

This Week at QJS March 10, 2023

Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with
Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness



MARCH 2023 GALLERY SHOW
SHOW RUNS: MAR 16TH TO APR 6TH
OPENING RECEPTION:
MAR 16TH - 6:30PM TO 8PM

Kidz Art



**Celebrating
Young Artists
in our
Community**

**Quesnel Elementary Schools present a wonderful
showcase of our young emerging local artists!**

"We Acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Lhtako Dene Nation"

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Poster Design by DRU Design Studio



QJS Online Art Auction ~ May 4th

Access Link TBA



Money raised supplements QJS art budget; helps students gain experience, create things to decorate their room or home, give as gifts to friends or family & so much more.



Potential Items for Auction:

- **Slip Cast ceramic clay frogs - for garden or kitchen**
- **Ceramic clay Windchimes - glazed & assembled by students**
- **Watercolor painting(s)**
- **Acrylic on pressboard painting(s)**



THIS SCHOOL IS A
**NUT
FREE
ZONE!**

Nuts & Scents
Free School



***Special Note: students intentionally disregarding the scent free district policy put others at risk and will be sent home. Students should leave scented products at home. Scented products at school may be confiscated and disposed of.**

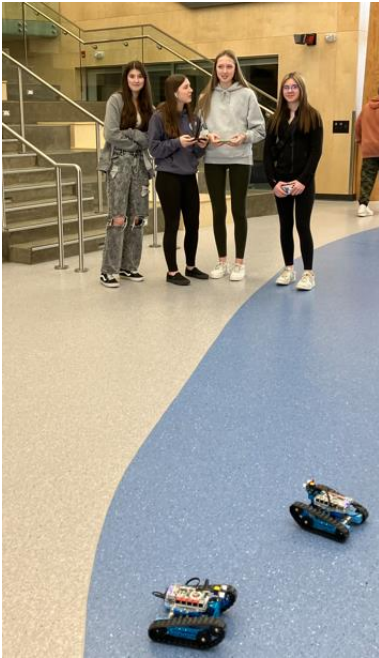
QJS Classes are Creative and Active:

In POD 3, we have been reading *Partials* by Dan Wells for English. The book dives into many real-world aspects involving types of government such as the difference between democracy and dictatorship; specifically, a senate that exercises totalitarian power. We have discussed worldly issues such as: emergency acts, martial law, laws of war, but through a fictional lens of the novel while connecting it to current events and history related to the Gr. 8 Social Studies curriculum. This novel has led to many critical and deep class discussions surrounding forms of: government, segregation, assimilation and discrimination. We even had a Pod election which resulted in a democratic leader for each homeroom. In the end, this is a “juicy” book withholding many subjects and has been fascinating to learn through. Now? We have each written a script for a scene in the book, and are working on filming each of our scenes to create a movie! If you have seen us running around in funny costumes, you now know why!

- Ewan Lackey

Gr. 8, POD 3
QJS

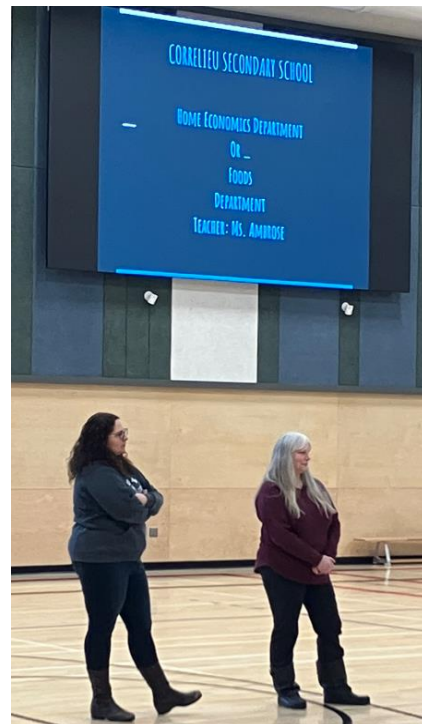




Robotics students with their final projects: they can do tricks and even play you a song.

Correlieu Transitions to Grade 10 Begin for Grade 9 students:

Course Selection Meetings with CSS counselors



Musical Theatre is an X-block elective ~ CSS students (QJS Alumni) got a standing ovation for their performance of Mamma Mia, from QJS students this week.



Elementary Transitions for Grade 7 students to QJS have also begun.

This week QJS Counselors have been out to elementary grade 7 classes to begin to introduce QJS courses and structures (PODs). Additionally, elementary basketball playdowns took place here at QJS; a first visit for numerous grade 7s.



Dragon Lake basketball players coming down the Learning Stairs after a quick peek at their new school.

A great chance to meet some key staff.

