

The Quadra Weekly Briefing

- **Feb 9**
 - French Immersion Carnaval
- **Feb 12-16**
 - SD61 District Transfer Week
- **Feb 13**
 - PAC Meeting
- **Feb 16**
 - Pro-D – no school
- **Feb 19**
 - Family Day – no school
- **Feb 21-22**
 - Kindergarten Screening
- **Feb 28**
 - Pink Shirt Day
- **Mar 15 – Apr 3**
 - Spring Break – school closed

January Highlights

Another month has gone by, and our Quadra community has continued to have many wonderful moments of learning and connection.

Here are just a few highlights from the past month:

Several classes had the opportunity to engage in 60-minute dancing and theatre workshops provided by ArtsReach, a non-profit organization. These workshops, led by professional dancers and actors, were offered at no cost to the school and provided a valuable and enriching experience to all participants.

On our professional development day, many of our staff, including EAs, attended a POPARD workshop to further develop their knowledge base in supporting students with diverse needs. Others participated in a myriad of other learning opportunities that were offered by our district on topics ranging from literacy and numeracy to being an inclusive community.

On January 24th, students and staff enjoyed Fitness Wednesday events. Mr. Thompson guided each class through an exciting and challenging obstacle course. The emphasis was on fun and doing one's best, with no competition involved. Students needing accommodations were encouraged to make necessary adjustments, and if anyone fell off at any point, they were motivated to continue from where they left off. It was also heartening to witness EAs and

Teachers opening up the gym at lunchtime to lead students through various fitness challenges, including hula hooping, high jump, wall sit, and more.

Finally, perhaps the biggest highlight of all was our amazing snow days. The joy and excitement of building colossal snowballs and forts brought immense fun to our community. Witnessing the playground transformed into a winter wonderland filled with smiling faces was truly heartwarming. These memorable moments added a special touch to the month, creating lasting memories for students and staff alike.

It was a great month, and now we eagerly anticipate the diverse activities that February holds in store for our Quadra community.

From Our School District

Annual K – 12 Student Transfer Process

The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 to transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment. To apply for a transfer request you must complete a transfer form during the K-12 Student Transfer Process week of February 12-16, 2024.

Transfer forms are available here for families to print at home: for 2024-2025 school year [K-12 Student Transfer Application](#)

Transfer forms for 2023-2024 school year (current school year) [K-12 Student Transfer Application](#)

Forms will also be available for students to pick up at their school office. Students will return transfer request forms to the office during the period of Feb 12-16th (we are not asking parents to enter schools for this).

Students who are not in the catchment and looking to follow the school pathway at the time of transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary (Grades 5 and 8), will now have to apply for a transfer request. Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow their current school pathway.

For more information on in-catchment school pathways and transitions, please visit [School Pathways & Transitions](#).

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, there is **no advantage of**

submitting your transfer request first. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.

From Our PAC

Happy Friday Families of Quadra!

Valentine's Day Bake Sale: The Valentine's Day Bake Sale is Wednesday, February 14th from 2:30 to 3:15 in the school gym. If you can help by volunteering on the day or by baking, please contact PAC at <https://volunteersignup.org/8YXT4> Suggested donation is \$2 per item.

Spirit Wear: Our official spirit wear store is open until February 16th. Please check out the great hoodies and shirts for purchase here: <https://store.passionsports.ca/QESES/shop/home>.

PAC Recognizes Black History Month: February is Black History Month. Every February, people take the opportunity to honour Black history and its importance to our communities today. Educating ourselves about Black history expands our understanding of the past and enables us to challenge systemic racism that still occurs.

PAC Advocacy Committee In-Person Meeting: The PAC's Advocacy Committee is working to host an in-person dialogue to hear your experiences regarding safety and inclusion at school. Stay tuned for more information!

Next PAC Meeting on Thursday, February 8th, from 7:00 to 8:30: Please join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2505145143>.

Have a wonderful weekend!