






QVA is Allergy-Aware!

October 28, 2021

# QVA Rocks Report

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

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 1 Professional Development Day 
- Nov 3 & 4 Goal Setting Conferences Students dismissed at 2:00 pm both days
- Nov 5 Photo Retake Day
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Service (online streaming)
- Nov 10 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Holiday 
- Nov 26 Professional Development Day 

## Goal Setting Conferences

### Nov 3rd and 4th

Goal setting conferences will be held on Wed, Nov. 3rd from 2:15–7:00 pm and Thurs, Nov. 4th from 2:15–4:00 pm.

**Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both these days. Please ensure prompt pickup at 2:00 pm.**

Teachers will be using TEAMS to conduct the conference. They will let you know the time and how to connect to the conference. We encourage all students to attend their goal setting conference.

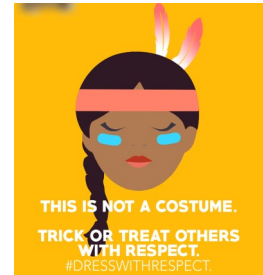
## Halloween Costumes

We are asking students on October 29th to:

- ◆ not wear a costume mask (but students must wear their face masks (Covid-19 related) inside)
- ◆ not bring a costume weapon - if unsure, check with your teacher
- ◆ limit the amount of "fake blood" on costume/face

Whether it is intentional or not, wearing certain costumes has real consequences and negatively impacts the people that deal with this kind of discrimination every day. Let's keep Halloween safe and inclusive by leaving culturally insensitive, racist and sexist stereotypes at the grave. Ask yourself:

- ◆ Does my costume make fun of human traits, identities, cultures, or race?
- ◆ Does my costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- ◆ Does my costume reduce cultural or identity differences to stereotypes?
- ◆ How would someone feel if they saw you wearing their identity as a costume?



## From the PAC ...

### Next PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov 10th at 6:30 p.m. To request a link, please contact: [qvapacchair@gmail.com](mailto:qvapacchair@gmail.com)

### Hot Lunch Program

The PAC is excited to announce the start of a hot lunch program at QVA! This is an optional lunch program paid for by families.

Lunches will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The first day for hot lunches is Tuesday, November 2 and the deadline to order is November 1 at 6:00 pm. Please go to the C'est Mon Cafe website [www.cestmoncafe.com](http://www.cestmoncafe.com) and choose the QVA link. More information will follow in a separate email to families.

## Safe Arrival Phone Line

Please leave a message on our dedicated phone line (604-713-5159, ext. 69) if your child is going to be absent or is coming late.

## Queen Victoria Annex

1850 East 3rd Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V5N 1H2  
Phone: 604-713-4694  
Email: [queenvictoria@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:queenvictoria@vsb.bc.ca)

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

## Sign In/Out Procedure

Please call the office beforehand (604-713-4694) if you will be picking up your child during the school day.

The office will call the classroom to ask the child to come to the office to sign out.

If they are returning during the school day, please let the office know you are outside and someone will meet you at the door. Your child will proceed to the office to sign in before going to their classroom.

## Lates Procedure

If your child will be coming late, please call the school when you arrive.

Your child will be let in, through their classroom door or the undercover area (someone will meet your child there), to sign in at the office and will then go to their classroom.

## Dress for the Weather

With the past few days of heavy rain, we are asking families to have students wear weather appropriate clothing (raincoat, boots, hat, mitts, etc).

We also encourage families to please send an extra change of clothes for wet days.

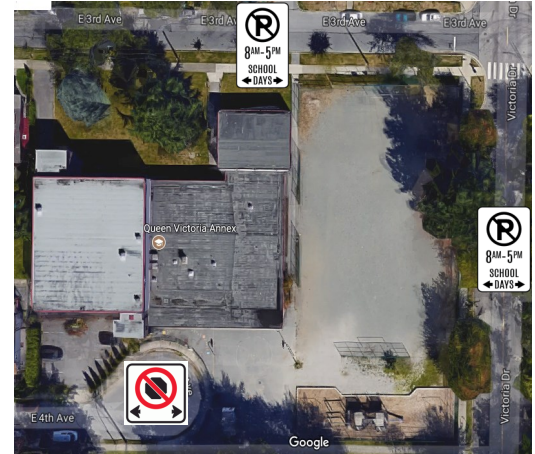
### VSB COVID Protocols

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

## Parking

We and the neighbours are noticing some cars parked in the cul-de-sac on East 4th Ave at pick up and drop off.

Please be aware that this may be a point where emergency vehicles enter the school grounds as well as providing service to neighbours. Please do not block the cul-de-sac as this is a no-stopping zone. By-laws are in effect.



## No Food Products or Halloween Treats

We have had requests to send Halloween candy to be distributed at school for other students.

The VSB is currently not recommending any non-VSB foods in schools because of COVID-19 regulations. Food distribution at the school (BC Fruit & Vegetable Program and Hot Lunch) follows the BC FoodSafe Certification program and is closely monitored.

We ask that families do not send any food products to school this year to be shared. Students can bring treats for their own consumption. We also ask that families refrain from handing out candy in the school grounds on October 29th.

Thank you for your understanding.





## Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1st and closes at 4 pm on January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation.

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

## Registering at the Annex or the Main School

Laura Secord and Queen Victoria Annex share one common catchment area. Students who reside within this catchment area (in-catchment registrants) will receive priority for enrolment at one of the two school sites based upon available space.\*

When completing a registration form, parents will be asked if they prefer the annex or the main school. The District will attempt to accommodate parental preferences for placement, once available space has been determined.

At some sites there may be more in-catchment applicants than available space.\* In these instances, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

### Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31st

1. In-catchment Kindergarten registrants who have a sibling who is currently attending and who will continue to attend Laura Secord and Queen Victoria Annex next year **will be enrolled first at their preferred location.**
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces. Students will be registered at their preferred location as space permits.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated at their preferred location will be accommodated at the location that has space and placed on waitlist for their preferred location in the order in which their name is drawn.
4. Between January 31<sup>st</sup> and the second Friday in June (when school organizations are finalized), students on the ordered waitlist will be offered spaces at their preferred location as space becomes available. This waitlist will remain active until September 16, 2022.

### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

All in-catchment kindergarten applications received **after** January 31st will be registered at their preferred location, if there is space, or added to the bottom of the existing waitlist for their preferred location, and registered at the location that has space to accommodate them.

**Please note:** There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending Laura Secord and Queen Victoria Annex if they register after January 31st.

\* Available space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedures 300).

For more information on Kindergarten Registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

### Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Families

This is a great resource for families as they navigate the online world with youth.

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Raising-Digitally-Responsible-Youth-Guide-2020.pdf>