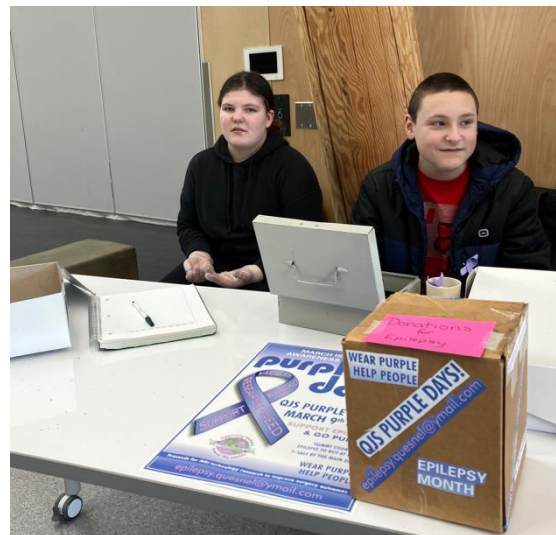
QJS Students have a tradition of service and volunteerism.

Student Voice organizing

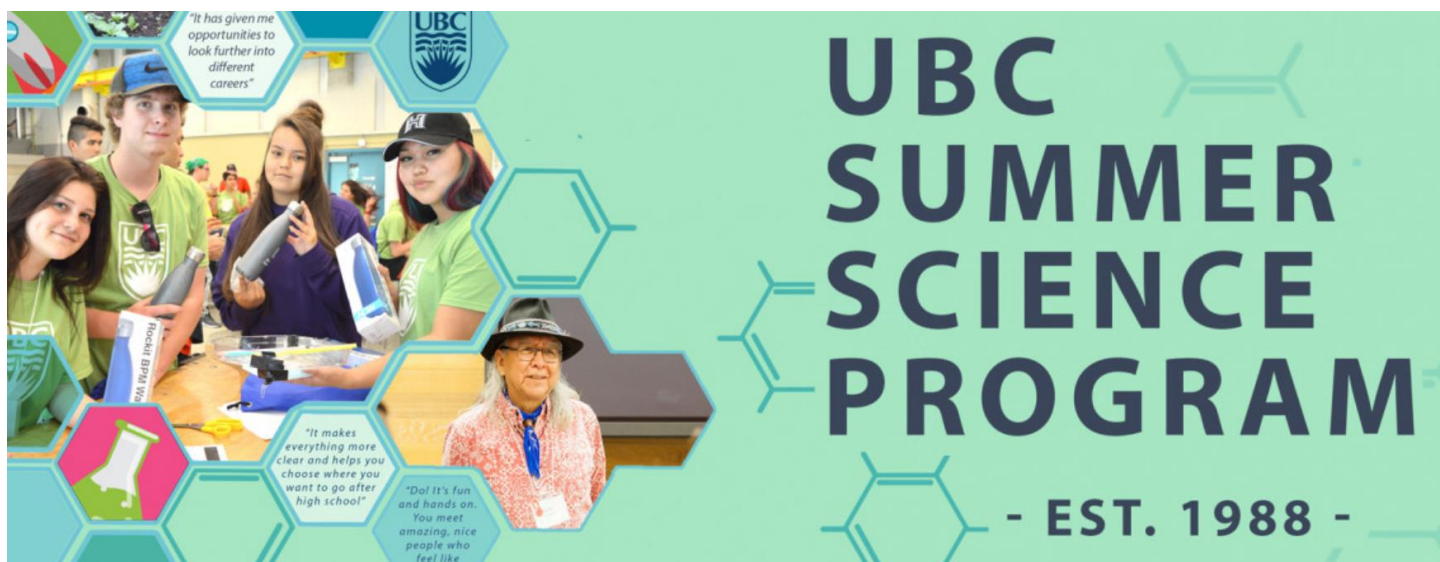
1.Pi Day ~ a math tradition with at least 18 staff members volunteering to be a target for a “pie in the face”.



2.Epilepsy Awareness ~ a cookie tradition going way back before COVID-19.



QJS students understand that giving to others makes for a better community for everyone.



An opportunity for outstanding experiences.

Applications to the summer science program are NOW OPEN

<https://health.aboriginal.ubc.ca/programming/summer-science/>

Frequently asked Questions

How much does UBC Summer Science and VISE cost?

There is a \$200 program fee for UBC Summer Science. This fee goes towards accommodation and meals during the program. All other expenses (such as workshops, transit fares, admission to museums or attractions, etc) are covered while students are at UBC. The program fee does not include travel to and from Vancouver. Students are encouraged to apply for funding from their band or school district. There is a bursary application within the UBC Summer Science application to cover the program fee, if needed.

When is the deadline for UBC Summer Science?

The deadline is **May 31st, 2023 at 11:59PM**.

