

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

November 28, 2022

Dear Queen Elizabeth Community,

It seems like yesterday we were welcoming students back to school and now the month of December is soon upon us. It has been an action packed first term with many exciting learning activities and events taking place both in and out of the classroom.

On November 10th we held our Remembrance Day Service Ceremony. I would like to thank our teachers for preparing our students for this very important ceremony and thank our student participants. Ms. Pomponio's grade 3 students were the MCs, Mr. Crisp and Ms. Rattanaraj's Kindergarteners led us in the singing of O'Canada, Ms. Seto and Ms. Campbell's students did the Land Acknowledgement and many classes contributed in some way – songs, poems, readings, artwork. Thank you to our families for your donations to the poppy fund. The school has sent a cheque to the Poppy Fund in the amount of \$830.00.

On Friday, November 25th, staff participated in the District Indigenous Day virtual workshop. Throughout the day, staff took time to reflect on the presentations, engage in dialogue and discuss our school plan's Indigenous goal. This important work continues throughout our district and supports the work we have been doing and will continue to do in this area and in the area of anti-racism.

Regards,
Nancy Paget
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2022

Thursday, December 1 st	PAC Holiday Bazaar
Monday, December 5 th	Food Bank Collection Begins (details will be forthcoming)
Tuesday, December 6 th	PAC Meeting, Staffroom, 9:15 am
Friday, December 9 th	Food Bank Collection Ends
Friday, December 16 th	Winter Assembly for students and staff
	Last day of school
Monday, December 19-30	Winter Break. School closed.

January 2023

Tuesday, January 3 rd	School Reopens
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OUTSIDE RAIN OR SHINE



Please have your child arrive to school each day dressed warmly and appropriately. Rain gear and warmer clothing are a “must have” due to our “rain or shine” outside recess and lunch days. Our children enjoy the fresh air and have lots of fun playing in puddles, running in the rain, engaging in creative play and simply enjoying the pleasures nature brings. Please remember to send a set of clothes, including underwear, socks and an extra pair of shoes (labelled in a bag) for your child to keep in their cubby in the event they require a change of clothes.



Thank you for supporting us in encouraging your children to exercise and enjoy the outdoors regardless of the weather.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 continues now until the end of January 2023. If you have neighbours who have a child born in 2018, please let them know to apply.

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

Step 1: Complete the online application form <https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca> - print out the completed registration form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Phone the school office to make an appointment to bring in your supporting documents 604-713-5408
- At the time of your appointment, bring your completed registration form along with the required documents to your catchment school

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)

NOTE: The registration process is not complete until you have completed both steps in the process. Priority registration for in-catchment students ends on January 31st. If we have more applications for kindergarten than we have spaces, a draw will be held.

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

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

***Please do not call the school or media outlets to see if schools are open. Listen to a radio station, watch a local TV station and/or check the VSB website.**

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following local media stations and posted on the VSB website by **7:00 am** on the morning of the closure.

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



In addition, information on snow closures will be available online at www.vsb.bc.ca

FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The Family Affordability Fund has been distributed to schools and feedback has been sought from staff and families regarding allocating these funds. Our school is ready to implement the plan which includes targeted funds to help individual families with food security (eg: gift cards for grocery stores); targeted funds to help individual families with other items (eg: subsidize fees during the school year – grade 7 hoodies, field trips); universal funds to offset costs for all families (eg: subsidize field trips, performances, school events for all families).

The one-time funding amount allocated to our school must be spent by the end of June. The two targeted items are to support those families in financial hardship. If your family is in need of financial assistance and would benefit from one or both of the above targeted items, please contact me directly at npaget@vsb.bc.ca and we will assist where we can. The universal items, a benefit to all families, will be determined throughout the year.

LOST AND FOUND



Our lost and found is located in the West play area and the amount of items is increasing daily. If your child has lost any of their belongings, please remind them to check our lost and found. Any items not claimed before we break for the holidays will be donated to a charity.

PAC HOT LUNCH

Thank you to our PAC for organizing optional hot lunch for our students every Monday and Wednesday.

A reminder to pack cutlery for your child if you are ordering hot lunch. **CUTLERY IS NOT INCLUDED.**



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



If your child will be absent from school, please report this absence as early as possible: **Call 604-713-5159 School Code 66.** Please report your child's first and last name, division number and teacher's name.

