

# Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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## NEWSLETTER #7 – February 9, 2018

### Dear Queen Elizabeth Families:

Please take some time to read this newsletter with your children so that you do not miss some of the great things going on at QE.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** – It was great seeing so many parents and caregivers here this past Wednesday and Thursday! I hope that the time spent with your children and their teachers was informative and engaging! As I stated in the memo that went home last week, it is important that we have strong, effective, on-going home-school communication to best support our students, academically, socially and emotionally. Though the district continues the CSL (Communicating Student Learning) Pilot Project and not all written reports look the same or have been issued at the same time, what is important is that parents understand what their children can do well, what they still need to work on and how the school and home will and can support them. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me should you have questions or concerns.

### Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Happy Lunar New Year! Chinese New Year 2018 begins February 16<sup>th</sup>. **2018 is the Year of the Dog.** Dog is the eleventh sign in Chinese astrology. Dog is man's good friend who can understand the human's spirit and obey its master, whether he is wealthy or not. The Chinese regard it as an auspicious animal. If a dog happens to come to a house, it symbolizes the coming of fortune. People born in the Year of the Dog are loyal and honest, amiable and kind, cautious and prudent.

To celebrate Lunar New Year, Queen Elizabeth School will have an assembly and celebration on **Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 am**. Included in the celebration will be a performance by the school choir and the SWIS Children and Parent Celebration Dance Troupes. More information from SWIS, Janet Chung is in the newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Thank you to all the parents who have decorated our school in preparation for the Lunar New Year!**

Sincerely,

Mrs. S.C.Car

### Food Bank Fundraiser and School Dance

February is the month of kindness, friendship and love, so we will be collecting food and money for the Vancouver Food Bank for the whole month of February. We want to show kindness to those that are less fortunate than ourselves by donating to the food bank. Healthy foods such as canned meats, canned beans or uncooked pasta and rice are just some examples that are appreciated by the food bank. On March 1, we look forward to celebrating our efforts by having a school dance. The theme for the dance will be a 50's sock hop. Mr. Marchioro is teaching the students dances in gym class and we look forward to the fundraising efforts and the dance for the school.





### **Ready Set Learn – Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Queen Elizabeth School will be hosting a *Ready, Set, Learn* event for 3-5 year old children and their parents or caregivers. The event takes place on **Friday, February 16, 2018** from 10:50 am – 12:20 pm in the lunchroom & library. Please join us for some fun activities.

### **VSB SWIS Celebration Dance Troupes**

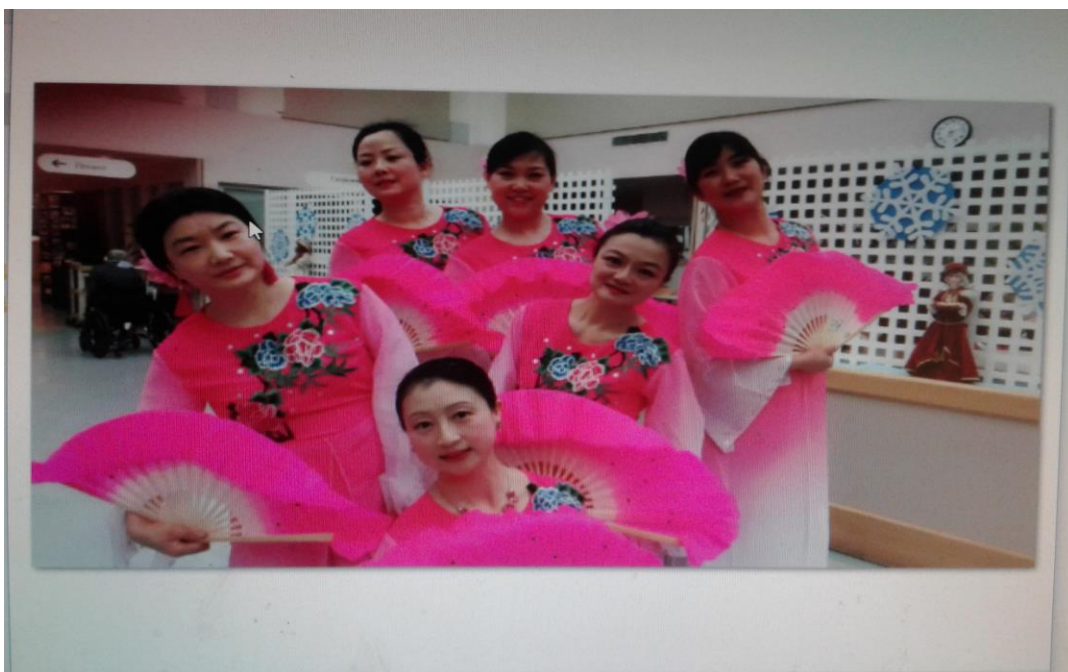
Lunar New Year is an important festival in the Chinese tradition to reunite with families, to renew friendship and to celebrate success in the beginning of the year.

