

# This Week at QJS March 3, 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"

**Sponsored by:**



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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.**

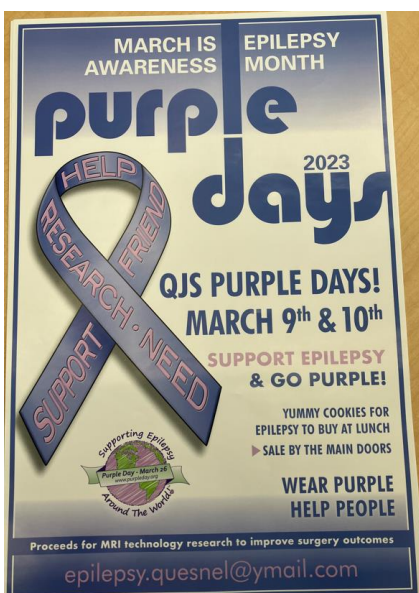
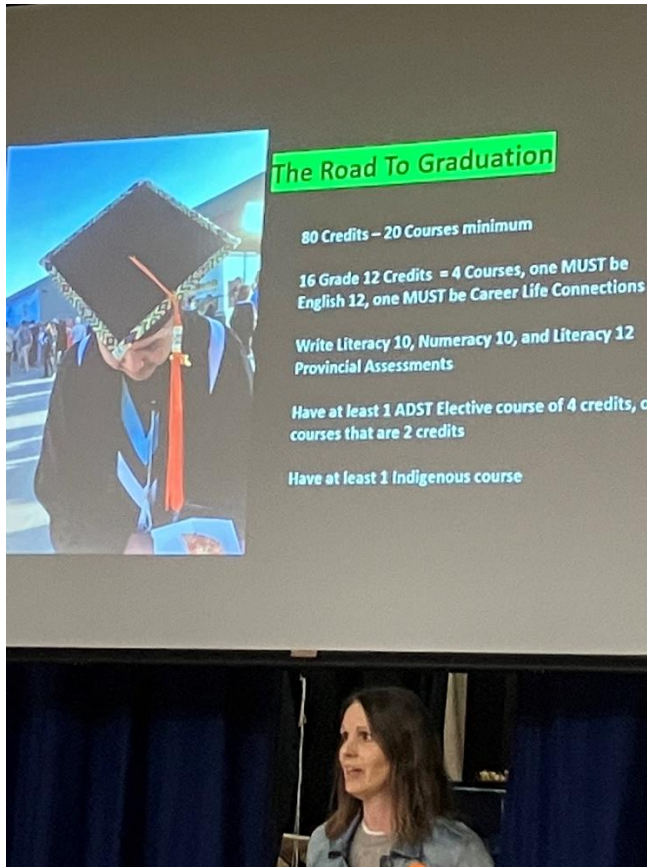
## **Kick the Nic**



**Special Guest Presenter Sharon Primeau came to speak with our grade 9 students about local Indigenous plants, medicines and traditional tobacco. Students had a special privilege, listening to this local elder, grandmother to one of our students, sharing such detailed knowledge with them.**