It is important that you call the safe arrival number, even if you have notified your child's teacher via email. This informs the office your child is absent and home safe. Teachers may be absent themselves and the office would not have access to the information. Thank you

STAY HOME WHEN SICK



Respiratory illness is on the rise and circulating in our communities (**see attached information on Respiratory Illness Season**). It is important that we all continue to maintain good personal practices and healthy habits - frequent hand washing, respect personal space, avoid sharing of food, drinks and other items, cover coughs and staying home when sick. Children should not be coming to school if they are sick even if they "only have the sniffles". Staying home does not just apply to children who have COVID symptoms, but also to children whose illness can be passed on to others.

A reminder, parents must also complete the **Daily Health Check** with their child each day before sending them to school. Please refer to District's Communicable Disease Plan, page 20

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19/Daily%20Health%20Check%20What%20to%20Do%20When%20Sick_VSB.pdf

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep everyone healthy and safe in our school.

PAC NEWS

Please join us for the last PAC Meeting of 2022 on Tuesday December 6th at 9:15 am in the Staff Room at QE. The Staff Room is just down the hall from the school office.

Holiday Bazaar



Our annual Holiday Bazaar is back this year on Thursday December 1st. Our children have the opportunity to buy holiday gifts for their families for \$1 each item. A reminder that all proceeds go towards the purchase of food gift cards which are given to inner city schools who in turn use them to provide emergency food and supplies to families in need.

We are accepting donations right up until the morning of Wednesday November 30th and are especially looking for 'treasures' for adults. We need more treasures to make this event run! Wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon and tape are also welcome donations! Please drop off your items inside the front door of the school.

