





# QVA Rocks Report

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## Upcoming Events

- **Month of February: Black History Month**
- **Feb 1—Lunar New Year**
- **Feb 2—Groundhog Day**
- **Feb 10—PAC Meeting 6:30—8:15 pm**
- **Feb 14—Valentine's Day**
- **Feb 18 Professional Development Day—school closed** 
- **Feb 21 Family Day Holiday—school closed** 
- **Feb 23—Pink Shirt Day**

## Stepping into the Light

Dear Queen Victoria Annex Families,

February is month of important days.

Today begins Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the powerful contributions and accomplishments of Black people everywhere, and through which we can promote and amplify the principles of anti-racist education. Principles include affirming the dignity and humanity of all people, embracing historical truths, and recognizing and confronting racism.

Today also marks the first day of the Lunar New Year. This is the year of the Water Tiger. People born in this year are known for their courage, strength, and generosity of spirit to their loved ones. In addition, February heralds in Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, the UNESCO International Day for Girls and Women in Science, and Pink Shirt Day, a day to promote anti-bullying and speak out against homophobia.

It occurs to me that these days in February each share the theme of getting along, of treating each other with dignity and respect, and of promoting the value that through our diversity we are strong. Even Groundhog Day, for all its playfulness, is about seeing light in the dark days of winter. For fear of being opportunistic with the following quotation, the great Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us that, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." February is an opportunity for us to take a breath after this past trying month of the pandemic and reorient ourselves to light, to caring for each other through kind words and actions, and for reminding ourselves that Queen Victoria Annex is remarkable in its strength of diversity.

Every day, there is terrific learning taking place in the classrooms, playground, and hallways at Queen Victoria Annex. I would like to give a shout-out to the teachers, support staff, school staff, and the PAC, all who are doing an incredible job. QVA really does ROCK!

Gung Hay Fat Choy.

Mr. Scott Hughes, VP

## COVID-19 Information

- The VSB has published the most up-to-date COVID guidelines. This will be sent home in a separate email.
- To help ease the number of masks being given out in the office, if you are able, please provide your child with additional masks in a ziplock bag for each day
- Continue to review the BC Centre for Disease Control's website for up-to-date information on what to do if you test positive for COVID-19, how to self-isolate and for how long, and instructions for close contact. Please see: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19>

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## Notification of School Closure Due to Severe Weather Conditions



By 6:00 am, the Vancouver School Board will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

CKNW (980 AM)  
 CBC (690AM, 105.7 FM)  
 CJVB (1470 AM)  
 CFHG (96.1 FM)  
 CKWX (1130 AM)  
 BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)  
 CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

## Speak Up!

Are you looking for ways to help you and your child learn to speak up for self or others if you've witnessed racism? The VSB has a practical guide for students, parents, and educators called, "Speak Up for Others" from *Teaching for Tolerance*. You can find it by clicking here [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student\\_Support/Safe\\_Caring/anti-racism-resources/Pages/Default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/Safe_Caring/anti-racism-resources/Pages/Default.aspx) or by googling <VSB Anti Racism Resources Jan 24 2022>

## Safe Arrival Phone Line

If your child is going to be absent or is coming late, please phone the school to report this.

Messages can be left on our dedicated phone line:

**604-713-5159, ext 69#**

## From the PAC ...

### Next Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10th from 6:30–8:15 pm. An agenda and Zoom link will be sent out by email shortly before the meeting. To request a link, please contact [qvachair@gmail.com](mailto:qvachair@gmail.com).

### Black History Month Interactive Resource Table

Drop by our table on Wed., Jan 2nd, before and after school.

## Valentines Day

Due to COVID-19, please do not send any food products or candy for Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Important International Days in February

- Feb 11th—UNESCO International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- Feb 21st—UNESCO International Mother Language Day

## Pink Shirt Day, Wed., Feb 23rd



Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in **2007** when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Grade 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. These students bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day.

On Feb. 23rd, let's all wear pink to stand up against bullying and homophobia and to promote diversity and kindness. Together, we are strong for our diversity!

## Library Book Return



Please do a super thorough search for overdue library books.

Overdue notices will be sent home second week of February.

Please email Mr. Hughes if you have any questions.

## VSB COVID Protocols

- ◆ Entry into the building by adults is by appointment only.
- ◆ Visitors must do a BC COVID-19 self-assessment before entry.