



February 13, 2026

L'ÉCOLE QUADRA SCHOOL

Update

Coming up:

Monday, February 16—BC Family Day (No School)

Wednesday, February 18—visit from "The Maple Man"

Wednesday, February 25—Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 26—Lantern Festival

PAC meeting at 7pm (virtual)

Thursday, March 12—Learning Updates Home

Friday, March 13—Last day before Spring Break

March 14 to March 29—Spring Break

Our thoughts, compassion, and hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives, to those who were injured, and to Tumbler Ridge as a whole. We stand with the close-knit community and join the province and country in offering our deepest sympathy and support.

Weeks of winter learning at Quadra

While it may feel like an early spring in Victoria, students at Quadra will be learning about winter activities and celebrations around the world in the next few weeks.

Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics are in full swing! Grade 4/5 students in Mme Sydney's class are keeping Quadra updated with a display in the hallway outside the office. Students in several classes are learning about the winter Olympics.

Maple Man and Carnaval

We will be learning about the spring sugar shack tradition in Quebec and other areas in the east. Students will participate in an assembly with the Maple Man on February 18th where they will learn all about maple syrup and sugar shack traditions. Students will also learn about Carnaval, a winter festival that takes place in Quebec every winter.

Lantern Festival

Ms Wu and Ms Ma will be hosting a Lantern Festival in the hallways of Quadra school on February 26th. Students will have the opportunity to learn about Lunar New Year and will participate in a few school-wide activities.

Fill Our Bucket Coin Drive

Fill our bucket! Next week leading up to Pink Shirt Day, Quadra kids are invited to bring in spare pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies or toonies to donate to cancer research. We will be weighing the coins and announcing the primary and intermediate classes with the heaviest bucket at our Pink Shirt Day assembly where Ms. Pollet will also be chopping off her ponytail to donate to Wigs for Kids BC. If you wish to donate online, the amount will be added to the weigh tally. You can donate online at <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/76473/140/False/True>. Our school goal is 50 kg. Donations are due by Friday, February 20th. All money will be donated to the BC Cancer Foundation <https://bccancerfoundation.com/>.

Head Lice Awareness

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk.

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.
- Review the pamphlet [*Wet Combing – How to Get Rid of Head Lice*](#),
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks, using the wet combing method.

For more information:

- Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- Read the HealthLink BC File on [Head Lice HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice](#)

Out of School Care Spaces

Burnside Gorge Community opened up new full-day childcare spaces for toddlers and 3-5 year olds at their Cecelia Childcare Centre. This site also serves Quadra families with K-Gr1 out of school care spaces, as a childcare option for families. They currently have spaces available in their out of school care program as well <https://burnsidegorge.ca/out-of-school-care/>.

Quadra PAC Hosted Event: Movie Night

Join us for a movie night featuring Home Alone (Rated PG) on Friday, February 27th from 5-7pm. The movie will start at 5:15pm.

Seating is limited to 350 people so please register in advance! You may also order pizza in advance no later than Friday the 20th or a limited quantity will be sold by the slice at the event.

By completing the pre-registration form you help us plan seating, snacks and attendance.

Here's the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfweuo44tfJ9wW9dh99H-k24S0RUePYAy0RZTyFFzF8JbAbPA/viewform?pli=1>

If you wish to volunteer and can assist at the event, please complete our volunteer sign up form here: <https://volunteersignup.org/CX34M>



LET'S TALK ABOUT BC'S DRUG CRISIS

Real questions. Real answers. No judgment.

Wonder what's really going on with toxic drugs in BC?
Not sure what's fact and what's just rumors?

VCPAC invites families & teens to come ask your
questions and hear from people who work on the
front lines.



Use the QR code to submit
your anonymous questions
ahead of time.

With:

- **Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk**
Addiction Medicine Physician
- **Davana Harlow**
Clinical Coordinator, Discovery Youth &
Family Substance Use Services
- **Katy Booth**
Researcher, Canadian Substance Use Research UVIC
- **Shae Perkins**
Harm Reduction Peer Educator, AVI Health &
Community Services
- **Aura Boggs**
Education Team, AVI Health & Community Services

SJ WILLIS AUDITORIUM

Wednesday, February 18th - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

923 Topaz Ave, Victoria, BC

No wrong questions. Just information and support.

VCPAC SAFETY TOWNHALL

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

*ON-SITE CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE!
PIZZA & GAMES FOR THE KIDS.*

CREATING SAFE & CONNECTED SCHOOLS

- K-12 Safety Framework
- Data and Trauma-Informed Practices
- Shared Responsibility among Partners

COME SHARE YOUR STORIES & ASK QUESTIONS!

SPEAKERS

- **DEB WHITTEN**, SD61 Superintendent
- **SEAN POWELL**, SD61 Associate Superintendent
- **GEOFF JOHNSON**, Former Superintendent
- **CHRIS CLARKE**, GVTA Health and Safety Officer

 **Feb 26, 2026**
6:30-8:30PM

 **ESQUIMALT HIGH**
847 Colville Rd.

FREE TO REGISTER

<https://forms.gle/z3zU9VA64ZAWqz7R8>

