Armory: 715 Bay Street. Call or visit The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens Ave - for more Information: (250) 953-1575.

Dec 20 – 12-1 pm – Christmas Lunch – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 21 – 3-6 pm – Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society: 533 Yates St. Back-alley entrance. (250) 383-3514. Ages 13 to 19.

Dec 21 – 5-6 pm – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 22 – Noon – Turkey Lunch – Rainbow Kitchen: 500 Admirals St. (250) 384-2069.

Dec 25 – 8-10 am – Christmas Soup – The Soup Kitchen: 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25 – 12-2 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner – St Andrews Kirk Hall: 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384-5734.

Low Cost Christmas Dinner

Dec 10 – 6 pm – Seniors' Turkey Dinner. \$12. Pick up tickets at Oaklands Community Association: #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Courtesy of the [Action Committee of People with Disabilities](#)

Here is another link to holiday meals available in our community:

News from Our Wonderful PAC

To families of Quadra,

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Loonie Emporium a success! The kids loved it and have great presents for their family members.

Wishing everyone a wonderful winter break and wishing you the very best in 2024!

Sincerely,

Your PAC Executive

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday!