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Important information, please translate

October 28, 2022

Dear Queen Elizabeth Community,

Happy Halloween! Although we had some rain this week, Friday was an absolutely, gorgeous day for those of our classes who visited the pumpkin patch! Our students' enthusiasm was a delight to see as was the size of the pumpkins some children managed to carry. Thank you to our parent volunteers for joining classes on the field trip.

On Monday, we look forward to seeing students in their varied and creative costumes (for those students who wish to dress up). More detailed information is included in the Halloween section of this newsletter. We look forward to enjoying Halloween at school.

We held our first set of conferences this month. Conferences are a time for parents to gain a better understanding of how their child is progressing and discuss what goals have been set by your child and the teacher for the next part of the school year. If you have any questions about your child, please reach out to the classroom teacher.

Thanks to a dedicated staff and group of volunteer parents, Queen Elizabeth students have been provided with enriching extra-curricular activities. We are excited to see the return of these activities. Our cross-country team had a successful season with medals and ribbons won at the District Meet at Trout Lake. Congratulations to all our runners! We officially kicked off the volleyball season with our grades 5-7 girls playing their first game against Norma Rose Point and Queen Mary. They played with determination and won three out of six matches. Way to go QE! These experiences would not be possible without our staff sponsors and volunteer parent coaches. Thank you for your gift of time and dedication.

Happy Halloween from the Queen Elizabeth Staff!

Regards,
Nancy Paget
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 31st

Tuesday, November 1st

Thursday, November 10th

Friday, November 11th

Tuesday, November 15th

Thursday, November 17th

Friday, November 18th

Friday, November 25th

Halloween Activities

Kindergarten Registration Begins

Remembrance Day Service Ceremony

Remembrance Day. School closed.

Photo Retakes, 1:00 pm

Kindergarten and Grade 2 Hearing Screening, 9:15 am

Performance, Green Thumb Theatre, 1:15 pm

Fire Safety House, Div. 8 & 9

Professional Development Day. No school for students.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Student safety is our primary concern. Please Drop off and Pick Up your child on time.

Morning supervision is from 8:40- 9:00 am and afternoon supervision is from 3:00 - 3:20 pm. Please **do not** drop your child off earlier than 8:40 am, unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity. There is no one available to supervise outside of our posted supervision times.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



We will be having our Remembrance Day Service Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10th. More information about the Service Ceremony will be forthcoming.

This is an extremely important and special ceremony where we honour those men and women who fought and gave up their lives so that future generations could live in peace. In preparation for the ceremony, staff are discussing the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day with students. We would appreciate it if you would review the importance of this ceremony with your child.

This year, our poppy fund donations will be collected via School Cash Online (just like school fees). Families will be notified when School Cash Online opens for donations and families can choose the amount they would like to donate. A cheque will be sent to the Poppy Fund on behalf of Queen Elizabeth Elementary. Thank you in advance for your donations. Each child will receive a poppy on November 10th for our Remembrance Day Service Ceremony.

Kindergarten Registration for Children Born in 2018 Begins on November 1st



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school.

The priority registration period for in-catchment Kindergarten students opens on **November 1 and closes on January 31**. 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: 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. If you know families with children who were born in 2018, please remind them to register for Kindergarten.

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. Applications for Choice Programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2023.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents



4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

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

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

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



We are fortunate to have some wonderful weather this fall. Our weather is changing and the days are becoming wetter, darker and colder as we head into November. As you are aware, students are outside getting fresh air and exercise, rain or shine. With the colder and wetter days it is important for students to be dressed warmly and appropriately. Rain jackets and warmer clothing are a “must have” due to our “rain or shine” outside days. Please send your child to school with the appropriate outdoor clothing each day (cool days - warm jacket or coat; wet/rainy days - waterproof raincoat and rainboots).



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.

Some of our students despite teacher reminders head outside without their jackets and warm clothing. Please review with your child the importance of wearing their jackets while outside during the colder months.

Our Lost and Found is growing and to prevent future losses: Clearly label your child's clothing and other belongings in the event they are left outside or in the classroom. This will allow us to easily identify the owner. Please remind your child to check that they have their belongings after breaks and before they leave school for the day.

TOYS AND SPECIAL ITEMS

As a reminder, we are requesting that all toys, cards and special items are left at home unless specifically requested by your child's teacher for a special project and/or Show and Tell. Children can become very upset when disagreements arise over valued items or when they are damaged or lost. Thank you for your support in keeping all personal toys and special items at home. If a child brings an item to school that results in a disagreement or disruption to the learning environment, the item may be taken and kept until a parent or guardian can collect it.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY



Throughout the year, staff regularly review with students the acceptable use of technology at school. Technology is for educational purposes only and under the direction and supervision of the teacher. We do not recommend students bring personal devices to school. If devices are brought to school, they may go missing if left in backpacks or the classroom.

