

Happy New Year and Bonne Annee! Welcome everyone back after the winter break. I hope that you and your families had a relaxing holiday. January is always a busy time at school as we prepare for the following:

- Ready, Set, Learn
- Kindergarten registration and Grade 1 French Immersion registration
- Student Transfer Process
- Foundation Skills Assessment

Please read further along in our newsletter for information on the above items. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

January is also a time to review your contact information. If phone numbers or other information has changed or if your child has had a change with a medical issue, please contact the office with any changes.

Thank you to all the parents/guardians, and community volunteers who give of their time to help around the school. We really appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely, Mrs. Marilyn Campbell

**Winter Clothing**

If you have winter coats that your children have outgrown the school could use some at this time of year. Please send them washed and only if all the snaps and zippers are working. Boys jackets are especially in need. Additionally mitts and gloves are welcomed.

*In case of **INCLEMENT WEATHER** . . . Please check the school district website or the local radio station should there be a snowfall in Victoria. The school district and radio stations will announce/post a message by 6:30 a.m. whether or not the schools are open. ([www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca))*



## UPCOMING DATES



- ◆ Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Ready, Set, Learn
- ◆ Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – School Based Pro-D Day – **Students do not attend**
- ◆ Monday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kindergarten Registration Week 8 a.m. – 3p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tri-District Pro-D Day—**Students do not attend**
- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Aboriginal Dinner
- ◆ Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - PAC Movie Night
- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> – Pink Shirt Day & P.A.C. Art Show 2012
- ◆ Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - Last day of school before Spring Break
- ◆ Monday, March 26 - School Re-opens after Spring Break

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### **Grade 4 Foundations Skills Assessment (F.S.A.)**

Grade 4 students will be participating in the FSA log-in preparation sessions and assessments between Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Children participate in two to three sessions per week from 30 to 60 minutes each. Should your child miss a session, they will be provided with an alternate day/time to complete the testing.

The local and provincial teachers' associations (GVTA & BCTF) have sent home a sealed envelope to families of Grade 4 students, with brochures as to their position on administering the F.S.A. **It is important to note that this information is not coming from or supported by our school district administration.** Please also note that all Grade 4 children in British Columbia are expected to write this assessment except where they have an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) and/or the School Based Team has exempted them from writing all or part of the exam. These exemptions are usually due to a designated learning disability in a specific area (reading, writing, or mathematics), a physical disability or a medical concern. Where an exemption applies a member of the team has already contacted the parents and provided them with the information on the exemption.

Please contact Mrs. Campbell or Ms. English if you have any questions.

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## **Kindergarten Registration Week, January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

- École Quadra School will be offering **Full Day Kindergarten** for English & French again this fall.
- **Registration for Kindergarten will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** in our school library. Please bring along your child's **birth certificate** and **proof of residency in our school catchment area** (utility bill, address on driver's licence, etc.). The application will also ask for your child's **CareCard** and two **emergency contact names** and numbers.
- If you are not able to personally come to the school to register your child, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs. Harris.
- As parents, if you were not born in Canada, please bring documentation to show residency status in Canada.

**If you are uncertain in which school catchment area** you reside, please go to the district website and use the school locator function.

- English Program - [www.sd61.bc.ca/schoolCatchment.aspx](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/schoolCatchment.aspx)
- French Immersion Program – [www.sd61.bc.ca/frim.aspx](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/frim.aspx)

**If you are in the Quadra catchment area (French Immersion or English) but would like to attend another Victoria District school:**

- Register at Quadra beginning January 30<sup>th</sup> and ask for a Kindergarten Student Transfer Request form for the other school.
- Complete the form and drop it off to the district office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.
- The district will inform families in writing whether or not the transfer request is approved or denied.
- Should the request be denied, your child's name will be placed on a wait list at the school requested.

**If you are not in the Quadra catchment area** but have another child attending the school in **K-4**, you are eligible to register your kindergarten or Grade 1 child at Quadra between January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**If you would like to come to Quadra** but do not already have a child registered here or your child is in Grade 5 at Quadra, please go to your catchment school to register and complete a Kindergarten Student Transfer Request form which needs to be dropped off at the district office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The district will inform families in writing whether or not the transfer request is approved or denied. Should the request be denied, your child's name will be placed on a wait list at the school requested.