However if you apply before **April 17th at 11:59PM**, you will be entered in a chance to win a \$50 VISA gift card!

Is UBC Summer Science a two-week program?

For UBC Summer Science, students in grades 11 and 12 will participate from July 9th-15th, 2023. Students in grades 9 and 10 will participate from July 16th – July 22nd, 2023. Overall, each student will only be staying at the Vancouver campus for one week.

Is VISE going to be offered in July 2023?

If COVID-19 restrictions do not allow us to gather in-person, we will then offer the Virtual Indigenous Science Experience (VISE), which is Summer Science's online counterpart.

QJS Parking Lot Etiquette



**Winter roads, reduced visibility, busy lives and on top of it all a basketball tournament... Yipes!!
It does test our patience and cooperation.**

Things to Consider:

- staff leaving to get to another job (leaving at 2:50 and must get out to start their next jobs)**
- busses leaving and arriving to meet a schedule to get students home**
- families getting students to commitments and activities**

Where possible if you can delay your pick-up time until 3:10 that will make a difference for you having easy entrance/exit to the parking lot. Please take care and aim for patience. We have had people almost hit (vehicles and walkers).

Dropping off things for your child?

Option 1- pop into the office and leave items at the front desk

Option 2- Handing off in the parking lot instead of coming into the school to do it? To avoid confusion, please call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know you will be meeting your child in the parking lot.



Rainbow Club
Meeting in room 220,
lunchtime on Mondays.

All welcome.

Application Forms
available at the QJS
office and Indigenous
Support Room.



**SPRING
BREAK
DISCOVER
TRADES
CAMPS**

**YOUNG WOMEN
IN TRADES**
ages 10-13 | March 20-24
100 Campus Way
College of New Caledonia

**INDIGENOUS YOUTH
IN TRADES**
(all genders)
ages 10-13 | March 27-31
1250 Brownmill Rd.
West Fraser Sawmill

*CNC Quesnel and West Fraser Sawmill are
located on the traditional territories of the
Lhtako Dene First Nation.*

**Explore construction trades!
Learn new skills!
Build fun projects!**

- Occupational Health and Safety
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Welding
- Masonry
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Sheet Metal
- Heavy Equipment Operation

Both camps start at 9:00am and end at 3:00 pm

All lunches, snacks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided at no cost (hard hats, safety glasses, and hearing protection and gloves).

Cost: Free to all Participants

For further information & the camp application package, please contact:
Lisa Scott | Phone: 250 991 2897
Email: lisa@constructionfoundation.ca

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March is Library Book Month: the Library Learning Commons is celebrating in a number of different ways.



- 1. DEAR Days @ Lunch - Starting March 2nd, every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch will be quiet reading time. Both staff and students are welcome to bring their books/digital devices to the LLC to read or listen to audiobooks; the only rule is that everyone needs to be quiet and not disturb others.**
- 2. (Book)worm Guess - Starting March 1st, there will be a big jar of gummy (book)worms in the LLC. Students and staff are invited to estimate how many (book)worms are in the jar, with the closest guess(es) getting all the worms.**
- 3. Blind Date with a Book - Starting March 1st, a selection of books will be wrapped in paper and given a brief dating app-style bio without revealing the title or author. Don't judge a book by its cover - there are some hidden gems that are just waiting for a chance at love!**



If you'd like to submit your own review and check off your reading bingo squares, you can either grab a paper review form in the LLC or use the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLxmObguolKzGDzA7X88y_gyooZ0JHNfBhaDGjuHz_fKtJ-A/viewform

Employment Opportunity: Noon Hour Supervisor Position at QJS

If you like spending time with young people and enjoy helping create positive communities you might be perfect for our team. We are taking applications for a regular position at QJS. Inquiries, call the office for more information about the position and to pick up an application. 250-747-2103



IN THE PARENT'S CORNER Information for Parents

**links and information*

***Parent Portal Access for Attendance or Report Cards: Contact the office if you need help getting access to the Portal.
250-747-2103***

