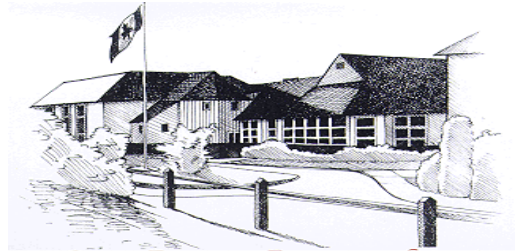


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...to Staff

We bid a fond farewell to staff members who are leaving Queen Elizabeth at the end of June to pursue new adventures. Best wishes to Ms. Karen Appleton, Ms. Kaity McWhinney, Ms. Katrina Leroux, Ms. Janice Sokukawa, Ms. Helen Ritchie, Ms. Barbara Massis and Ms. Michelle Smith. Ms. Tara Jolly, who has been on leave this year, will also be moving on to a new position for next year. The Queen Elizabeth community has benefited from the contributions of each of these staff members and they will be missed!

Please welcome Mrs. Susie Car, the incoming Principal for September 2017. Mrs. Nothstein will be moving to Lord Kitchener.

...to Parents

It has been our great fortune to have many parents contribute their time and energies to benefit the students, staff and parents at Queen Elizabeth. With the end of year, and Grade 7s moving on, we also lose parents Sandra Yuen and Claudio Palitti who have been consistent and tireless in their involvement at the school. You have the sincere thanks of the community for everything you have done!

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Grades 1-7 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

The first day of school next year is **Tuesday, September 5th**. The students will only be in attendance from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Students will go back to this year's classroom. Any new students to the school should report to the office at 9:00 am on September 5th. Our new Kindergarten students will not attend on this day, but will begin on Wednesday, September 6th.



NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2017



New Kindergarten children begin their gradual entry program on **Wednesday, September 6th** in Room B126. A letter will be sent to new Kindergarten families before the end of June with a personalized schedule for the first week of school. The first full day for Kindergarten will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

2017 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM

If your children will be returning to school later than noon on **Tuesday, September 5th** but prior to **September 30th, 2017** you need to submit a **NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM**. Forms are available in the office



Please note: If, by **12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017**, the school cannot verify that your child will be in attendance by **Friday, September 29th, 2017**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



LOST & FOUND

All the missing and misplaced items including clothes, backpacks, lunch bags and books will be on display in the main building hallways this week. Items not claimed by Thursday, June 29 will be donated to charity.

End-of-year Dates

Wednesday, June 28th:	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony – Auditorium @ 9:15 am
Thursday, June 29th:	Last day of school for students. Year-end Assembly @ 11:00 am
Friday, June 30th:	School closed. Administrative Day

New School Year Important Dates 2017-18

Tuesday, September 5th:	First Day of School for students in Gr. 1 – 7 Students attend from 9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday, September 6th:	First Day of School for new Kindergarten students (schedule of Attendance to be sent in June)
Friday, September 30th:	PRO D DAY – No School for Students
Thursday, October 5th:	Individual Photo Day

Red Cross Babysitting Course
Queen Elizabeth, Dec.1st, 2017, 8:30-3:30
Grade 6+
\$60 + GST online registration
<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>
Registration coming in the fall.



Roots of Empathy
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*Would you like to help children
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Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression and bullying among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. We have been training and delivering programs for over 20 years.

The program is taught in elementary school classrooms across Canada and is in almost 90% of school districts in British Columbia and in over one third of schools in Vancouver. To see a video of a classroom in action click [here!](#)

Queen Elizabeth Elementary is seeking individuals who have experience with children or youth who would be interested in attending a 4 day training to become a Certified Roots of Empathy Instructor. The Instructor delivers 27 lessons over the course of the school year to one elementary class. The prep time is about one hour per lesson and 30 to 40 minutes of classroom time per week.

To find out more about this volunteer opportunity please contact **Christine Shepherd** at 604-713-5230 or cshepherd@rootsofempathy.org today!

PAC NEWS

As another school year draws to a close we want to share our most important message.....THANK-YOU! Thank-you to all the parents, caregivers and staff who donated precious time and resources to enrich the QE community. Whether it was helping one day, being a class parent, coordinating an entire program or donating funds, there are so many important activities that would not exist without your help!

Please join me in a very big, big thank-you to:

Hot Lunch – Superstars Lisa Markus and Leah Walton and their amazing team including Shelagh Anson, Lydia Botros, Jane Chen, Carmen Cho, Su Choi, Shelagh Cluff, Rosamary Delli Pizzi, Flora Du, Sara Hamidi, Mei Han, Cindy Kroeker, Leanne Lai, Jae Lee, Jocelyn Lewis, Wendy Li, Christine Macdougall, Shichun Ni, Rebecca Parry, Sue Tang, Meredith Venter William Xie, Emily Zhang, Helene Morizur, Nancy Cao, Li Cheng and Susan Asaoka. This year hot lunch delivered over 1000 meals raising over \$22,000 - our largest fundraising initiative!

