



Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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June 26, 2025

Dear Queen Elizabeth Community,

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming students and families back to school. This year has been filled with excitement, growth, and meaningful celebrations!

As I reflect on the past months, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for the many enriching learning experiences and community-building moments we've shared. Our students embraced a wide variety of activities, developing new skills, forming lasting friendships, showcasing their talents and demonstrating empathy and teamwork. Year-end field trips added a sense of adventure and discovery, creating memories we hope will inspire a lifelong love of learning.

June also brings a time of farewell. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Hermanson, Mr. Teo, and Ms. Marshall who are leaving Queen Elizabeth. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

To all our families, we send warm wishes for a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer. Whether you're exploring nature, enjoying time with loved ones, diving into a good book, or setting off on new adventures, we hope this season brings you renewal and happiness. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces back in September and send our best to those beginning new journeys elsewhere.

Regards,

Mrs. Paget

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday, June 25th

Learning Updates sent home

Thursday, June 26th

Last day of school for students

Friday, June 27th

Administrative Day. No school for students.

September

Tuesday, September 2nd

School Reopens. Modified Schedule.
Grades 1-7 students attend 9:00–10:00 am

Wednesday, September 3rd

First full day students in grades 1- 7, 9:00 am – 2:58 pm
Kindergarten students Gradual Entry (refer to letter emailed in June)

Wednesday, September 10th

Kindergarten students in full attendance, 9:00 am – 2:58 pm

SEPTEMBER



The first day of school is Tuesday, September 2nd 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 3rd, school is in full session from 9:00 am – 2:58 pm, for students in grades 1 – 7.

On Wednesday, September 3rd, 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 3rd to Tuesday, September 9th. Beginning on Wednesday, September 10th students will be in full attendance from 9:00 am 2:58 pm.

Portables at Queen Elizabeth

As previously announced in the May newsletter, I'm pleased to share that the portables currently located on the school's gravel field will be removed and the site will be restored to an all-weather, gravel field starting this summer.

As many of you know, these portables were originally installed to temporarily accommodate students from other schools undergoing critical seismic upgrades or replacements. With those projects now complete, there is no anticipated future need for the portables to serve as temporary accommodations. Additionally, the portables have not been used since 2023 but continue to incur maintenance costs such as heating, pest control and vandalism repairs. Removing the portables would not only return the Queen Elizabeth gravel field to its full size, but also reduce maintenance costs for the District.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Queen Elizabeth school community for your patience and support over the years. Your cooperation played an essential role in helping several school communities remain safe and supported during their seismic renewal projects.

TRACK AND FIELD

Our Junior and Senior Track and Field teams wrapped up their season with an exciting final meet at Point Grey Secondary! After weeks of dedicated training and teamwork, our athletes gave it their all and performed incredibly well. It was a beautiful, sunny day filled with fun, school spirit, and community building. We're so proud of how our students supported one another and represented Queen Elizabeth with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations to our students who finished in the top 6 and to all our student participants! Way to go, team!

On behalf of our entire school community, I want to extend a sincere thank you to our coaches Ms. Rattanaraj, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Pomponio, Ms. Seto, Mr. Addison, Ms. Milner, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Whitehead for their dedication, time, and passion throughout the season. Their commitment to our athletes—whether through practices, meets, or words of encouragement—has made a lasting impact. They not only helped our students grow as athletes but also as individuals, teaching them the values of perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLUB

This term marked the exciting launch of our Student Leadership Club for intermediate students - and what a fantastic start it was! Our student leaders took the initiative to organize and run our school's Jump Rope for Heart Day, including leading presentations at both intermediate and primary assemblies to share the importance of heart health and why we "jump." Thank you to our parent community for your support and donations. ***We raised \$1,152 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.***

In addition to this event, our leadership students contributed to morning announcements, created a thoughtful Earth Day bulletin board, and supported various school-wide activities. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork have set a strong foundation -and with all the momentum they've built, next year is already looking even more exciting!

A big thank you to all the students who stepped up as leaders - you've made a real difference in our school community! I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Collis, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Choi for their incredible support and dedication to the Student Leadership Club this year. Their guidance, encouragement, and mentorship have played a vital role in helping our students grow as confident, compassionate, and capable leaders.

PRIDE CLUB

This year's Pride Club was a vibrant, welcoming space where creativity and community thrived! Students brought their imaginations to life by writing and performing an original play for all the primary classes. Their performance carried a powerful message of inclusion and anti-bullying, and they absolutely shone on stage! The club also played a key role in organizing and leading the school's Pride Parade, guiding the entire school in a joyful celebration of diversity. We wrapped up the year with a fun-filled end-of-year celebration, marking a fantastic finish to a truly inspiring and inclusive journey together.



Thank you to Ms. Campbell and Ms. Seto for their leadership and sponsorship of our Pride Club. Their dedication to creating a safe, inclusive, and empowering space for our students is truly inspiring. Their commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating diversity has made a meaningful impact on our school community. Thank you for being a role model of compassion, advocacy, and allyship.