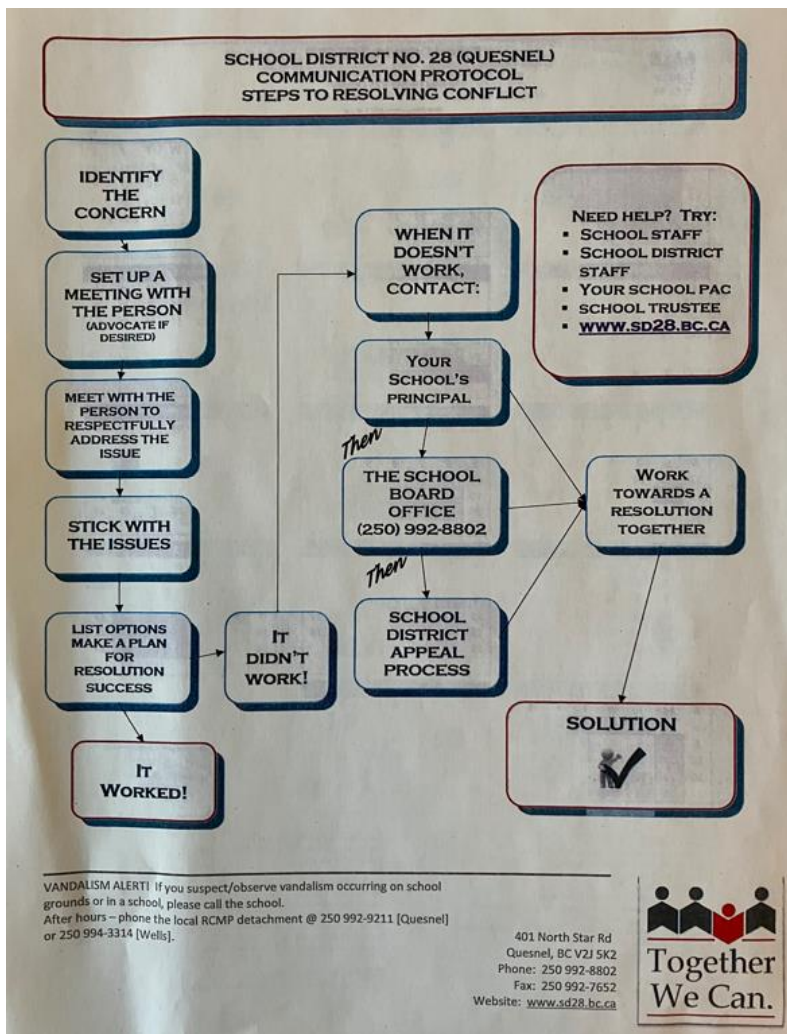
**Next PAC Meeting March 13, 2023
QJS Library 7:00**

2022-2023 Executive

Melissa Gonzalez – President
Philippa Murray – Vice President
Kim Scott – Secretary
Treasurer - **STILL NEEDED**



**PAC: QJS School Clothing Orders
Round 2 Closed for orders now**



Got Questions or Concerns?

We always want to know and try to help resolve issues. Our most effective resolutions come from working together with those directly involved with the concern.

At QJS we work as a team to support your children.

North Cariboo Metis Association presents

March Family Métis Cultural Program

Where: 388 Anderson Drive

When: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29 at 3:30-5pm

Join us for a series of cultural activity sessions such as jigging, make a medicine pouch, dot art, and learning about Metis and First Nations games. Some of the crafts will be age appropriate for the different ages. This is not a drop-off program, children and teens must be accompanied by an adult(s). This is a program designed to learn about Metis culture and have together time as a family. There is no cost to attend.

Light snacks and beverages will be supplied.

For questions or to register, please call Samantha or Lori at our office at 250-992-9722, email ncma1@shaw.ca or stop by our office at 382 Anderson Drive to pick up and fill out a registration form.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Students remain on campus unless a parent/guardian picks them up.

Picking up your child? Call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know you are here to pick up your child. We will give your child a **permission slip to show staff we have recorded them absent at the office.**

Returning or late? Come to the office and let us know you are here.



Please let us know if your child is having difficulties with other students at school, so that we can help support them. They can also report using the anonymous link below. Each report is followed up by the school identified.

[Anonymous reporting tool for students | Report It Erase \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)



Masks are still available at the office and may be worn by anyone who wishes to wear one.



****If you have concerns or would like support for your child please contact one of our counselors:**

Grade 8 Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca

Grade 9 Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca



Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.

We work with families and students to resolve issues.

**Contact us: Mrs. Simpson 250-255-6057,
Mr. Loewen 250-991-9681,
Office 250-747-2103**

School safety is a shared responsibility that requires cooperation, collaboration and communication.

For more resources on bullying, what it is and what to do.

**Check out: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>
<http://www.sd28.bc.ca/content/bullying-concerns>**

Questions?

Classes? If you have question or concerns please email your child's classroom teacher(s).

Other problems? Email school counselors for help

Gr. 9 Ms. Stevenson jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca,

Gr 8 Mr. Jespersen peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca

Expected Behaviours For Students:

Schools have a responsibility to work with students and families to create safe, caring learning environments. Therefore, students are expected to know and follow the behaviours outlined in the District #28 and QJS Codes of Conduct. (In Student and Parent Handbooks located on our Quesnel Junior School website [Quesnel Junior School - Home \(sd28.bc.ca\)](http://www.sd28.bc.ca))