



École Quarterway Weekly Update

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Greetings Quarterway Families!

MID-YEAR REPORTING SNAPSHOT

February 7th, the first report of the school year comes home with your child. This is not a report card in the traditional sense. One area to note is that **Extending** does not reflect an "A", **Applying** is not a "B" and so on. Please celebrate your child's successes and set goals to build on the areas of need. If you would like clarification on terms or format, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher. This is a snapshot of how your child is progressing at this point in the year. You will receive a formal, summative report at the end of the year as well.

SPORTS UPDATES

Congratulations to all of the volleyball teams, their coaches and their sponsors for a great season. Kudos to the bantam boys who earned their third place among the 19 teams playing in our district after school sports league. Basketball practices begin this week and games next week. Huge thanks to our teacher sponsors and parent coaches for providing these great teamwork experiences for our intermediate students.

PINK SHIRT DAY ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 9:30 AM

Quarterway students will be celebrating inclusion, generosity, openness, acceptance, and resilience at our Pink Shirt Assembly, Friday, February 14th at 9:30 am.

The program will include:

- a choir presentation by Divisions 1, 2, and 3
- whole school singing *C Okay* with accompaniment from Mme Karina's grade 7s
- anti-bullying messages by students from Mme Mariela, Mme Teri, et Mme Amanda's classes
- a video presented by our counselor Mme Pattie.
- a short student leadership presentation to launch the *Brique-par-brique* initiative to provide funds to help a school in Uganda in their efforts to build a wood oven to serve lunches to 250 students each day.

Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration! You may be wondering why we are doing this assembly so early when [Pink Shirt Day](#) is February 26. Students are encouraged to wear pink February 14 and February 26. Read on and you will see that we have several exciting events coming up in the month of February.

BUILD-A-WHALE, FEBRUARY 20-21

Build-A-Whale is an interactive program that aims to educate participants about marine biology, anatomy, evolutionary science and conservation. All classes will have a turn assisting in constructing the skeleton of an offshore killer whale and participating in several fun educational activities. This Tofino area orca skeleton has visited many schools and we are excited to welcome the [Strawberry Isle Marine Researchers](#) to our school with huge thanks to PAC for sponsoring this event.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS, FEBRUARY 24-25 (and FAMILY DAY, FEBRUARY 17)

Students do not attend school February 24 and 25 but staff members will be busy expanding their competencies during these professional learning gatherings. We wish you all an enjoyable Family Day February 17.

BUZZ CUIVRES, FEBRUARY 26

With support from the Maple Sugar Festival (hosted by l'Association des Francophones de Nanaimo or AFN), from our PAC, and from the federal funding we receive through our school district for French culture and programming, we are looking forward to a history of music told through the musical interpretations of [Buzz Cuivres](#), a brass quintet from Québec. Buzz Cuivres will also be performing during the Maple Sugar Festival taking place at Beban Park, February 27-March 1.

MAMA MIA, FEBRUARY 27

Grade 6 and 7 students will be getting a taste of the opportunities that await them when they move on to NDSS as they attend the NDSS drama production, *Mama Mia* at the Port Theatre.

JUNIOR SKILLS IN ACTION

Some students demonstrated their skills at building aerodynamic gravity cars with Mr. Alex Floucault in December. A few teams now have the opportunity to participate in the Junior Skills Competition at VIU February 27. As part of the district trades experiences, grade 6 and 7 students created stepping-stones in December. We will be adding these to enhance our playground after the swings are installed. With the help of Mme Sullivan, many students in the intermediate grades created relaxation bags and some grade 7 students have taken their sewing skills a step further by creating lock-down curtains to cover the door windowpanes in our school. From 5:30-8:00 pm February 14, you may have noticed that grade 7 students and parents are offering a drop & dine event in the gym. The students are offering a babysitting service by donation with proceed helping to cover the costs of their trip to Camp Qwanoes.

PAC UPDATES

The next PAC meeting will be the AGM February 13. Nominations are open for PAC elections. We encourage all interested parents to consider how your expertise and interests may support our school and our students. Please see the École Quarterway PAC Facebook page for more information. Reagan has fun lunches organized for February 7 and 28.