The Spring Celebration Lantern Dance, directed and choreographed by Angela Lu (G7 at Norma Rose Point), is an exciting dance by the SWIS Children Celebration Dance Troupe that will add colors to any festivity. The 9 member troupe includes Alice Lu, Annabelle Zhang and Lisa Wang from Queen Elisabeth as well as Julie Lin, Monica Zi, Jolin Yu, Isabella Cai, Angela Wang, Lucy Chen from Lord Kitchener.

The Chinese Fan Dance, directed and choreographed by Jessy Zhou, a Lord Kitchener parent, is an elegant and graceful presentation that promises to impress everyone. The SWIS Parent Dance Troupe has 11 members this year. They are Liane Wang, Jessy Zhou, Rosanna Wu, Annie Xu, Eva Peng and Christine Zhou from Lord Byng, Yixin Li and Donghui Yu from Lord Kitchener, Grace Li from QE, Linda Li from Prince of Wales and Mei Dong from West Point Grey Academy.

The SWIS Children and Parent Celebration Dance Troupes organized by VSB SWIS Program in collaboration with schools and community organizations, is a progressive initiative to connect, engage and empower newcomer students, parents and families in schools and in communities.

For information, contact: Janet Chung, Settlement Worker, VSB SWIS Program  
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## Pink Day - February 28<sup>th</sup>



On **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating **Pink Day**. It is a day when we focus on the messages of diversity and inclusion. We encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to create a positive culture of acceptance in our schools, in our communities and online. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school.

## "Are You Returning" Forms

If you have not already done so please fill out the **"Are You Returning"** form that was sent home last month and return it to the school by **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. This information is crucial to us for planning for next school year. It helps us to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing and it has an impact on new registrations and cross-boundary registrations. Thank you for helping us with this!



## Choral Festival

The Queen Elizabeth School Choir will be performing again this year at the District Choral Festival on **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at John Oliver Secondary at 7:00 pm. They have been rehearsing this term at lunchtime with Mrs. Na – our parent choir director for this event. We wish them well with their performance! Thank you to Mrs. Na, Mr. Na, Ms Seto and Ms Rattanaraj for their support of this popular program.



## Parking

Please remember to obey the parking and driving rules around the school especially during drop off and pick up. We are trying to keep your children safe! Also, remember not to walk through the stall parking lot with your children. This is a dangerous habit



## Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found when you are in the school.. Items that are identified with a child's name, division or telephone number will be returned. All unclaimed items will be donated after Spring Break. Thank you.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 12	Family Day Holiday – No School
Thursday, February 15	PAC Meeting – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 16	<b>Ready, Set, Learn Event</b> for 3-5 year olds – 10:50 am
Monday, February 19	PRO D DAY – No School for Students
Thursday, February 22	Lunar New Celebration and Performance – 11:00 am
Tuesday, March 6	Choral Festival at John Oliver Secondary – 7:00 pm
Friday, March 16	School closes for Spring Break
Tuesday, April 3	School re-opens after Spring Break/Easter



## PAC News

Sincere thanks to all QE families who donated books and games to our 4<sup>th</sup> annual book drive.

Together we collected over 1200 books which amounts to thousands of dollars of new reading material that has already been distributed to classrooms to be enjoyed by QE students. Many thanks to Co-chairs Kristin McAllister and Carmen Cho for organizing and to parent volunteers Jennifer Kroeker, Carmen Ferrara, Christine McDougall, Joyce Zhou and Helen Xue for sorting all the books!

