

The Quadra Weekly Briefing

Looking Ahead

- **May 14**
 - Kindergarten/Grade 1 Immunization Clinic
 - **May 16**
 - Grade 5 Transition Day
 - **May 17**
 - Pro-D no school
 - **May 22**
 - Welcome to Kindergarten Event
 - **May 24**
 - Track Jamboree at UVic
 - **May 29**
 - Kindergarten, 1/2 classes and strings Spring Concert
 - **June 20**
 - Grades 2/3, 2/4 and 4/5 Spring Concert
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Dear Parents,

Staff and administration will soon be working on the tentative placements of students for next year. If you have any input for us regarding the placement of your child, now is the time to send this in writing to Mr. Thompson at tthompson@sd61.bc.ca. We will attempt to incorporate your suggestions in our plans. Your letter should outline educational reasons that you feel are important to your child's school achievement, **not teacher preference. We cannot stress enough that this is not a "request" process.**

There are situations where it will not be possible to incorporate all suggestions because of the many factors involved in building the best possible educational experience for all students.

Considerations when we build classes are among the following: peer relationships, the child's social, emotional, and physical needs, balancing behavior, providing challenge and remedial opportunities, multi-age groupings, and creating the most advantageous educational setting possible for all students.

We would like to emphasize that parents' input is respected and incorporated whenever it is organizationally and educationally feasible, but that it is not always possible to fulfill requests. We will begin class building during the next few weeks, but all lists must be considered temporary and confidential until the first week of September, when we can confirm numbers and staffing.

Despite our best efforts for placement, we may make a placement decision that is different than you expected. If this occurs, you can contact the office after students move into their classes in the first

week to submit your appeal. However, there will be a two-week waiting period once classes are announced to allow us, and you, reasonable time to ensure we make the right placement decision for all students based on the rationale above. These procedures have been carefully refined and implemented and they ensure we create the most supportive and optimal learning environment for all students at Quadra School.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

T. Thompson

Free seedling distribution – Get Growing Victoria

May 21, 2:30pm onward

Please bring a cardboard box or flat to take home plants if possible.

7 plants per person maximum

Tomato, Cucumber, Zucchini, Collard Greens, Rainbow Chard, Kale, Lettuce, Basil, Chives, Nasturtiums, Marigolds, Bush Beans

For growing information please see [Growing Together's](#) website for more learning resources -- it's a very rich resource with a lot of content and [videos](#) from local growers

Grow Your Own Food 101 with the Compost Education Centre

On Thursday May 30, the Compost Education Centre will be offering a free introductory vegetable gardening course, [Grow Your Own Food 101](#). The course takes place online, from 5:30-7:00 and **registration is required at the link provided**. This workshop is tailored to folks who have received plants through *Get Growing* and want to learn more about how to give them the best chance of success. I've attached a graphic you can use to share directly with your GGV participants via email or newsletter; as space is limited, and the workshop is intended for GGV recipients, we'd prefer you don't promote it widely via social media.