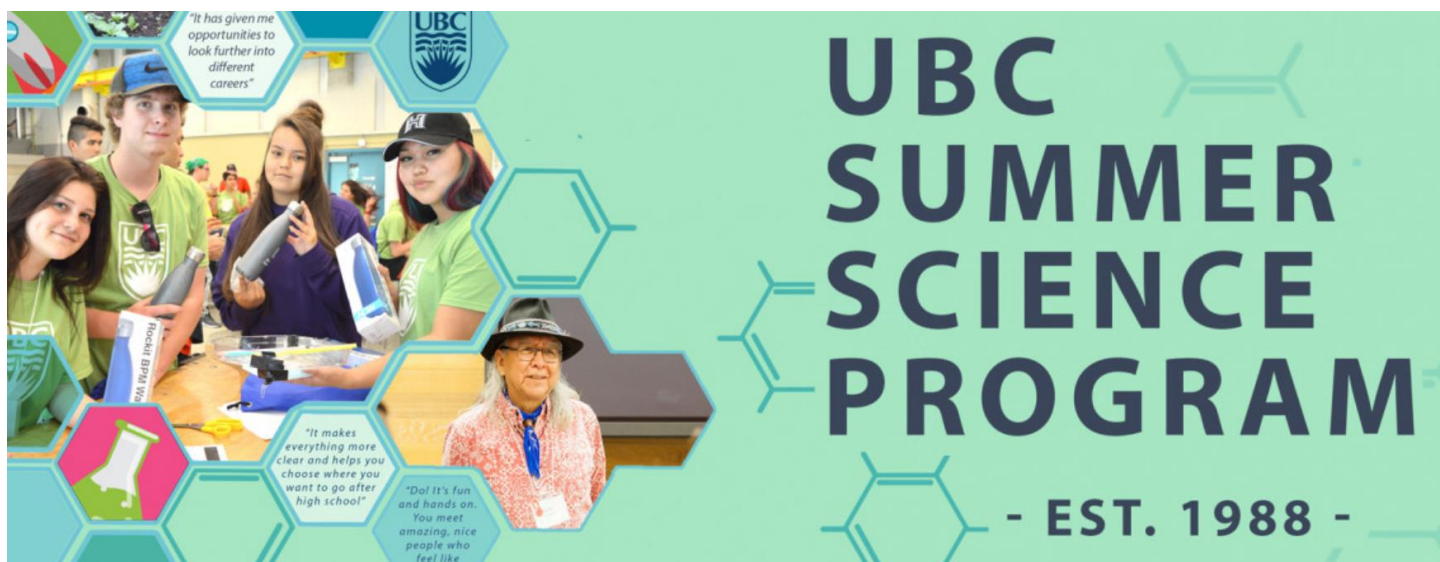


**CSS Staff coming to QJS to help grade 9s choosing courses for grade 10. It is an important week to be at school. Course selections help CSS set up their time table of classes for next year.**



**Epilepsy Month: Purple Days**  
**Wear Purple and at lunch**  
**Thursday and Friday you can**  
**purchase a cookie to support**  
**finding a cure.**

**Cookies \$1.00 each**



**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).**

**Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 8 Expect Delays: We have the Elementary Basketball Playdown Tournament here after school, beginning at 3:20 so please take extra care those days and make plans to give yourself a little extra time.**

## **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.**



**WHEN: TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023**  
**WHERE: QUESNEL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 2ND FLOOR**  
**TIME: FROM 6PM TO 730PM**

**Support Group for families and friends of  
LGBTQ2S+ children & young adults**



Pflag Canada is a national charitable organization, founded by parents who wished to help themselves and their family members understand and accept their LGBTQ2S children.

The "coming-out" process can be a critical time for families. When the adjustment period is particularly long or painful, relationships can become permanently damaged, resulting in a lifetime of emotional scars. People cannot always rise above the challenge of accepting themselves or their family members, and the results can be devastating, even fatal.

To contact the chapter Chair, email: [northcaribooregionbc@pflagcanada.ca](mailto:northcaribooregionbc@pflagcanada.ca)  
If you want to learn more about Pflag, come to chapter meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Basketball Season is in full swing. Elementary Playdown tournaments taking place at QJS.**

**Tues-Wed after school.**



**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 Brownmiller 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
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Sheet Metal
- Welding
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Masonry

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](mailto:lisa@constructionfoundation.ca)

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**CFBC**  
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**Wood Projects can be Science Projects also;  
Microscope Model by grade 8 student.**



# 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLxmObguolKzGDzA7X88y_gyooZ0JHNfBhaDGjuHz_fKtJ-A/viewform)



## Upcoming Dates

March 6 & 7 CSS Visits at QJS and Course Selection

March 6-8 PI Day Ticket Sales (3.14 = PI and Pie 😊)

March 7 CSS Indigenous Team visits QJS at lunch (pizza visit)

