

Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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NEWSLETTER #11 – June 29, 2018

Dear QE Families:

It's hard to believe that the last day of the school year has already arrived! Thank you to all who were able to join us at the final, Recognition Assembly yesterday. It was a great event recognizing so many individuals who enrich our school in so many ways! Thank you to Ms Block, Mr. Dykstra and his class for all their help with the assembly.

In this newsletter the PAC have listed parents who volunteered their time to coaching and volunteering throughout the year(s). They mention our wonderful PAC executive and all the parent volunteers but, I would like to just mention our hard working Co-chairs again here, Kristin and Carmen, for all the support they have provided our school and community this year!

At the assembly the contributions of many staff were recognized:

Coaches and sponsors for sports, student council and other events throughout the year: Mr. Marchioro, Mr. Demenuk, Ms Block, Mr. Gogag, Ms Carnegie, Ms Enojo, Mr. van Vleit, Mr. Dykstra, Ms Spicer, Ms Dimock, Ms Seto, Ms Papagiannis, Mr. Crisp, Ms Rattanaraj, Ms Pomponio.

Mr. and Mrs. Na, our choir leaders were also celebrated along with all the students who gave up weekly lunch times with friends to attend the rehearsals. Two students, Kate Scamvougeras and David Na were also recognized for their 7 years of commitment – since Ms Kathy Na started volunteering her time with the choir here at QE.

Thank you to all the people who work with us to make QE a special place to work and learn!

I wish you all a healthy, re-energizing, fun summer with special family and friends! I look forward to working with all of you again in 2018-2019.



We bid a fond farewell to staff members who are leaving Queen Elizabeth at the end of June to pursue new adventures. The Queen Elizabeth community has benefited from the contributions of each of these staff members and they will be missed: Mr. van Vleit, Ms Ubeda and Ms Dimock! Thank you and best wishes.



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Grades 1-7 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

The first day of school next year is **Tuesday, September 4th**. The students will only be in attendance from 9:00-10:00am. Students will go back to this year's classroom. Any new students to the school should report to the office at 9:00am on September 4th.

NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2018



New Kindergarten students will attend from 1:30-2:00pm on September 4th. Please meet in the Kindergarten room B126. The gradual entry schedule was handed out at the Welcome to Kindergarten event. We will also be emailing out the schedule again over the summer.

2018 Notice of Late Return Form

Parents must complete and return to the school office a Notice of Late Return Form for any student expecting to return to Queen Elizabeth LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018** but prior to **September 28, 2018**. Forms are available in the school office.

Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 4

First Day of School for students in Grades 1-7
Students attend school from 9:00-10:00am
* New Ks attend from 1:30-2:00pm

Monday, September 24

PRO D DAY – No school for students

Summer and Fall Programs

FREE KICK

PLAY WORLD CUP SUMMER SOCCER - When You Want!

EVERY AND ANY Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays
5-6pm

Boys & Girls 4 - 12yrs
July 3 - August 30

Tuesdays: Granville Park (15th & Fir)
Wednesdays: Jericho Turf
Thursdays: Trimble Park

REGISTER: 4x, 8x or UNLIMITED

FREE KICK SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

9am - Noon
August 20-24
August 27-31

Shaughnessy School

All Programs Include: Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medals

FreeKickFC.com

604-551-7006

Ocean Explorer

– Explore our fascinating oceans from the classroom!

Join us on an exciting ocean adventure with fun, interactive games and activities in Sea Smart's Ocean Explorer after school program. Developed by a marine biologist with over 15 years of experience in conservation and education, Ocean Explorer is the best way to get your child's feet wet in the world of marine biology!

Our classes are almost twice as long as other programs to accommodate parents' long work days, and give more time for kids to develop amazing Ocean Awareness Projects! Your kids have so much fun they don't even realize they're learning outside of school! Bonus: Ocean Explorer helps your kids develop essential life skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork, all while having fun and making the world a better place.

Register your child and their friends today!

ALL NEW CURRICULUM EACH TERM

For Grades 1 to 4
Dates: Thursdays, Sept 20-Nov 8, 2018
Time: 3:00 to 4:45 pm
Location: Room 112
Cost: \$240 per child
To register: <https://seasmartschool.com/store>

Bursaries available. Contact info@seasmartschool.com to apply.

Thanks so much!

Aaron Purdy

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Vancouver Chess School
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 in Lunchroom 142 on Tuesdays from Sept. 11th – Dec. 11th
The cost is \$15 per class paid in full upon registration.

Register online at:

<http://www.vanchess.ca/groups> ->Vancouver->Chess in Schools -> Queen Elizabeth ES
If you have any questions please contact us at (604) 568-3283 or info@vanchess.ca

Also coming to Queen Elizabeth next year: Ukelele Kids and a Coding Program! Stay tuned for details!

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 – We would like to express our very sincere thank to superstars Lisa Markus and Leah Walton who are retiring from their roles this after three amazing years coordinating Hot Lunch. Big big thanks to Julia Whyte and Harper Haden who will be taking over. Hot lunch would not be possible without our amazing hot lunch team including Carmen Cho, Carmen Ferrara, Christine Macdougall, Hazel Chan, Helen Cao, Jae Lee, Jennifer Kroeker, Jocelyn Lewis, Juju Wu, Julia Whyte, Lana Brawner, Leanne Lai, May Chan, Meredith Venter, Rebecca Parry, Rosamary Delli Pizzi, Sara Hamidi, Shelagh Anson, Sofia Ho, Stacy Nichols, Phyllis Zhou, Christine Rivers, William Xe, Kelly Steen, Wendy Li, Mei Han, Helen Zue, Emily Zhang, Asuka Fujiwara, Afang Sui, Bo Xu, Shelagh Cluff and Cody Yau. 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 Willa Kriebel, Rosamary Delli Pizzi, Christine Macdougall, Meg Hughes, Rhiannon Matthews, Helene Morizur, Jenny Langley, Lisa Markus, Shelagh Anson, Sofia Ho, Stephanie Adkins, Kirsty Myles, Karolyn Arato-Young, Joey Hoegg, Lana Brawner, Shannon Chapman, Jennifer Kroeker and Julia Whyte.