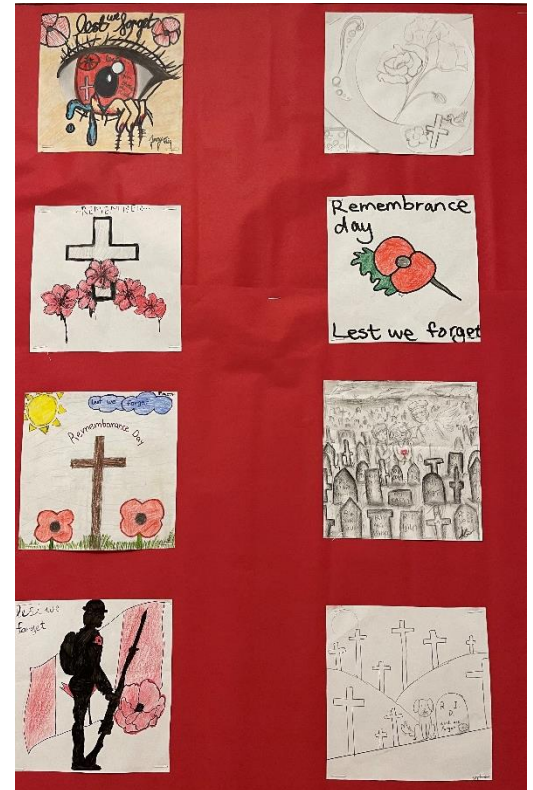
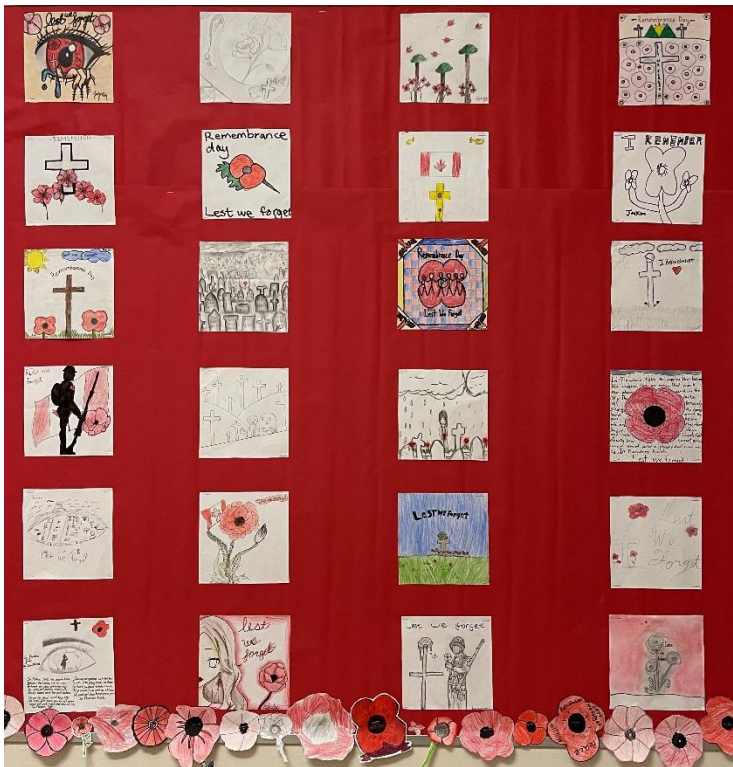
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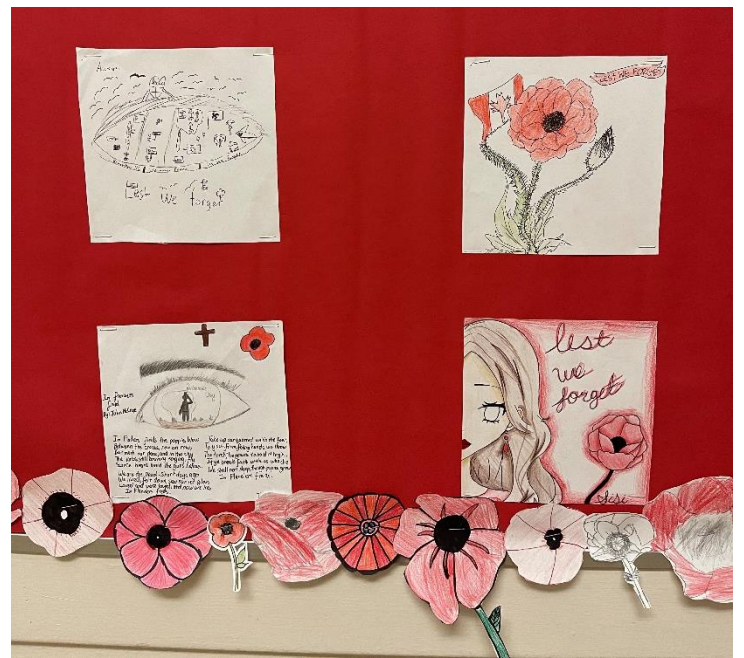
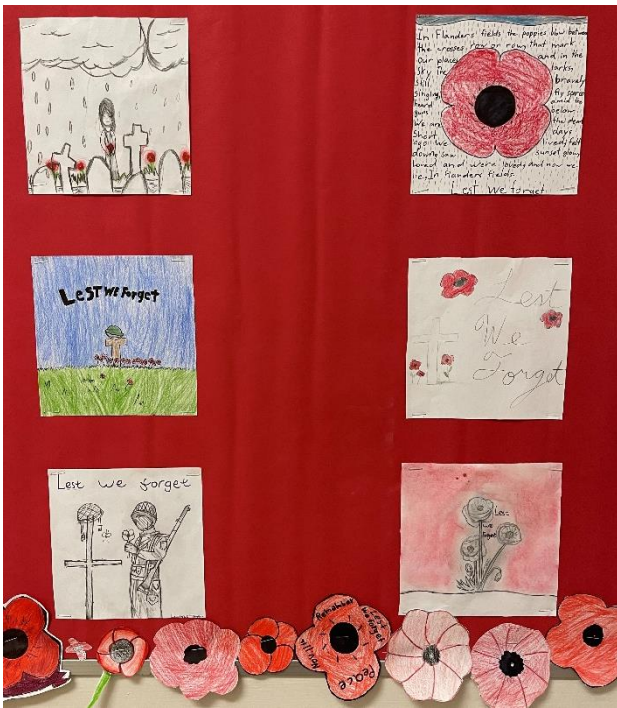
Please keep an eye out for an email from the PAC in the next week or two about hot lunch ordering opening for term two. We will continue to offer hot lunch on Monday and Wednesdays for term two from January to March.