March 9 & 10 **Epilepsy Awareness + Cookie Sales**

March 9 **C Block Hold and Secure Safety Drill**

March 13 and 16 QJS Troll Ski/Snowboard Trip

March 17 Term 2 ends

March 19-31 – Spring Break

April 3 Term 3 begins

April 14 Term 2 Reports Out

## **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**

**Next opportunity to order QJS Clothing for our first  
year as the River Hawks (and the first year at QJS  
3.0) will be in April/May**

**Ongoing PAC Fundraiser – raising \$\$ for our school**

**Tru Earth Fundraising Store (QJS)  
Low Waste: Good for You and Good for the  
Environment**

**Folks who use them love them and you support a BC  
company.**

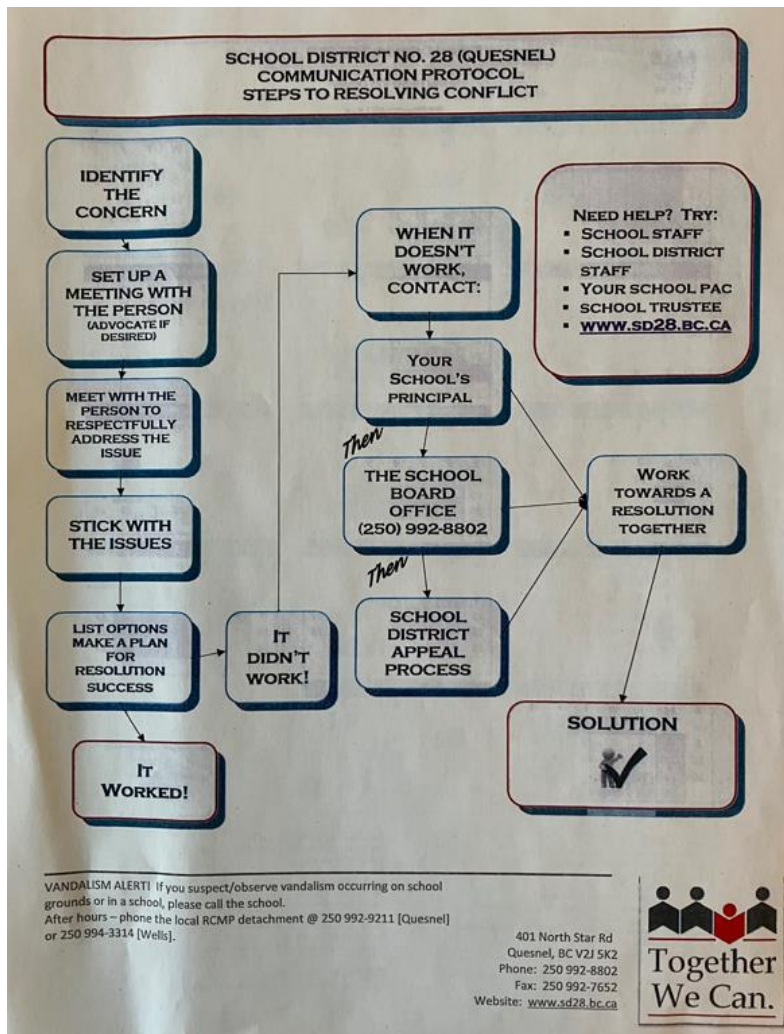
**<https://fundraising.tru.earth/qjsPAC>**

Click and order, items mailed to your home



### About Tru Earth

Tru Earth launched in April of 2019 by three friends in British Columbia Canada who had a vision to reduce the number of plastic laundry jugs that end up in landfills every year. Every year 700,000,000 laundry jugs are unable to be recycled and end up in landfills. To date Tru Earth and our community of Change Makers have helped reduced this by 2 million with our revolutionary laundry strip technology.



### 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](mailto: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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

**Safety Reminder: Careful Hand hygiene keeps you and others safe.**



**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](mailto:Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca)

Grade 9 [Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto:jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca),**

**Gr 8 Mr. Jespersen [peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca](mailto: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) )**