If your child brings a cell phone to school, please remind them that it is to be turned off upon entering the school grounds, placed in their pocket or backpack and is not to be used during the school day. Also a reminder that taking photos and/or videos of students and/or staff is not permitted. Some families request that photos/videos of their children not be taken and it is important that we respect everyone's privacy.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Each student in the Vancouver School Board has access to technology to support their learning. It is a requirement of each student (and family) to acknowledge that they have read the guidelines for this use. This year, the district would like families to do this electronically. If you have not already done so, login and confirm that you and your child have read and understand these guidelines. Please click on the link <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/Login> You will need your child's 9-digit Personal Education Number (PEN) and their date of birth to login.

The [140 Acceptable Use of Technology.pdf](#) document outlines expectations for use of technology and includes (but is not all inclusive) such things as: • Respectful use of the internet • Keeping passwords confidential from others • Conduct that aligns with the District and School Codes of Conduct.

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.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE DONATIONS

Queen Elizabeth Elementary is very appreciative of the donations the school receives from various donors. The school uses the donations to support and enrich student learning.

The Board has implemented an online donation module to provide convenience to donors. Donors can make donations with a credit card at any time to any school or program as they wish and receive a donation tax receipt shortly after the donation transaction has been processed. The Board manages the donations in accordance with donor's directions.

PAC donations can also be made via School Cash Online. If you wish to make a donation directly to PAC, please select Queen Elizabeth School PAC from the Fund Destination drop-down menu below. For a specific PAC campaign, please select the school PAC from the Fund Destination drop-down menu below and enter the campaign name in the message field.

How to donate online. Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>

1. Choose from a list of donation amounts, or enter a specific amount
2. Choose a "Fund Destination." A dropdown list includes every school in the District, the Board and District-wide programs
3. Click on "Add to Cart".
4. Review the information for accuracy and click "Continue" if everything is correct
5. The donor will be prompted to sign in. If the donor doesn't have a School Cash Online account, then click on "Click here to register now" and follow the steps to complete the registration process. If the donor does have an account then continue with the payment process to complete the donation transaction.
6. After the payment has been processed a donation receipt will appear on the screen for printing. The donor will also receive an emailed copy.

The Board encourages schools to promote the use of the online module. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Paget at 604-713-5408.

GRADE 8 TRANSITION & MINI SCHOOL INFORMATION

In January, the regular transition process for grade 7 students going to grade 8 begins. Students will receive information about registration and course selection once we receive it from the secondary schools. Mini School program and application information was shared with families in September and is included below. It is not an expectation that students apply to mini school.

Interested students need to complete both the District Registry process ([available here from November 7 - December 15, 2022](#)), and then apply directly to the Mini School programs through the Mini School program websites.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Secondary/Mini_Schools/Pages/Default.aspx

The 2022-2023 Secondary Programs Brochure provides a synopsis of each Mini School Program https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Secondary/Mini_Schools/Documents/sbfile/VSB%20Mini%20School%20Brochure%202023.pdf

FLU SEASON



November is the start of flu season – don't delay, get your flu shot now! For more information about the flu vaccine and to find a clinic near you, please visit: <https://immunizebc.ca/>



PAC NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities

- If you are able to help distribute hot lunches on Mondays or Wednesdays, please contact Bishan Wu at bishan_wu@hotmail.com to discuss your availability.
- Approximately once a month throughout the school year each class will get a delivery of a fresh fruit or vegetable from the British Columbia Agriculture In The Classroom Foundation (Fruit and Vegetable Program). The produce is usually delivered by 9:15 on a Tuesday morning. Two to three parents can complete this job in 30 minutes. At this time we are still looking for volunteers for the following days. Please contact Domina Edwards if you can help at jeffanddomina@gmail.com.
 - November 22, 2022 - one parent
 - January 24, 2023 - two parents
 - February 7, 2023 - two parents
 - February 28, 2023 - two parents
 - April 4, 2023 - one parent
 - April 25th, 2023 - two parents
 - May 9 2023 - two parents
 - May 30, 2023 - one parent

Holiday Bazaar Donations

The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Thursday December 1st. This is an annual fun-filled event where QE students take great pride in shopping for their loved ones (every gift is \$1.00). All funds raised will go to our sister school, Strathcona Elementary, to support families in need. We will be asking for volunteers closer to the event but right now we would like to ask for donations! Without your donations of unwanted 'treasures' this event doesn't work.