***We regret that due to the large number of requests, guided school tours of the school are not available during Kindergarten registration week.***

### **Grade One French Immersion registration**

- If your child is currently registered in French Immersion Kindergarten, you do not need to re-register him/her for French Immersion Grade One.
- If you have a child whom you would like to have enter the French Immersion Program for the first time in Grade One (the child is currently in English Kindergarten here at Quadra or another kindergarten program private or public) please come into the school and register for Grade One French Immersion during Kindergarten Registration Week January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup> even if you are currently attending English Kindergarten at Quadra. The district requires a new registration form to be completed when entering French Immersion.
- If you would like to attend another school for Grade One French Immersion, you will need to register here at Quadra and complete a student transfer request form.
- If your child is currently in an English Kindergarten at another school and you would like to bring him/her to Quadra for French Immersion Grade One, please apply through the student transfer request process at your home school.
- **Further information** is available on the district website at: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

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## We Need YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Breakfast Club, Snack Program and library functioning smoothly. We rely on parent volunteers to make and serve our breakfasts/snacks and to help shelve returned books and keep our collection tidy so the children can find the books they need and want. If you have 15 minutes to an hour to commit to each week, we could really use your help. Please come in to see us and we'll make you feel at home.



**READY, SET, LEARN – Calling all 3 & 4 year olds!** Once again this year, École Quadra School will be hosting a **READY, SET, LEARN** open house for 3 and 4 year old children and their parents on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and concluding at 3:00 p.m. Our goal is to help introduce young children to the school setting in an atmosphere of play. This open house is designed for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Later in the school year, we will be inviting those children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2012, to attend a Kindergarten Orientation with their parents. Please pass this notice on to any neighbours who may have 3 or 4 year olds and who do not already have a student attending our school. Please contact the school to register or if you have any questions. ([mlcampbell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mlcampbell@sd61.bc.ca) or 250-382-8296)



**1000X5**  
1000 Books by Age Five  
**Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria**  
**January 27 - National Literacy Day for everyone!**

In your home, how many children's books sit on shelves, tables and under the bed - more than 50? 100? How many times have you read the same story to your little one – more than 10? 25? 50? Congratulations – you are building wonderful reading habits that will last a lifetime and lead to endless hours of entertainment and knowledge building.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. January 27 is National Literacy Day. As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the OFFICE. All children deserve a chance to be read to.

### *Attention Grade 5 Parents*

**Parents are invited to Lansdowne Middle School OPEN HOUSE!**

**1765 Lansdowne Road (corner of Lansdowne & Richmond)**

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2012**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

We'll begin with an assembly in the gym, starting at 7 p.m.

***Come and find out more about our programs!***

Principal: Ken Andrews

Vice-Principal: Jennifer MacDonald

Phone: (250) 598-3336

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## Emergency Clothing

We keep a supply of emergency clothing in order for children to change out of muddy and/or wet pants, shirts and socks. If your child goes home wearing items you do not recognize, please wash them and return them to the school so they are ready for the next "emergency". If you have any clothing your child has grown out of, we could use some more small and medium pants and socks. Thank-you!



## Healthy Eating in 2012-Children Need to Eat Well to Learn Well

It's back to school! After a break from our usual routines and some changes in eating that often accompany the holidays, it is helpful to remember that healthy meals and snacks are important every day. Eating well helps ensure that children and youth receive the energy and nutrients that they need to stay focused and involved in class.



Wendy Wong from the Breakfast for Learning Program reports that "students who maintain a well balanced, nutritious diet are better able to meet the academic challenges presented each school day." She goes on to report that "There is an established link between proper nutrition and learning, and by ensuring students receive healthy foods we also ensure they have the fuel needed to participate fully in class."

As we start the New Year, help your children eat well, feel great, and achieve their potential by valuing meal times. Effective learning starts with a good breakfast, so help your child find ways to make time for a healthy start to their day. Try to eat at least one meal with your child each day. Research indicates that shared family meals have a number of benefits including school performance.

Be a positive role model for your child, go grocery shopping, cook and eat well together.

- Carol Graff RD, Dietitian with the School Meal Program

## Welcome to School

Our district is offering two "Welcome to School" evenings this month, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please follow the link below for the information poster. The first night is a general information night about kindergarten. The second night offers specific information regarding French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One.

[http://www.sd61.bc.ca/super/pdf/Welcome/Welcome\\_to\\_School.pdf](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/super/pdf/Welcome/Welcome_to_School.pdf)

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### Ecole Quadra's Aboriginal Education Update

We are very fortunate to have Ms. Pamela Bourque on staff to guide and share her knowledge of aboriginal culture. Every Thursday Aboriginal children come together for lunch and share stories. This last term (September – December ) was very busy:



- Div. 1 made "God's Eyes" learning the skill of stick weaving
- Div. 2 made replicas of aboriginal clothing from paper, feathers, beads and tissue paper
- Div. 3 made headbands, had visit from Mr. George who shared traditional teachings and learned the "Friendship song and Dance.
- Div. 5 made Cree Worry Baskets
- Div. 4 & 7 did Talking Circles and Talking Sticks and read Coyote Christmas, A Lakota Story

In this next term Ms. Bourque will be making rattles, weaving medicine bags and doing Little Bears Vision Quest with students in our school.

