



Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

June 26, 2023

Dear Queen Elizabeth Community,

I am delighted to reflect on the busy and eventful month of June that we have had at our school. It has been a time filled with excitement, growth, and celebration as we wrapped up the school year and engaged in various activities.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our incredible staff, dedicated parents, and hardworking students. Your unwavering support, commitment, and enthusiasm have made this year truly remarkable. It is through your collective efforts that we have been able to create such a vibrant and enriching learning environment.

One of the highlights of June was undoubtedly our Sports Day, where students showcased their talents, sportsmanship, and teamwork. It was a joyous occasion that brought our school community together, fostering a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition.

Additionally, the culmination of the SPEC garden lessons was a testament to our commitment to environmental education. I would like to take a moment to highlight the incredible learning experiences that have arisen from our lessons. Students have gained invaluable knowledge about sustainable practices, gardening and the importance of biodiversity and nurturing our planet. They have gained a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of our natural world and the significance of preserving it.

Another significant event was the Grade 7 Farewell, marking the end of an important chapter in our students' lives. We are immensely proud of our grade sevens and their accomplishments. They have grown both academically and personally, and we have been privileged to witness their development into outstanding young individuals. As they embark on their journey to high school, we wish them the best of luck and encourage them to embrace new experiences and challenges with confidence.

Lastly, our year-end field trips provided our students with memorable adventures and experiential learning opportunities. These outings have expanded their horizons, fostered a love for exploration, and created lasting memories. We hope that these experiences have ignited a passion for lifelong learning and curiosity within each student.

As we bid farewell to another school year, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to two of our teachers, Ms. Marr and Ms. Klich, who will be leaving our Queen Elizabeth community. Their dedication, passion, and commitment have undoubtedly left a lasting impact on our students' lives. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors and thank them for their invaluable contributions to our school.

To all of our families, I extend my warmest wishes for a safe and relaxing summer. Take the time to enjoy the outdoors, create wonderful memories with families and friends, and delve into the pleasures of reading and traveling. Whether you are returning in September or embarking on new journeys elsewhere, please know that you will always be a cherished part of our Queen Elizabeth community.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. It is because of your collective efforts that our school continues to thrive and inspire. I look forward to the upcoming year, where we will continue to nurture the minds and hearts of our students. Have a fantastic summer!

Regards,

Nancy Paget

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday, June 29th CSL Reports sent home
Friday, June 30th Administrative Day. No School for students.

September

Tuesday, September 5th School Reopens. Modified Schedule.
Grades 1-7 students attend 9:00–10:00 am
Kindergarten students attend 10:30–11:00 am

Wednesday, September 6th First full day students in grades 1- 7, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Kindergarten students (refer to letter email in early June)

Wednesday, September 13th Kindergarten students in full attendance, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

September



The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th with returning and new students in grades 1 – 7 students in session from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Returning Queen Elizabeth students report to last year's teacher/classroom. Newly registered students report to the gym and will be directed to a temporary class with their peers. Beginning on Wednesday, September 6th, school is in full session from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, for students in grades 1 – 7.

On Tuesday, September 5th, new Kindergarten students, report outside the B building (by the primary playground). Kindergarten families should refer to the gradual entry schedule in the letter emailed home to them in early June. Kindergarten students will continue on a gradual entry schedule from Tuesday, September 5th to Tuesday, September 12th. Beginning on Wednesday, September 13th students will be in full attendance from 9:00 am 3:00 pm.

School Calendar ~ 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 School Calendar (attached) was emailed home with the May newsletter. The information is posted to the Queen Elizabeth website under About Us – Publications - Resources. Queen Elizabeth's professional development days next year will be the same as the district days <http://queenelizabeth.vsb.bc.ca>

School Fees ~ 2023-2024

General \$35.00 Supply Fee:

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 is \$35.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Supplementary Fees:

Student Agenda/Planner – \$6.00



Students at Brock will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 1-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Performance Fee – TBA (where applicable)

This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. As performances are arranged, parents may be asked to contribute. The typical cost per student per performance is \$5-8.

Activity Fee – \$50.00

During the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, non-curricular activities may be offered to students with nominal fees. Program fees will be published at that time.

Outdoor Education - \$50.00

Throughout the year, students may be participating in outdoor education activities such as, gardening and nature sketch.

Workbooks/Online Supplemental Resources –\$40.00

Students in some divisions will be bringing home a Math/Language Arts Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math/language arts program. Other classes will be using on-line supplementary resources. This material supplements classroom programs.