Please drop off donations in the collection box found by the front door on the way to the school office. The school is open from 8 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday.

In particular these items are always popular:

- Household goods – especially mugs and glasses that can be gift-wrapped in cellophane with candies & candles etc
- Purses, scarves & jewellery
- Ornaments
- Special occasion decorations
- toys and games
- We always need more items for dads, such as golf, sports, car related, ties, wallets etc

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays and ordering for the fall term is open until December 1, 2022. Ordering is through Muncha Lunch - please see our website qepac.ca for details.

HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

Please review the Halloween guidelines below. We thank parents, in advance, for adhering to these guidelines:

- Children *may* come to school dressed up for Halloween on October 31st.
- Please remember, even if your child is dressed in their Halloween costume, recess and lunch are outside "rain or shine" and we cannot guarantee that costumes will not get wet/muddy, etc.

- Accessories for costumes must be left at home to remove the temptation to share and play with other children's belongings
- "Over-scary" costumes must not be worn
- Costumes that are culturally insensitive and/or racist must not be worn
- Costumes should be ones students can easily and safely work in, go to the washroom, walk about
- Costumes should provide good visibility (no masks or face coverings that cover students' eyes)
- Hem length high enough to avoid tripping
- No weapons
- We ask that parents check with their child's teacher before sending in any treats. Please do not send in homemade treats for your child to share with others because this will not be permitted and may result in disappointment
- Some classes may have Halloween-themed activities throughout the day, but this is not an expectation for any classroom teacher and this is left to their discretion



We appreciate your reinforcing the above message at home with your children and hope that, if you do celebrate Halloween in your family, this year, you continue to remain safe.

Finally, Halloween is also a time where, unfortunately, there is a lot of vandalism at Vancouver schools. **I have attached a brochure that outlines what you can do to help our school on the weekend of Halloween.** Please take a moment to look over the brochure and consider these items if you notice anything suspicious around Queen Elizabeth. Please also have a conversation with your child that if they see fireworks on the ground to not touch them and report it to an adult immediately. Thank you.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Think good visibility and fit with Halloween Costumes

Choose brightly coloured costumes, so your child can be seen easily by vehicles in the dark. Add reflective tape for good measures and consider make-up instead of masks. Masks often shift out of place, can obstruct vision and can make it difficult to breathe.

Trick-or-treating can be done safely by following these tips:

- Respect homes by staying away if the lights are out
- Keep to your local neighbourhood
- Check treats



Road Rules Still Apply

In all the excitement, trick or treaters can forget about pedestrian safety. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult or a responsible older child. Remember to walk down one side of a street before crossing to the other side to limit the amount of street crossings. Cross at crosswalks. Never "criss-cross" from house to house.

Pay Close Attention When Driving

Eliminate any distractions you might have and keep your eye on the road for any Halloween activity or trick-or-treaters. If possible, avoid driving on streets with a lot of trick-or-treaters moving from house to house.

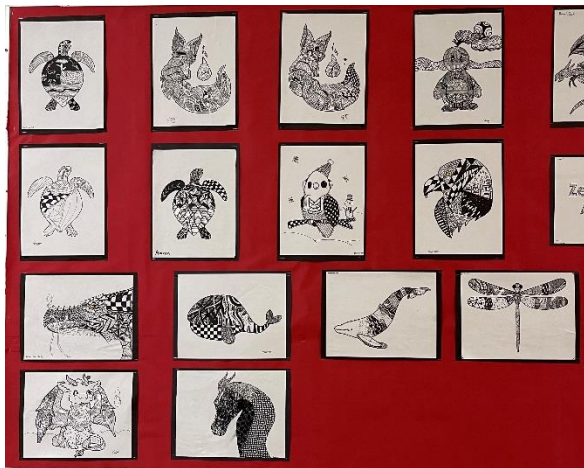


STUDENT LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Marr, Division 1, Grade 7



Ms. Choi, Division 3, Grade 6– Zen Doodle Animals



Ms. Johnston, Division 7, Grades 3/4



Ms. Pomponio, Division 8, Grade 3



Mrs. Miller, Division 6, Grades 4/5



Ms. Trifkovic, Division 4, Grade 6



Ms. Seto, Division 10, Grades 1/2



Ms. Rattnaraj & Mr. Crisp, Division 12& 13, Kindergarten



Ms. Whitehead, Division 9, Grade 3



Ms. Campbell, Division 11, Grade 1



Ms. MacDonald, Division 2, Grade 7



A carefully, selected and perfectly picked pumpkin arrived Mrs. Paget's office. Such a thoughtful and special surprise. Thank you