## Art Show 2012

The Art Show has become an annual event that is sponsored by the Quadra P.A.C. Children create amazing artworks for the show in their classes and the parents stage a showing in the library. Families come to view the works on the evening and the children are able to view their works throughout the day. The theme this year is "Anti-bullying" tying into Pink Shirt Day. So mark the date of Wednesday, February 29th on your calendars to wear Pink and to plan on attending the evening show. (Exact times will be announced by P.A.C. closer to the date!)



The P.A.C. had a successful bottle drive last week, collecting over \$300.00 in returnables. **Well done! This is always a great activity as we are doing something for the environment while earning some money which will turn** around to support the children in school activities. The P.A.C. has also scheduled the next Family Movie Night for Friday, February 24th, Quadra's Got Talent evening for Friday, May 25th and the Fun Fair for Friday, June 15th. Stay tuned for more details. The P.A.C. is a great way to support your child's learning and involvement in school. Please join in and get involved in the activities, even in a small way, as everyone coming together makes the event easier to do. The more people that get involved, the more fun for everyone!

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# ROOTS

A Heartfelt Thanks  
To all of our Quadra  
Community for the  
success of the

## LOONIE EMPORIUM

The kids found wonder-  
ful gifts and together  
we raised \$1,300 that  
will go right back into  
the school and the kids.



## 恭禧發財

JANUARY 23rd  
Chinese New Year,  
year of the Dragon



## BOTTLE DRIVE

On Fri. morning, Jan.13th  
some energetic parents  
and some helpful kids,  
gathered up \$200 in  
donated recyclables.  
Thanks everyone!

## Newsletter of the l'Ecole Quadra School Parent's Advisory Committee

## January, 2012

### January

S	M	TU	W	T	FR	SA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Jan.27- PRO-D Day

Jan. 30- Feb.3- Kindergarten  
Registration Week

### February

S	M	TU	W	TH	FR	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Feb.2- PAC Meeting 7:00

Feb.14- Valentine's Day

Feb.17- PRO-D Day

Feb.24- Movie Night, Puss in Boots

Feb.29- Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day  
& Student Art Show evening



## PAC MEETS THE 1st THURS. OF EACH MONTH

The February meeting is  
in the library on Thurs.,

## Feb.5th.

It begins at 7:00  
and free babysitting is  
always provided.

## STUDENT ART SHOW

The 3rd Annual Art Show is scheduled for  
Wed., Feb.29th

The theme this year will be "**Bullying Stops Here**" and the  
show coincides with Canada's National "Pink Shirt Day." For  
more information on this anti-bullying movement see their  
website: [www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca). More art show info. to come.



Kindergarten Registration Week  
A B C  
JANUARY 30th to  
FEBRUARY 3rd



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night is scheduled for  
Friday, Feb.24th

### JUST A REMINDER...

Movie night is a school event and all  
children **MUST** be supervised by their  
adult. This is for both their safety and  
the enjoyment of the movie for everyone  
else. Look for pizza orders to come home

## KIDS...

We've set the date  
for

QUADRA'S  
GOT  
TALENT!

May 25th

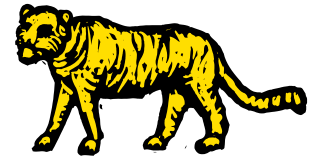
Auditions will  
happen in the first  
weeks of May, so  
now is the time to  
decide what talent  
you will share and  
start practicing.



**COINS, COINS, GREAT COINS FOR UNITED WAY!** In our last student coin challenge, where I tried to bring in more coins than the students, we raised \$228.00. This challenge was very successful and the students really enjoyed trying to beat Mrs. Campbell. They indeed did and we celebrated their efforts at our assembly. We will be doing another one in early February..... will Mrs. Campbell be the winner this time? The Winner really is our school and community spirit and The United Way!

**Cougar Safety**

As many of you are aware, a cougar was sighted just behind our playing field in a residential area 3:30 pm. on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the quick thinking of the supervising adult, calling 911, moving the children into the school, everyone was safe. We had an assembly the next day to talk with the students about Cougar awareness with our School Police Liaison Officer.



**ENTER THE PIZZA RIP-OFF DRAW**



The Pizza Rip-off Lunch is back for 2012! For your chance to share a pizza lunch with Mrs. Campbell and five other lucky winners, complete the form below and hand it in to the office as soon as possible. The next lunch will be Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.



Please sign and return this portion to the office for a chance to win!

**I HAVE READ THE QUADRA NEWSLETTER**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Div: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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