





September 17, 2021

QVA Rocks Report

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/queenvictoria>

Upcoming Events

- Sep 22 PAC Meeting
6:30—8:00 pm
- Sep 27 Photo Day
- Sept 28 Virtual Meet the Teacher 6:00—6:35 pm
- Sept 29 Wear something orange to school
- Sep 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—school closed 
- Oct 22 District Professional Development Day—school closed 



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Sept 30th

The BC government formally recognizes September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in alignment with legislation passed by the federal government in June. Students will not be in session Thursday, September 30 this year, which is often called “Orange Shirt Day”.

On September 29th, we are encouraging students to wear something orange to honour Indigenous residential school survivors, their families and communities as a part of the process of reconciliation. Activities will take place during this week within classes at QVA. An information table, set up by PAC, will be outside at drop off and pick up outside.

Safe Arrival Phone Line

If your child is going to be absent or is coming late, please phone the school to report this as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on our dedicated phone line:

604-713-5159, ext. 69#

Thank you to families for watering our gardens in the summer!



Make sure your junk mail filter is set to receive school emails from:
sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca

Queen Victoria Annex
1850 East 3rd Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5N 1H2
Phone: 604-713-4694
Email: queenvictoria@vsb.bc.ca

Virtual Meet the Teacher Night—Sept 28th

Each teacher will have 2 repeat online sessions (for families with siblings) from 6:00-6:15 pm and 6:20-6:35 pm on Tuesday, September 28th. Please join one of the sessions.

Invitations to the session with your child’s teacher will be sent to parents’/ caregivers’ emails. Please click on the link to join the meeting a few minutes before the assigned times.

QVA is Allergy-Aware!

Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing **peanut/nut products** to school with their children.

Director of Instruction:	Alison Ogden	604-713-5000
Liaison Trustee:	Estrellita Gonzalez	604-713-5000
Principal:	Laurent Brisebois	604-713-4996
Vice-Principal:	Joyce Chong	604-713-4694
PAC Co-Chairs:	L. Ormiston/P. Dove/S. Sanger	qvapacchair@gmail.com

QVA Code of Conduct

All students are required to adhere to the school's Code of Conduct.

It is printed in the students' agenda, is available on the school website, and is frequently reviewed with students at school.

Parents are encouraged to review it with their children.

AUP (Acceptable Use Policy)

<http://aup.vsb.bc.ca>

VSB Dog Policy

Please be aware of the VSB Dog Policy. Please be mindful that some of our children & families are fearful of all dogs.

The Vancouver School Board Dog Code

Dogs permitted weekdays from **6-8 am and 5-10 pm** and on weekends, except when fields in use. Please don't let your dog be a nuisance. Follow the code to ensure you are a responsible owner. There are penalties for ignoring the code.

Dogs not allowed within 15 metres of children's playgrounds.

Leash dogs while entering and exiting the school grounds.

Dog owners must pick up and remove waste.	Bylaw 7528 (5.1) Fine \$50
Dogs must be wearing a valid licence.	Bylaw 7528 (5.1) Fine \$50
Vicious dogs are not permitted.	Bylaw 7528 (4.5) Fine \$260

Vicious dogs are not permitted.

Dogs not permitted on playfields while organized play is in progress

Please respect the following dog-etiquette.

- Ensure that dogs vaccinations are current.
- Have voice-control over your dogs & don't allow them to dig holes.
- Keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum.

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Safety Drills

Various safety drills will be reviewed and practiced regularly throughout the year, including:

- fire
- earthquake
- lockdown (used in response to a dangerous assailant within the school)
- hold and secure (used if there is a security concern in the neighbourhood)
- shelter in place (used if an environmental hazard is in the vicinity of school)

Students will be prepared in advance and will be informed of upcoming drills at the beginning of the school year. As the year progresses, we will have several surprise drills for both students and staff. These safety drills allow us to assess our level of preparedness and make adjustments to better prepare in case of an emergency. Students are expected to follow instructions quickly and quietly during drills exercising the safe practices that have been taught.

Traffic Safety

Please be mindful of the street signage around the QVA school property. The following rules are enforced under the City of Vancouver Street and Traffic Bylaw 2849.