Fruit and Veg Program - To the fabulous Kirsty Myles and Christine Macdougall for coordinating and their fabulous volunteers Nicole Collard, Jae Lee, Grace Chen, Connie Zhang, Kelly Steen, Share Lu, Susan Asaoka, Asuka Fujiwara, Jack Li, Cathy Song, Cindy Huang, Fiona Xie as well as the grade 7s who helped collect fruit crates at the end of the day after each delivery throughout the year. 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, track and field, and cross country. Big big thanks to Lise Kirchner, Brent Mullin, Christine Macdougall, and Jennifer Mackay for coaching Basketball; Sara Hamidi and Meredith Venter for coaching Volleyball; Sean Clarke for coaching Soccer; and Lise Kirchner and Anna Mackay for coaching cross country. 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 as well to the volunteers who have come out to work parties and who have generously offered to water the garden over the summer. With your help the program can continue in the fall. Thank you to: Joey Hoegg, Sara Muir Owen, Jennifer Klentz, Jae Lee, Wendy Zhu, Eliana Gonzales-Vigil, Eric Cardenas Poire, Shannon Chapman, Sam Chapman, Manuel Mendoza and Leigh Hudson.

Choir – A big, big round of applause for Kathy Na and W.Y. Na for running the very popular year long Choir program - we know this is a huge time commitment! The Na family would like to thank all the QE Choir parents for their wonderful support throughout the year!

Running Club - The awesome Christine Macdougall and her helpers Meredith Venter and Kirsty Myles for keeping QE kids active and running. Thank you to Beth Hirsh for volunteering to keep the program running next year!

Chinese PAC Committee - Sincere appreciation to Wendy Zhu and Angela Zhang for leading this parent group this past year and for their incredible efforts to organize the Chinese New Year celebration. As well thank to their committee Bishan Wu, Wendy Li, Fiona Xie, Cathy Chang, Emma Liu, Cuiping Song, Flora, Cecilia Li, Joyce Zhou, Amelia Wang, and Grace Li who assist with ensuring Chinese parents feel connected to the school. Sadly Angela Zhang is leaving the school next year but we would like to thank her for giving so

much of her time to QE. Thanks to Ellen Du for offering to lead the Chinese PAC next year.

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 the names of everyone who has volunteered but a big round of applause for:

Holiday Bazaar - To Kirsty Myles 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.

Flower Sale - To the marvelous Rosamary Delli Pizzi for carrying on a QE tradition and organizing another amazing Flower and Plant Sale. As well, to all the wonderful volunteers (including some alumni) who helped all day: Gabrielle von Thiesenhausen, Nicola Zeunert, Christine Macdougall, Sandra Yen, Fiona Arnold, Cathy Armstrong, Jennifer Kroeker, Marie Wallace and Tina Spathis (and son Dimo).

Staff Appreciate Luncheon - Carmen Cho and Domina Jahzara for coordinating and all the parents who made and brought food - it was delicious and very much appreciated!

Sports Day – Carmen Cho for coordinating, and to Jocelyn Lewis, Nicola Zeunert, Anne Murphy-Rao, Raghu Murphy-Rao, Jae Lee, Kirsty Myles, Karolyn Arato-Young, Jennifer Kroeker, Domina Jahzara, Serena Lau, Rosamary Delli Pizzi and Joleen Timko for coming out to cut and deliver fruit - it was greatly appreciated. As well to Julia Whyte, Jae Lee, Rosamary Delli Pizzi and Hazel Chan for the Sports Day 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 Erin McDougall, Willa Kriebel, Rosamary Delli Pizzi, Christine Macdougall, Meredith Venter, Lana Brawner, Melea Burns and many others who helped!

Volunteer Coordinator - The amazing Carmen Cho for recruiting and keeping track of all you amazing volunteers and to Domina Jahzara for taking over so Carmen can focus on Co-Chair duties.

Leaving QE – There a number of parents who have been a critical part of QE for many many years who we would like to thank:

Rosamary Delli Pizzi - Rosamary has been a parent that we could always count on to volunteer – this year alone she has helped with the book fair, holiday bazaar, hot lunch, class parent, staff appreciation lunch, led the plant sale and Sportsday. She has always been there with a smile ready to help. Thank you Rosamary!

Sara Hamidi - Sara has been a consistent volunteer throughout the years as a class parent, volleyball coach, hot lunch, the book fair as well as starting and running the safe arrival program which ran for many years. Thank you Sara!

Christine Macdougall – Christine has been involved in everything QE offers. She leads the running club, is co-lead of the fruit and vegetable program, co-lead of the holiday bazaar, class parent, book fair, book drive, garden watering, delivery of Christmas baskets, places the traffic cones out front, basketball coach, sorts out the lost and found items and donates left clothes to good will and so much more. She has done it all! Thank you Christine!

PAC Executive - An often thankless but very critical group that ensures that QE has fantastic programs and events and is also financially strong. In the last year alone the PAC has purchase over \$25,000 worth of items for the school! Special thanks to Kristin McAllister (Co-Chair), Carmen Cho (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 Mrs. Car for being a big supporter of the QEPAC!

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

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

Kristin McAllister and Carmen Cho
Co-Chairs, QEPAC

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