

# Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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## NEWSLETTER #6 – January 27, 2017

### Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Happy Lunar New Year! Chinese New Year 2017 begins tomorrow January 28<sup>th</sup>. **2017 is the Year of the Rooster.** The Rooster is the tenth sign in Chinese astrology. People born in the Year of the Rooster are characterized as observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, talented and confident.

Thank you again to Wendy Zhu, the PAC, and volunteer parents who decorated the school and made the Lion Dance Assembly possible!



### Ready Set Learn – Friday, February 3<sup>rd</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 **February 3, 2017** from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in the lunchroom. Please join us for some fun activities featuring an interactive performance with *Ginger and Snap* and a visit with the Children's Librarian from the Point Grey Branch.

### Term 2

The second term of this year will be short, with a mere 6 weeks to go until spring break, and the issuance of report cards. Please be sure to find out how your child is doing during student-led or parent/teacher conferences so there are no surprises.



### Parent Conferences – February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> we will have our second term parent conferences. Watch for notices from classroom teachers to schedule appointments.

**A reminder there is a 2:00 pm early dismissal on both Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Pink Day - February 22<sup>nd</sup>



On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</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.

### 2017 - 2018 Calendar

Confirmation of next year's calendar updates should be decided by the end of February. We will share the news as soon as we have confirmation of final approval.

### Saleema Noon Presentations

Our sincere thanks to the QE PAC for sponsoring well-known Sexual Health Educator, Saleema Noon's visit to our school. Saleema did presentations for all grades over a two day period last week. The students were engaged, and asked great questions.

## **PAC NEWS....**

### **Happy New Year and Happy Lunar New Year!**

Many many thanks to the QE community for their incredible support of our fundraising campaign. In total, we raised over \$18,000! Some of those funds have already been put to good use including the purchase of additional technology and classroom items as well as a special die cut machine which has been on teacher's wish list for a few years. For those of you who donated before December 31<sup>st</sup> tax receipts have been issued by the VSB and have been mailed home from the school. Please note we will happily receive donations at any time however, due to VSB processes, we can only receipt ones during the campaign period. Thanks again for your support!

Thank-you as well to everyone who came out for a parent education speaker night with Saleema Noon – it was a very informative and insightful presentation! For those of you not able to attend, Saleema has some great resources on her website at: <http://www.saleemanoon.com/sexual-health-links/helpful-handouts/> . And....she will be back in January 2019!

### **QE Book Drive coming soon!**

Some of you will remember two years ago we did a very successful book drive collecting over 1100 elementary school reading books for the library and class room use and we will be hosting another drive shortly. This is a great opportunity to clean out your child's library and put previously enjoyed books to good use by donating them to the school. However, we respectfully ask you do not leave books in the school hallway until the book drive dates are confirmed.