The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$40.00. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Grade 7 Fee – \$50.00

Grade 7 students are involved in events that help foster team building, leadership and friendship skills. This supplementary fee supports the grade 7 Farewell and related activities.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

Financial Hardship

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Mrs. Paget. All requests will be treated confidentially.

2023 Notice of Late Return and Are You Moving?



A **Notice of Late Return Form** is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN noon on Wednesday, September 6th 2023, but prior to Friday, September 29th, 2023.**

Please note: If the school is unable to verify your child's attendance at school **by noon on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. A copy of the form is posted on the Queen Elizabeth School's website under About Us – Publications and is **attached to this newsletter.**

Notice of Late Return Form (attached and posted on school website) can be submitted to the school office by Thursday, June 29th or emailed to StudentRecordsQE@vsb.bc.ca **as soon as possible.**



Are You Moving?

Family situations can change during the summer months. We often have families who moved out of our catchment and/or families moving in. If your family situation changes during the summer, **please notify the school office by emailing StudentRecordsQE@vsb.bc.ca as soon as possible and/or before Tuesday, September 5th.**



It is imperative that the school have your most recent address and contact information. If any of this information has changed, please contact the school office immediately and provide your updated information – address, telephone number, emergency contacts, etc.

If you are moving out of the Queen Elizabeth catchment over the summer and to another Vancouver school, please note the following:

- Wait until schools open on the last week of August to submit a transfer request. You will need to pick up a transfer request form from our school and we will send it to your new catchment school.

Visitors Report to the School Office

NOTICE
ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO OFFICE

We understand that occasionally parents may need to drop off a forgotten item or a lunch for their child. All items being delivered during the day are to be dropped off at the office and not delivered to classrooms or left in hallways. This helps us maintain a safe and organized environment.

Additionally, it is standard VSB protocol for all visitors (this means parents/guardians also) to report to the office upon entering the school premises. This protocol helps maintain a safe and orderly environment by allowing the Principal and school staff to be aware of who is in the building at any given time. As well, the school can uphold our commitment to student safety, maintain a smooth operation of our daily routines and provide an environment conducive to learning and development. Please refer to the Visitor signage posted at the main entrances of the buildings for more detailed information. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Library Year End 2023



ALL STUDENT BOOKS ARE NOW DUE. If a student or parent is CERTAIN they have returned their books, please let your child's teacher know. Any unreturned books may result in a book fine and report cards may be held at the office. There is a school-wide search for ALL Queen Elizabeth books and materials WITH BARCODES: student books, teacher books, and long-lost books...from home, from classrooms, bins, boxes, backpacks, everywhere! Please return anytime. No questions asked! Thank you for helping us locate our library books!



Thank you PAC



We extend a very special thank you to our PAC for their unwavering support and exceptional leadership throughout this year. Your commitment and dedication to our school community have made a profound impact on the success of our programs, initiatives, and celebrations. Your hard work has allowed us to host our first annual Family Picnic, staff appreciation events and many other memorable occasions that have brought our school community together.

We also want to acknowledge the invaluable financial support you have provided to our classroom teachers. Your generosity has enabled them to purchase additional classroom items, enhancing the

learning environment for our students throughout the year. Your contributions have not only benefited our teachers but have had a direct impact on the educational experience of every student in our school.

Once again, thank you, Queen Elizabeth PAC and parents, for your support and tireless efforts. Your contributions have made a lasting difference, and we appreciate you!

Family Affordability Plan

We do still have some funds available to help families through the government's family affordability plan. Please reach out to the office if you think it would be helpful to receive a gift card for groceries and/or clothing for your child.

Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club 2023 – Journey Through Time!



BC Summer Reading Club is a free literacy program designed to engage children, ages 5-12, with libraries and reading, throughout the summer.

This year's BC Summer Reading Club theme is **Journey Through Time!** It features artwork by Vancouver-based illustrator and artist **Jeni Chen**. **Registration begins on June 19th**. Please click on the link for details and registration <https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2023-journey-through-time>

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is in the Main Building near the auditorium (front hallway area as you exit to go outside). Please remind your child to check for any lost items. There are a number of clothing items that continue to be collected. Any items left behind after this Wednesday, June 28th, will be packed up and donated to charity.



Have a good
Summer!

Student Engagement and Learning

PRIDE



Indigenous Peoples' Day – Project of Hearts & Collection of Newly Purchased Indigenous Books



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