The Quadra Weekly Briefing

Looking Ahead

- Mar 15 Apr 3
 - Spring Break school closed
- Apr 3
 - o Classes resume after Spring Break
- Apr 7
 - o PAC Bottle Drive
- May 1
 - o Early dismissal 11:50am
 - Student-Led Conferences
- May 2
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- May 16
 - Grade 5 Transition Day
- May 17
 - o Pro-D no school
- May 22
 - Welcome to Kindergarten Event
- May 29
 - Kindergarten, 1/2 classes and strings Spring Concert
- June 20
 - Grades 2/3, 2/4 and 4/5 Spring Concert

March 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:

March is Healthy Foods month, and we are very thankful for our many food programs that are provided to Ecole Quadra Elementary. Mr. Pickering is our EA in charge of the lunch program who makes sure that friends receive their lunches on a need's basis. Ms. Taccarelli (EA) oversees our snack program and makes sure that we have plenty of healthy snacks for our students to enjoy on a need's basis.

Spring Break

March 16 and return April 3rd (Wednesday), 2024. Please have a safe, happy, and healthy break.

Nutrition in Kindergarten

Mme Tiringer's French Immersion Kindergarten students have been learning about food and kindness. Since March was our healthy foods month, the class made a Friendship Fruit Salad on one Friday, and then a Stone Soup on the following Friday for students to share. The fruit for the fruit salad was provided by the students, and so were the vegetables. We observed that if each friend gave one thing, then we ended up with more to share with others.

Salmon Spawning

Mme Di Biase and Mme Senese's classes are participating in salmonids in the classroom project. Each class received 100 Goldstream coho salmon eggs that hatched in their classroom aquariums. They are carefully observing and learning all about the pacific salmon life cycle and how important they are to our communities and to our environment. They are planning to release the salmon 'fry' at Goldstream park in April. Swim salmon swim!

Mme Pollet's Music Program

This term students in grade 4/5 have been learning ukulele, students in grade ¾ splits have been learning the recorder and Grade 2/3 splits have been learning xylophones. Next term we will be focusing on traditional and contemporary Indigenous music and Protest Music. Concert dates are coming out soon.

Choir Club - Open to students in grades 4 and 5 and takes place weekly on Tuesdays all year round (the wonderful Mme Schwarz accompanies us on the piano). Choir includes one or two field trips a season.

Choir Karaoke - Once or twice a month on Fridays.

Opera Club - every year Ms. Pollet take Gr. 5 students on a special nighttime field trip to the Royal Theatre to see the Opera. This year it is April 1st.and there are over 70 Quadra students/family members attending.

Kindness Ninjas

First, they made a Kindness Quilt on paper, with each ninja contributing kind things that they did at home, school or in the community and it was displayed on the bulletin board. Second, for Random act of Kindness day (RAK), they did a Quadra Kindness Challenge, Coloring contest and a bulletin display. Ninjas wrote kind compliments to one or two friends/ teachers on sticky notes and put them on their desks. Last, they did a 15-minute skit called "Be a buddy not a bully" for Pink shirt day. Their goal was to spread awareness and educate kids about the different types of bullying, how to stop it and get support.

Reading Bear

Reading Bear is a non-profit supported by medical students' group that has offered safety workshops for our Kindergarten students. The session includes healthy living and body facts. English Kindergarten is scheduled for Tuesday February 27th, and French Immersion is scheduled for Tuesday March 12th.

Grade 1 and ½ English

The English Grade 1 classes will be attending Roxy Theater for a live performance today by Kaleidoscope Theater- *The AlliHippoRhinoCrocoDilligator*.

ARTSReach

ArtsReach conducted a theater workshop for both French Immersion Kindergarten classes on February 27th. The students had a lot of fun learning about drama skills with their drama instructor.

Art Club

Art club meets for Grade 3/4/5 with Mme Katrina and Mme Schwarz (who teaches origami to the students).

CSL Report Cards

Report Cards went home on Thursday March 14th online. Unless your teacher is doing CSL Portfolio; meaning you are being updated already.

Other Extra-Curricular Events at Ecole Quadra Elementary

Mme Valikoski – visits the elderly at Summit Hospital each month to sing and do activities.

Mr. Escamilla – conducts Super Soccer club for the Grade 3/4s.

Mr. Stevenson – rugby will be starting up in spring and any students who are interested in playing rugby should contact Mr. Stevenson. He will also be preparing for the Spring Track and Field, and Cross Country events.

Mr. Gorman / Mr. Stevenson – Hockey Heroes continues to meet every Wednesday. This is an amazing venture partnering with our local hockey team.

French Immersion – FRIM Teachers meet monthly to discuss their annual field trip to Bamberton Beach, resources for French Immersion students at Quadra, and professional development practices.

From Our Community