PAC RUNNING CLUB

This year, we had 38 students participate in the PAC-sponsored Running Club. Together, students completed more than 2200 laps of the track over the course of the year! Two students, (Myrtille, Div 5 and Scotia, Div 8) completed an "Ultra marathon," which is 165+ laps, three students (Benson, Jasper, and Jayden Z, Div 7) completed a "marathon," which is 105+ laps, 14 students completed a "half marathon," which is 55+ laps, and many more students completed 10K and 5K of running. Many members also competed in the Longest Day 5K Race at UBC. Congrats to all of our runners! We hope to see you out next year. We meet before school at 8:30 on Friday mornings, all are welcome!



On behalf of the entire school community, I want to extend my gratitude to Ms. Hirsh for her unwavering commitment and dedication to the PAC Running Club. Her enthusiasm, leadership, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our students, inspiring them to stay active, set goals, and build confidence through running.

SING INTO SUMMER ~ MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

In a delightful celebration of music, our classes enjoyed a musical afternoon featuring captivating performances by Mr. Teo's music classes. The theme, "Sing into Summer," showcased our primary and intermediate students as they sang songs from popular musicals and movies. Accompanied by Mr. Teo, it truly became a magical musical event – one that emphasized the significance of music in our lives. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Teo for his dedication and skill in his craft. His deep love and passion for music resonates with us.

School Calendar/ Bell Schedule/School Fees 2025-2026

Please find attached a copy of the 2025-2026 school calendar, bell schedule and school fees. *Please save the calendar and make a note of the important dates and early dismissal times, along with the bell schedule.* Please note this information was emailed home on June 4th.

2025 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN & ARE YOU MOVING?

A **Notice of Late Return Form** (attached) is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN noon on Friday, September 5th, 2025, but prior to Monday, September 29, 2025.**



Please note: If the school is unable to verify your child's attendance at school **by noon on Friday, September 5th, 2025**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. A copy of the form will also be posted on the Queen Elizabeth School's website under About Us – Publications.

Are You Moving? If you have not notified the school office that your child will not be returning to Queen Elizabeth in September 2025, please contact StudentRecordsQE@vsb.bc.ca promptly. This information is crucial for our enrollment planning and staffing. Thank you for your support.



Family situations can change during the summer months. We often have families who moved out of our catchment

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 bring it to your new catchment school.

THANK YOU PAC



We express heartfelt gratitude to our PAC for your ongoing support this year. Your dedication has played a vital role in the success of so many programs, initiatives, and celebrations that have enriched our school community

Thanks to your hard work and enthusiasm, we were able to host a variety of memorable events, including our QE Pumpkin Patch, Fall Dance, Family Picnic/Carnival, Bollywood Dance, and many more. Each of these moments helped foster a strong sense of connection and joy within our school.

A special thank you for the delightful year-end Staff Appreciation Luncheon – what a treat! Our staff is looking forward to coming together and sharing in the delicious celebration.

Thank you to our amazing PAC Executive – Linda, Erica, Cindy and Lisa – for your outstanding leadership, tireless efforts and steadfast support. To all our parents: your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club 2025 –Colour Your Summer!



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 **Colour Your Summer!** The author and illustrator, Lauren Achtem, grew up in Vancouver and is currently living in Golden, BC. **Registration begins in June.**

TRAFFIC SAFETY ~ PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Ensuring the safety of our students is the responsibility of all community members. The traffic and parking around the school continues to be concerning. Unsafe driving puts students at serious risk. We respectfully ask that all caregivers ensure they are following all the rules of the road including:

- the [Motor Vehicle Act](#) and the [Street and Traffic Bylaw](#)
- Ensure that you are following all posted signs
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Cross at intersections, where visible to drivers
- Do not use the staff parking lot for pick up an/or drop off

- Consider parking 1-2 blocks from the school and walking over to the school. This can simplify your morning and afternoon routine by finding a less busy place to park temporarily.
- Be aware that enforcement teams will be in the area. Violations may result in fines.
- Please be kind to everyone in our school community



Specific to Queen Elizabeth School:

- Make use of the pick up and drop off zone on eastbound 16th Ave. You may save time by not turning into the neighbourhood. This can also help reduce congestion on Camosun Street.
- Make use of the crossing at the south side of Camosun Street and 16th Ave. This has a reduced crossing distance which can improve visibility for pedestrians and reduce the time they are in the street.
- **School Parking Lot:** As a reminder, please do not drive or park in the school parking lot or the school roundabout.. 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 ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Campbell & Ms. Seto, Gr. 1/2 & 2/3

To celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, Divisions 9 and 11 explored the rich history and cultural significance of Bannock. Through hands-on learning and making this traditional food, students gained a deeper appreciation for Indigenous heritage and traditions.





Have a great

Summer

