



Queen Alexandra F.A.M.I.L.Y. School

A Fine Arts Multicultural Integrated Learning for Youth School

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Acknowledgement

We live, work and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish people. Queen Alexandra F.A.M.I.L.Y. School wishes to acknowledge the history of our community and neighbourhood.

We Made It!

May and June have been action packed months at QA! We hope that you were able to join us for one or several of our recent events – Sports Day, the Spring Concert, Indigenous Day, the Arts Umbrella Student Performance, our Talent Show or, most recently, the School Picnic! Tomorrow, on our last day of school, we'll have a Year End Assembly and Staff vs. Grade 7 soccer game! Join us!

We are proud of our students for the learning and growth that they've shown this year. We wish everyone a wonderful, fun, relaxing and happy July and August! Thank you for your continued support. We are grateful to work with such engaged, supportive, kind and dedicated families!

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 28 Last day of school (students dismissed at 3:00pm)
Year End Assembly (9:15am)
Staff vs. Grade 7 Soccer Game (11:10am)
- Sept. 4 First day back!
(Gr.1 - Gr.7 - 9am-10am Kindergarten – 1:00pm-1:45pm)
- Sept. 20 QA Potluck and Open House
- Sept. 21 Non-Instructional Day

Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer!



Please see the QA website for 2018-19 Important Dates & School Fee info.

Best Wishes

We are so grateful to the following staff who have been valuable members of our QA family. We are sad to see them go and know that their next schools are so very lucky!

Goodbye to:



- Betsy Brasslet (SSA)
- Michelle Cieslik (Gr. 1/2)
- Megan Davies (Principal)
- Aliya Khan (SSA)
- Karen Sandhu – maternity leave (Grade 6/7)
- Kathy Wong (After School Programmer)

Just this week, our principal Megan Davies, learned of her transfer/placement at Queen Mary Elementary starting in August. Ms. Davies has thoroughly enjoyed her time working with our QA community and is finding it difficult to say goodbye! It has truly been an honour for Ms. Davies to be part of the QA family. She will miss our wonderful students, supportive families and incredibly caring and dedicated staff!

Warm Welcome

We will be all set for the start of the school year – especially with these people joining our QA Family:

Welcome to:

- Hayley Enns (Grade 2/3)
- John MacCormack (Principal)
- Justin Reist (Grade 6/7 – 1 year temporary position)



John MacCormack is excited to join the Queen Alexandra community in September 2018. Hailing originally from Nova Scotia, John has taught in elementary, middle and high school in 4 provinces. He held a school Principal position in a grade K to 8 school in Saskatchewan before moving to Vancouver in 2012. In Vancouver, John has been a Vice Principal at Norma Rose Point, Wilfred Grenfell and John Henderson elementary schools. John is a lifelong learner who has dedicated his career to support inclusion, diversity, safe schools, collaboration, and Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. He is a part-time musician, soccer coach, conference presenter and animal lover. John is excited to be joining the Queen Alexandra community. John will be in school during the third week of August so please feel free to come and visit.

QA's Mission Statement: Through the commitment to cooperation and hard work, the students, parents and staff of Queen Alexandra work together so that all students can succeed academically and socially in an emotionally nurturing environment. We care for OURSELVES. We care for OTHERS. We care for OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.



CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

Queen Alexandra Elementary

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)

Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sun. Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 21, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

September 26, 2018 (Goal Setting Conferences)	2:00pm
September 27, 2018 (Goal Setting Conferences)	2:00pm
December 6, 2018 (Student Led Conferences)	2:00pm
March 14, 2019 (Student Led Conferences)	2:00pm

Bell Schedule
Welcome Bell 8:55am
Homeroom Bell 9:00am
Recess 10:50am - 11:10am
Lunch 12:10pm - 12:57pm
Dismissal 3:00pm

School Grounds Supervision
8:40am - 9:00am
3:00pm - 3:20pm