



Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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Dear Families of Queen Elizabeth,

The staff and I would like to wish you a *Happy Thanksgiving* and restful long weekend.



Important Dates:

Monday, October 10th
Wednesday, October 12th

Thanksgiving. School closed.
Cross-Country Practice 8:00 am & Mini Meet (Primary) 3:30 pm
Meet the Teacher, Division 6, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 13th
Friday, October 14th
Tuesday, October 18th

Fire Drill (weather permitting)
Cross-Country Practice 8:00 am
Early dismissal 2:00 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences, 2:00 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 19th

Early dismissal 2:00 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences, 2:00 – 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 20th

Photo Day a.m.
Cross-Country Meet at Trout Lake, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Pro-D Day, no school.

Friday, October 21st

Lockdown Drill

Tuesday, October 25th

Immunization Clinic, Grade 6

Thursday, October 27th

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Each year, Vancouver schools review emergency procedures with students. Throughout the school year, we will have numerous emergency-situation practices (fire, earthquake, hold and secure, shelter in place and lockdown). Teachers do review the emergency procedures with students throughout the year. It is helpful if parents discuss and review emergency situations and procedures with their children to help prepare them for drills and/or a real life emergency.

We will have 6 fire drills (first drill October 13th), 2 lockdown drills (October 25th and January 10th), 2 earthquake drills (October 20th and May 2) and 1 Hold and Secure (date to be determined). Not all drills will be announced and dates are subject to change.

For your information, if you arrive at school and there are signs on the doors that state “Hold and Secure”, essentially, it means that there is an incident occurring in the neighbourhood that is deemed a risk to the community. We keep exterior doors to the buildings locked and do not allow staff or students to leave the buildings until the risk has passed. We also have a procedure known as “Shelter in Place”. This is when the school is locked for an environmental concern such as a chemical spill or something more simple such as coyotes on the playground. Finally, a full “Lockdown” would be initiated in the unlikely event of a threat occurring directly on the school grounds. or in the building. In the event, there is no sign on the door and all staff and students would be secured behind locked doors until police deem it to be safe to leave the school. In the case of an emergency where we are unable to keep students at Queen Elizabeth Elementary, parents should be aware

that our offsite emergency evacuation centre is Lord Byng Secondary 3939 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. For more information about school emergency procedures, please speak to your child's teacher.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE Traffic Safety ~ Road Sense Tips

As the weather worsens and the days become darker and wetter, it is important to take extra caution when walking and driving around the school.

For the safety of our children, please drive safely and obey the traffic signs around the school grounds. Please be considerate of other parents who are also trying to drop off/pick up their children, so that the zones are not congested and everyone has an opportunity to drop off/pick up their child safely. Thank you!

“NO STOPPING 8:00 am – 5:00 pm SCHOOL DAYS” – These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers. Vehicles parked in No Parking and No Stopping zones in a school area can be towed under section 17.1 of the bylaw.



“NO PARKING, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm SCHOOL DAYS” – These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students with a limit of 5 minutes. Motorists are not to leave their car unattended for more than 5 minutes.

School Area Signs - This sign is used in advance of a school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on school days.

School Crosswalk Signs - A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.



Traffic Safety Tips for Parents – Encourage walking, cycling, or carpooling to school. If you must drive, park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school. Reduce traffic congestion and make school zones safer.

School Parking Lot: As a reminder, please **do not drive or park** in the school parking lot or the school roundabout. If you are driving to school, please consider parking a block or two away and walking with your child to school. Walking to school is a wonderful way to interact with your child, talk about their day, enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise. It also helps minimize the traffic and congestion around the school. In order to keep everyone safe, **please use the sidewalks to enter the school grounds and do not walk or bike through the parking lot.**

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe and for your consideration. Student safety is our primary concern.

SAFE ARRIVAL

***It is important that you call the safe arrival line even if you have let the teacher know your child will be absent. Teachers can be absent and/or are not checking email during instructional time.**

Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist the school, we ask parents to notify the school of student absences.



If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159** and using Code **66**. Messages will be received before the office is open.

School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159**, Code **66** **prior to 9 am**, on the first day of the absence. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency, it is imperative that we are able to contact a parent or the emergency contact person(s) for your child, at any time during the school day. Please make sure your contact information is up to date, your phone numbers are in order and your voicemail can receive messages. If we cannot contact you, we will leave a message for you to call the school and begin calling the other contacts on your child's verification form.

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL OR ILL STAY HOME

A reminder as we enter the flu season, please do the daily health check with your child each day before they come to school. If your child is unwell or feeling ill they must stay home until they are well. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID 19 in schools.

Please see the link below for the District's Communicable Disease Plan.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/updates/Documents/sbfile/220901/District%20Communicable%20Disease%20Prevention%20Plan%20V9%20Sept%2001%202022_1.pdf

Attached, please find a copy of the Daily Health Check and What To Do When Sick.

TERRY FOX RUN

"A dream is as big as our country". Congratulations Queen Elizabeth! Our students had a great run and much fun participating in the annual Terry Fox Run. Our goal was \$800 and our community raised \$1035.00 for cancer research! Way to go QE! Thank you to our families for your donations and support of this very important cause and to our staff for ensuring our annual run took place and was a success.