Class Parents –A big shout out to our invaluable class parents Alicia Surless, Hong Yu, Rosamary Delli Pizzi, Erin McDougall, Marcia Pong, Shelagh Anson, Rhiannon Matthews, Bishan Wu, Shelagh Cluff, Tracey Paterson, Angela Zhang, Fiona Xie, Amy Huang, Wendy Zhu, Shannon Chapman and Tina Chang.

Fruit and Veg Program – To the fabulous Kirsty Miles and Christine MacDougall and their awesome helpers Cathy Song, Cindy Huang, Su Choi, Susan Asaoka, Jae Lee, Nicole Collard, Treena Conrad, Insu Lee, Ian Wang, Xiaolam Zhu, Fiona Bre & Jane Chen Thank-you! It's wonderful we can participate in this provincial program teaching kids the benefits of healthy eating.

Sports – Our sports activities would not exist without volunteers to coach sports teams and to support and coach track and field, cross country and the 10K run. A big thank-you to Sara Hamidi, Duncan and Jen MacKay, Paul Langley, Lise Kirchner, Brent Mullin, Claudio Palitti, Meredith Venter. Additional thanks to Duncan MacKay for updating the sports section on the PAC website and to Lise Kirchner for coordinating the sale of QE sport t-shirts.

Garden Program – Big thanks to Beth Hirsh for coordinating the garden program with QE Staff and our program partner SPEC as well to the volunteers who have come out to work parties and who have generously offered to water the garden over the summer so the program can continue in the fall.

Choir - A big, big round of applause for Kathy Na and WY Na for running the very popular year-long Choir program - we know this is a huge time commitment! As well as to their helpers Asuka Fujiwara and Kirsty Miles – thank-you!

Running Club – The awesome Christine MacDougall and her helpers Meredith Venter and Kirsty Miles for keeping QE kids active and running.

Traffic Safety – Big thanks to Sandra Yen and Christine MacDougall for their support in improving traffic safety. This is a very important job which never gets enough thanks.

Chinese PAC Committee - Much appreciation to Wendy Zhu and Angela Zhang for leading this parent group and to their amazing committee Amelia Wang, Wendy Li, Bishan Wu, Emma Liu, Hong Yu, Emily Zhang, Amy Huang, Fiona Xie, Annie Huang, Flora Du which ensures all school newsletters and important announcements are translated so all parents can feel connected to what is happening at QE.

QE hosts a number of events and fundraisers through-out the year which all take time and energy to organize and execute. Unfortunately we don't have all the list of name of those who helped volunteer but a big round of applause for:

Holiday Bazaar – To Kirsty Miles and Christine MacDougall for doing an awesome job organizing the event and their army of volunteers who make it come to life.

Covenant House Back-packs – to Carmen Ferrara for organizing an incredible initiative to support street youth in Vancouver.

Family Games Night - To Carmen Cho who single handily organized everything for this fantastic event and all the grade 7's and volunteers who helped out that night.

Flower Sale – To Sandra Yen and Rosamary Delli Pizzi and to their helpers Cathy Armstrong, Julia Arthur, Jane Thomas and Marie Wallace.

Teacher Appreciate Luncheon – Carmen Cho for coordinating and all the parents who made and brought food – it was very much appreciated by all the staff.

Sports Day – Sandra Yen for coordinating, and to all the parents that come out to cut and deliver fruit – it was greatly appreciated. As well to Leah Walton and Lisa Markus for organizing a special hot lunch.

Grad Committee – It takes a lot of effort to organize a great send off to our Grade 7's so a big thank-you to Sandra Yen, Claudio Palitti and Cathy Armstrong.

Volunteer Coordinator – The magnificent Carmen Cho for recruiting and keeping track of all you amazing volunteers.

Leaving QE – The PAC would like to extend a very special thank-you to two parent volunteers leaving our school this June. Claudio Palitti who has been our resident chef teaching numerous class programs and organizing countless pancake breakfasts, harvest festivals and grad dinners. And to Sandra Yen, who has done so much for the school it's hard to know where to start from organizing carnivals, bingo, sports day and other special events to the flower sales, coffee sales and the welcome back coffee. For over a decade these two have been critical part of QE community and we are very sad to see them go.

PAC Executive – An often thankless but very critical group that ensures that QE has fantastic programs and events and also is financially strong. In the last year alone the PAC has purchase over \$50,000 worth of items for the school! Special thanks to Kristin McAllister (Co-Chair) Jenny Langley (Co-Chair), Beth Harrop (Treasurer) and Sara Muir, Owen (Secretary).

Last but not least none of this would be possible without a strong partnership with the school. Every program especially hot lunch, garden program, choir, special events and all sports teams rely on staff support so many, many thanks to all QE staff including Lisa Breen and Cecilia Chang, as well as the maintenance staff – you are the best! Big thanks to our Principal Ms. Nothstein for being a big supporter of the QEPAC we wish you all the very best at Kitchener!

It takes a village, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making it a great community for our kids.

Please note in September we will need to recruit volunteers to take over a number of key roles including PAC Chair, Treasurer and Hot Lunch as well as Running Club and Flower Sales. If you are interested but not sure about the role please email Kristinmcallister@shaw.ca.

Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Kristin McAllister and Jenny Langley
Co-Chairs, QE PAC

P.S. we really hope we didn't forget anyone.....but I am sure we did.....so thank-you to all those we might have missed.