No Parking

- Effective from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days; limit of 5 minutes

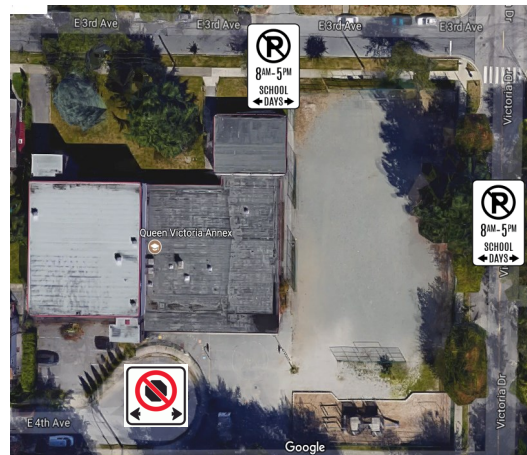


No Stopping

- Effective from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days; zone must be clear of vehicles



Vehicles parked in No Parking and No Stopping zones in a school area can be ticketed and towed under Section 17.1 of the bylaw.



Why Orange Shirts?

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013.

It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

Wear Orange on Wednesday, Sept 29th



September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-

racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for indigenous and non-indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

So wear your best orange shirt or something orange and shine!

School Routines

We are looking forward to working with you and your children. It is important for students to start off the school year by being punctual and ready to learn. We are also working on making sure that our school is a safe and healthy environment.

We ask that families arrange for prompt drop off and pickup. All students remaining after 3:18 pm will be waiting outside the office.

- Please respect the no parking signs in the cul de sac on East 4th.
- Riding bikes and scooters on school grounds before and after school is NOT permitted for safety reasons since there are so many children and adults on the school grounds at those times. We appreciate parents reinforcing this rule with their children. City of Vancouver bylaws require all bike riders to wear a helmet.
- We promote good nutrition in the school and encourage students to bring nutritious snacks and lunches. As we have a number of students with serious food allergies, we ask parents to not prepare lunches and snacks that contain peanut/nut products.



Hot Lunch Program

Our PAC is pleased to announce that reintroducing the Hot Lunch program is on the horizon.

More details to follow at the meeting at the PAC meeting.

Forms

School forms for families to complete have been sent home. Please complete as soon as possible and send back with your child.

Many of the forms assist us with student safety. Your child's PEN (Personal Education Number) is on the front page of your package to assist with the online forms that also need to be completed.

In-Person Instruction Health and Safety

School staff will continue to:

- Encourage frequent hand washing and hygiene.
- Ask students to spread out and respect other's personal space.
- Minimize physical contact.

Hand Hygiene and Masks

- Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival each day, throughout the day and before leaving.
- Masks are required for Grade 4 and 5 students and strongly recommended for Grade K to 3 students.

Daily Health Assessment Reminder

Each family should complete the K to 12 Health Check (<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>) with their child(ren) before coming to school. Please keep your child(ren) home if they have symptoms.

Parent support is important and much appreciated with the following:

- VSB staff and visitors with appointments are allowed in the school building.
- Families can make appointment with the office (VP) on essential school matters only, please.
- Please ensure your child(ren) come to school on time. Doors are locked promptly at 9:00 am. Parents will need to call the school for entry. Please do not accompany your child into the school. Students will sign in at the office and assistance with this will be available, if required.
- During drop off and pick up, only students should be in the under cover areas as it is very crowded.

Food Information

- Lunches are eaten in class under teacher's supervision.
- Nut free.
- Please pack lunches that do not need reheating and include cutlery.
- Please label all bags and ensure your child has a water bottle.
- No drop-off of lunch or snacks accepted. Student should bring it with them in the morning or when they come to school.

School Cash Online

The Vancouver School Board uses School Cash Online for payment for all school fees, including field trips. This secure system helps parents pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily online.

We will post items through the system and assign the relevant fees to your student. You can then purchase these fees online with one of three different methods, including credit cards. The system strictly adheres to Canada's privacy and anti-spam legislation and meets the latest industry standards for payment security.

To register, please visit <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. You will need to provide your child's usual first name, last name and birth date.

HealthLink BC

HealthLink BC (Call 8-1-1 toll-free) is a phone/web service where you can speak with a health service navigator, who can help you find health information and services; or connect you directly with a



BC K-12 Health Check App

The BC K to 12 Health Check app is an online tool in the event that your child/children displays one or more potential COVID-19 symptoms.

Please visit <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

School Day Schedule

8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Class begins
10:30	Recess begins
10:50	Recess ends
12:05	Lunch begins
12:52	Lunch ends
3:03	School ends

From the PAC ...

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

There are many ways to be involved in your child's education and school life at QVA.

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) serves as the collective voice for the parents & caregivers of QVA students and is a great way to meet others, stay connected and centre what matters most to you in your child's education.



We welcome everyone to our first meeting this upcoming **Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom.**

Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88519842183?pwd=QXE0cUllbXJKWVE5dmVEVtldDB6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 885 1984 2183
Passcode: PAC

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at qvapacchair@gmail.com