



May 8, 2026

L'ÉCOLE QUADRA SCHOOL

Update

Coming up:

Monday, May 11 to Thursday May 14- Rainbow Week

Thursday, May 14— Grade 5 Transition afternoon (Visit to Lansdowne)

Friday, May 15—Professional Development Day (no school)

Monday, May 18—Victoria Day (no school)

Tuesday, May 19—Grade 5 strings concert 7pm at UVic

Wednesday, May 20—Jump Rope for Heart (pm)

Tuesday, May 26—Track Meet at UVic

Thursday, May 28—Welcome to Kindergarten 3pm

PAC Meeting 7pm in the library



Quadrastruck– the musical

Thank you to our students, staff, families, and community members for supporting *Quadrastruck: The Musical*. It was wonderful to see our students share their hard work and creativity on the Vic High stage through singing, dancing, acting, and music. We appreciate everyone who helped make the performances such a positive experience for our school community. A special thank you to Mr. Gorman and Mr. Stevenson for writing, directing, and leading this production and for the many hours they dedicated to making it such a success.

Bear Witness Day—May 10

This week, we recognize Bear Witness Day, a day to learn about fairness, children's rights, and reconciliation. Bear Witness Day honours Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation, and raises awareness about Jordan's Principle — a commitment to ensure First Nations children receive the services and supports they need without delay.

At Quadra, we continue to learn together about the importance of equity, compassion, and standing up for the rights of all children. We encourage families to learn more about Jordan's Principle and Bear Witness Day together.

More information can be found here: <https://fncaringociety.com/jordans-principle>



Rainbow Week

May 11 to May 14 is Rainbow Week. We will be celebrating the diversity of gender identity and sexual orientation within our families and our community through stories, classroom activities. We are committed to ensuring everyone in our community feels supported, included and safe to be who they are. Please see the link on our website under the parent info tab for information on SOGI inclusive education <https://quadra.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2025/05/What-is-SOGI-Inclusive-Education.pdf>

Students are invited to wear rainbow colours this week

Monday— red and orange, Tuesday— yellow and green, Wednesday— blue and purple, Thursday—rainbow colours



Quadra Vice Principal Change for the 2026 / 2027 school year

As we begin planning for the next school year, we would like to share a leadership change at Quadra. Madeleine Challies will be moving on to a new role as Vice Principal at Victoria High School. We are so grateful for her leadership and many contributions to our Quadra community over this past year.

We are also pleased to announce that Emmanuelle Henry will be joining our Quadra community as Vice Principal beginning this August. Emmanuelle is the current Vice Principal of Macaulay school. We look forward to welcoming her and will be planning opportunities over the coming months to introduce her to our staff, students, and families.

Student Class Placements 2026 / 2027 school year

Please see the link for more information about our student class placement process. If you have any questions, please reach out to Madeleine Challies, Vice Principal or Brenna O'Connor, Principal.

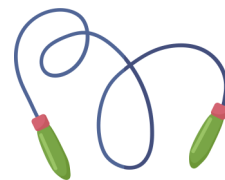
<https://quadra.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2026/03/Student-Placement-Process.pdf>

Students Moving away

If you know that your K—4 children will NOT be returning to Quadra in September, please contact the office as soon as possible. Knowing how many students we expect in September really helps with our planning for a smooth start in September.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is taking part in Jump Rope for Heart during the month of May, with our culminating event taking place on Wednesday, May 20. On that date, we will have a Skip-a-thon at Quadra during the afternoon for all students as part of our focus on active living. Families who wish to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation are welcome to register online using the link below or send a small donation to your child's teacher any time before May 20.



<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/114279>

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](#)

End of day routines

The final few minutes of the school day are an important part of students' learning and success. During this time, classes often come together for reflection, circle discussions, reviewing the day's learning, checking understanding, and preparing students for what to expect the next day. Teachers may also use this time to provide small-group support or connect with individual students who need extra help or reassurance.

Being present for these routines makes a difference to students learning and helps create a calm, positive transition from school to home.

We kindly ask families to wait for the bell before picking students up. This also helps staff safely and carefully ensure that each student is dismissed to the correct adult at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support in helping us create safe, connected, and successful school routines for all students.

Free Seedling Distribution—Get Growing Victoria

May 20, 2:30pm onward

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

7 plants per person maximum

Tomato, Cucumber, Zucchini, Rainbow Chard, Kale, Lettuce, Basil, Scallions, 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.