

Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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NEWSLETTER #9 – April 13, 2018

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

Spring has sprung, as have many daffodils, crocus and other plants, despite the lack of warmth and the copious amount of liquid nourishment! Hopefully the sun will begin shining for longer and more frequent periods soon. Especially during this rainy season, please ensure your child has a change of clothing, for those occasional slips in the mud.

Take some time to read through our school newsletters and email notifications from both the school and PAC so that you are informed and don't miss out on all the exciting events during our final weeks of the school year!

Thank you all for your on-going support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. S.C.Car

Div. 7 Sale Day

Over the past several weeks, Division 7, Ms Enojo's class, have been hard at work setting up their own businesses as part of the Junior Achievement program. Today the students held their sale day, which proved to be a huge success. Many of the businesses sold out of their products before lunch. This meant that some classes were unable to purchase items. But not to worry, Division 7 will be holding a second Sale Day to give those people who missed out a chance to shop.

Thank you to the students, parents and staff that supported us and bought items. Div 7 will be working on replenishing our product stocks in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for details on the next Sale Day!

Grade 7 Students Fundraising for Camp

QE Grade 7's will be hosting a 'Great Grad Supersale' starting next **Tuesday, April 17th** and will run Tuesdays through Fridays during lunch and some days after school until May. Funds raised will help reduce cost of the Grade 7 camping trip. The sale will be set up in the covered area in the playground and they will be selling baked goods, treats and crafts, with items priced from 25c to \$5. Students, families and friends are all welcome. Thanks in advance for your support!

Class/Group Photos – Tuesday, April 24



Tuesday, April 24th is class photo day. Please try not to schedule appointments for children on that day - to ensure that they will have the opportunity to be in the class photo. This year, every child will receive a complimentary class photo. Students will also have the opportunity to order and purchase group/panorama photos once the proofs become available.

The Big One on Thursday, May 3rd – District Earthquake Drill & (NEW) Reunification Drill

Our school (along with all VSB schools and sites) will participate in an earthquake drill on Thursday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm. This particular drill is district wide and gives schools the opportunity to test out systems such as radio communication with the district, checking our supplies in the Emergency Bin and reviewing procedures with all students and staff. Our school has an emergency bin with enough emergency food, water, first aid and other basic supplies for all our students and staff for a



few days. We also have a trained SERT (School Emergency Response Team) on staff. In the event of a real emergency, staff will stay with students as long as needed until they have been picked up by a parent or guardian. This year a few families will be asked to participate in a "Reunification Drill". This will entail a parent or guardian going through the procedures for coming to the school and picking up their children. Parents selected will be notified and details will be explained to them.

Jeans Day – Thursday, May 3rd



Jeans Day is on **Thursday, May 3rd**. Closer to the date, Div. 12 – Ms Rattanaraj's class, will be selling buttons for \$5.00 each with all proceeds going to B.C. Children's Hospital. Wear jeans on that day and support BC kids by purchasing Jeans Day buttons.

Upcoming Artist in Residence: May 9-11

Jacky Essombe will be coming to work with our students in May. She will work with each class and prepare them for a performance on the afternoon of Friday, May 11. More details will be sent home closer to the date but, please plan to join us that afternoon! Jacky is an accomplished performer. Her time working with our students includes live drumming (she will come with one accompanist), singing and dancing, while exploring the culture and traditions of various parts of Africa that promote friendship, collaboration, respect for nature, community living and belonging.

Run for Water



This is Queen Elizabeth's 8th year supporting this important cause to help bring clean water to a village in Ethiopia. After being the top fundraising school two years in a row, we look forward to the continuing support for this global cause. This year, we will have our assembly and run in the afternoon on **Tuesday, May 15th**. More information will be coming in the next few

weeks. Thank you to Ms Block for organizing this event again this year. For further information about this cause go to www.runforwater.ca.

Welcome to Kindergarten



On **Thursday, May 31st at 11:00 am** we will welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families at our annual "Welcome to Kindergarten" event. Parents and students will be part of intake interviews with the Kindergarten teacher in September. We look forward to having our new students as part of the school community in September.

PAC News

QEPAC is excited to launch our new website this week which we hope will be more user friendly and informative. Please visit us now at www.qepac.ca. Any feedback is welcome.

Annual Plant Sale is on now! Back by popular demand the annual hanging basket and plant sale is now underway. An order form was sent home this week or is available to download from the new QEPAC website. All forms must be into the PAC mailbox by the order deadline Thursday, April 26th, 2018. Delivery on Tuesday, May 8th just in time for Mother's Day. Again, this year, herb and tomato flats are also available. All items come from a local wholesale farm in the Fraser valley and are very good quality. Big thanks to Rosemary Delli Pizzi for coordinating this year! We are also in need of volunteers to help sort the morning of May 8th if you can help please contact Rosamary at rdellipizzi@telus.net. This has always been a popular initiative, but we need someone to take it over as Rosamary will not be here next year. If you are interested in organizing this initiative next year please contact kristinmcallister@shaw.ca

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, April 24	Class/Panorama Photos
Friday, April 27	PRO D Day – No School for Students
Thursday, May 3	The Big One at 2:00 pm – Earthquake Drill
Thursday, May 3	Jeans Day
May 9 – 11	Drumming Workshops for students
Friday, May 11	Student Drumming Performance in the afternoon (details will be sent home)
Tuesday, May 15	Run for Water
Thursday, May 31	Welcome to Kindergarten – 11:00am-12:00pm
Friday, June 1	Sports Day
Wednesday, June 13	"Celebration of Learning" & School/Family/Community Event – evening (details to come next month)

