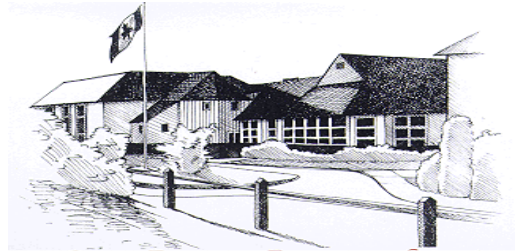


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NEWSLETTER #5 – December 8, 2017

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

Every year it sneaks up on us: December and all the fun, busy times associated with this time of the year. Along with the usual school work, sports, and other activities, staff and students have been busy rehearsing for various holiday events, choir concert and school concert. (Details in the newsletter). Parents are also welcome to join us on the last day before the break for our school sing-a-long and dress in their pyjamas, if they choose, as it will also be Pyjama Day!

Please take some time to read through the newsletter and make note of the activities you wish to attend so that you will not miss anything!

I hope that you find some time during the hectic holiday season to recuperate and enjoy family and special friends. On behalf of the QE staff, may you enjoy the many blessings: friendship, joy, love, peace and health over the break and in the New Year! We are looking forward to working with you once again when school resumes on Monday, January 8th.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Winter Solstice!

However you choose to spend the holidays, enjoy a wonderful break!

Sincerely,
Mrs. S.C.Car

Report Cards and the New Reporting Pilot Project

Only 4 classes will be receiving report cards on the last day, being sent home with the students in divisions 5 (Mr. Dykstra), 8 (Ms. Spicer), 14 (Ms. Whitehead) and 16 (Mr. Crisp). As was communicated in letters emailed home to all other divisions, the other students will be getting written reports at the end of January as they are part of the new Communicating Student Learning Pilot project.

Holiday Bazaar 2017!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event another great success: families who donated an incredible amount and assortment of items, students, staff and parents who helped with set up and clean up! Apologies in advance if we miss mentioning your name but, all your efforts were greatly appreciated: Asuka Fujiwara, Carmen Ferrara, Sofia Ho, Beth Hirsh, Kelly Steen, Carmen Cho, Jennifer Kroeker, Hitomi Kubo, Shelagh Cluff, Willa Kriebel, Wendy Zhu, Harper Hadden, Bishan Wu, Allison Barnes, Jacqueline Sheppard, Jocelyn Lewis, Jae Lee, Rebecca Parry, Kelly Steen, Leah Walton, Julia Whyte. This would not have been possible without the coordinated efforts of many but, the following deserve special recognition: Christine Macdougall & Kirsty Myles who have been here every morning collecting the goods, sorting and storing and coordinating the big day. The grade 7's also were a huge help and a BIG thank to Mr. Van Vliet, Ms. Block, Ms. Carnegie and Ms. Peerless for their assistance in organizing their classes and the music. In total we raised \$1500 which will be used to purchase gift cards for inner city schools. THANK YOU!

Winter Concerts and Choir Performance

On **Wednesday, December 13th** at 1:45 pm, the Queen Elizabeth Choir, under the direction of parent director Kathy Na, will be performing "December Round the World".



The Winter Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 21st** at 1:15 pm. Parents are invited to attend both performances, however space is limited.

Volleyball

A successful volleyball season has now come to a close! All teams showed growth in their skills and demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship in their games and represented QE very well! The Junior Boys, in particular, had a great season and went to the City Championship Tournament where they finished in second place! Congratulations boys!



A big thank you to all the coaches; Ms. Hamidi and Ms. Venter for senior girls, former student John Uhler for senior boys, Mr. Demenuk for junior boys, and Mr. Demenuk and Ms. Block for the junior girls, with game assistance from Duncan Mackay. Thanks also to our teacher sponsors Ms. Enajo, Ms. Dimock and Mr. Dykstra and all our student scorekeepers. On to basketball!

Lost and Found



Please take a moment to check the lost and found. Some items have been found on the field or outdoors. All remaining items as of December 22nd will be donated to charity. Remember to mark your child's clothing and belongings as items with names can be returned easily. Thank you.

Please Dress for the Weather



As the cold season approaches, a reminder to please ensure that children always come to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Students are outside for twenty minutes at recess in the morning, and up to thirty five minutes at lunchtime. When the weather is cold, please make sure students always have a winter coat, gloves, a toque/hat as well as boots when it is raining. We suggest students keep an extra set of clothes at school in case they get wet.



Notification of School Closure Due to Snow

All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the District and school websites. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:



School closure information is also available online at:
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/winter-weather-and-vsbs>

Parents should check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed below to learn about school closures. Parents should not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed.

Radio	Television
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV

Ready Set Learn and Welcome to Kindergarten



Save the Dates! Queen Elizabeth School will be hosting a few events for Kindergarten students who will be attending Queen Elizabeth School in September 2018. On Friday, **February 16, 2018** from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm we will have a **“Ready, Set, Learn”** event and sometime in May 2018 we will have our **“Welcome to Kindergarten”** event. More information about these events will become available closer to the dates.



Vancouver Chess School - After School Program at QE **JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL CHESS ADVENTURE!**

This comprehensive and progressive program allows students to learn how to play chess in the optimal manner by gradually increasing complexity. Within 1.5 class hour we will teach our students different chess concepts, solve a large variety of tactical exercises, play practice games and tournaments. In addition, our students can use a wide range of our own unique on-line resources and software for homework, class material and games.

The program runs after school at QE on Tuesdays from January 9th – March 13th.

Register online at <http://www.vanchess.ca/groups> ->Vancouver->Chess in Schools -> Queen Elizabeth ES

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of all the staff at Queen Elizabeth, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday. For those of you who are traveling, we wish you bon voyage and safe travels and a wonderful time where you are headed. For those staying close to home, we wish you some rest, peace, joy and quality family time. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday, January 8th**. School dismisses for the holidays at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 22nd.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 20

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Monday, January 8

Choir Concert – 1:45 pm in the gym

Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert

Winter Concert – 1:15 pm in the auditorium

Morning Sing-a-long (more information to follow)

***Pajama Day

Last Day of School before winter vacation

School reopens after winter vacation



PAC News

Covenant House Backpacks

Many thanks to everyone who participated and purchased items and to QE teachers for supporting! Together we filled up 16 backpacks for at risk and homeless youth. Street life is particularly cruel to youth many of whom just aged out of care or who were forced to flee domestic abuse. The backpack program ensures these youth receive the basic bare necessities at a difficult time of year. A special thank you to parent volunteer, Carmen Ferrara, for organizing this important event.

Fundraising Campaign

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our annual fundraising campaign which raised over \$15,000! These funds really do make a big difference in enhancing our school community we very much appreciate you choosing to support our school.

This time of year is a reminder of how grateful we are for our amazing parents volunteers! Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you for all your support we could not do all that we do without you!