STUDENT LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

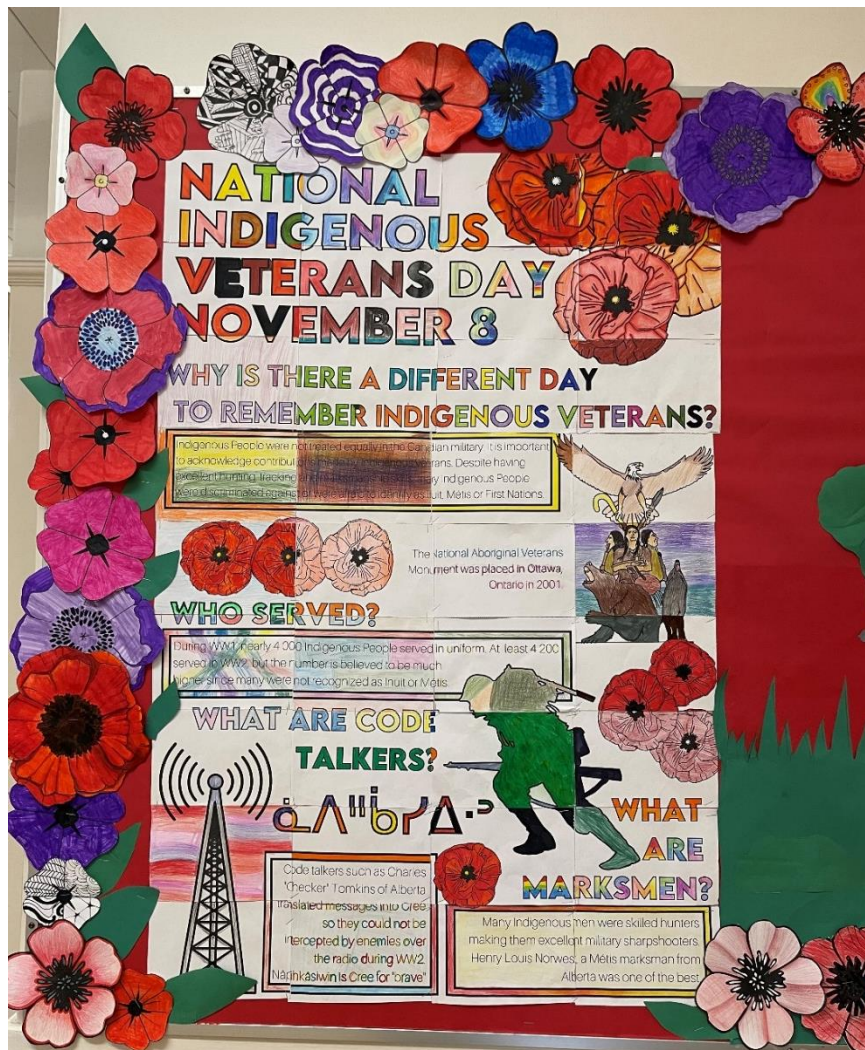
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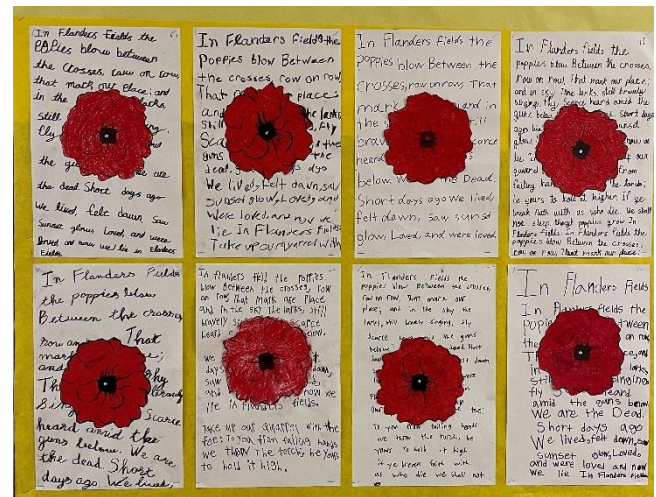
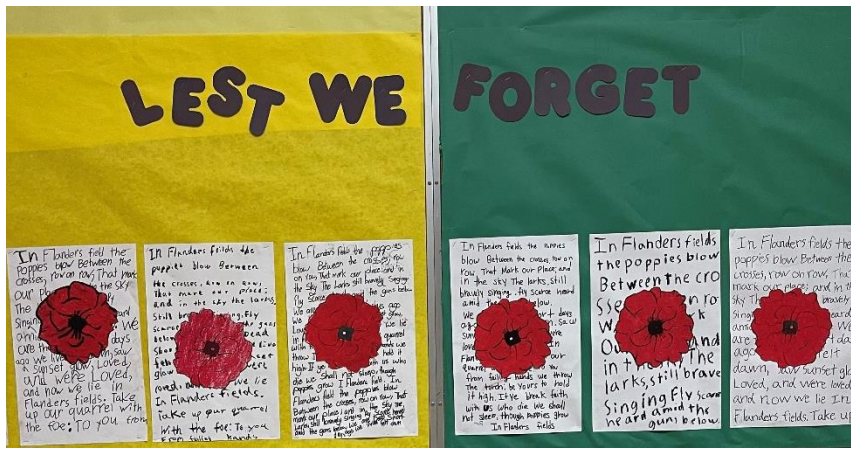
Ms. Klich, Division 4, Grade 6





Ms. Choi, Division 3, Grade 6





Ms. Johnston, Division 7, Grades ¾



Ms. Pomponio, Division 8, Grade 3





Ms. Seto, Division 10, Grades ½



