

# Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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## NEWSLETTER #8 – March 6, 2018

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

In less than two weeks, it will be Spring Break! When we return, it will be the month of April! It's been a cold, snowy few weeks and all of us are looking forward to some more pleasant weather and some time with family and friends. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletters and memos from the school and PAC. Communication is always a challenge in our busy lives. For some classes, term 2 reports will be going home next week. For the majority of the students, where teachers are piloting the new CSL reporting procedures, the next written report will be the final one in June. In this newsletter you will find an invitation to parents (ideally we are looking for 2-3 more parents), to join us in sharing their opinions and ideas about the new reporting (CSL). As this is a pilot project, this is the time to share your thoughts and hear what other parents from the district have to say:

**Parent Feedback Session – Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Killarney Secondary**  
**Please call 604-713-5408 and ask to speak to Mrs. Car if you are interested.**

Kind regards,  
Mrs. S.C.Car

**Emergency Drills** We are obligated to have several drills throughout the year: Fire, Earthquake, Hold and Secure (formerly Code Yellow) – the outside doors are locked so no one can enter or leave for the duration of the drill, but normal activities continue inside the school (we will put signs on main entrances to inform the public)

Lockdown – during this drill, students stay or go into the closest locking room. Lights are turned off and blinds are closed. Everyone sits out of sight, in total silence until the drill is over.

Staff have spoken to all students not only about procedures but also the reason behind having the drills, explain that everyone will be safe and they should not worry about anything.

\*\*Please reassure your children that they are safe but we need to practice these drills in order to be prepared in case anything should arise. We will be practicing these drills this week. An announcement will be made before Hold & Secure and Lockdown drills reassuring the students that this is only a drill.

**Library News: Come visit our library – Open Daily – 8:40- 9 am** (and sometimes after school)

All parents and caregivers are invited to visit the library and read with their children, return and exchange books. (Note: the library will not be open this Wednesday, March 7 due to a staff meeting.)

### School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!  
Sign up to get started today.

#### What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay your children's school fees.

Get Started Today

Sign Into Your Account

### School Cash Online **NEW**

Our school is now using new online payment platform, **School Cash Online**. This new system will be ready for payments soon. Information has already been sent home as to how to register an account with School Cash Online and attach your children in order to be notified of/pay for any field trips, student activities and school fees.

### Choral Festival

The Queen Elizabeth School Choir will be performing again this year at the District Choral Festival on Wednesday, March 7<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. Rattanaraj and Ms. Seto for their support of this popular program.

## **Basketball**



QE had a very successful Basketball season! All teams showed tremendous growth in their skills and demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship all season long. All players and teams are to be congratulated for their terrific representation of QE! The season is not over quite yet for the Senior girls team. Yesterday the team won their first playoff game and will now play in the second round of playoffs at Lord Byng on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> after school. Good luck girls!!

A BIG thank you to all the coaches, teacher sponsors who put in many hours of volunteer work to make this season possible. Junior girls were coached by Jenn and Duncan McKay, sponsored by Ms Block. Junior boys were coached by Brent and Lise Mullin, sponsored by Mr. Marchioro. Senior boys coached by Sean Clarke and Christine Macdougall, sponsored by Ms. Enojo. The Senior girls coached by Mr."D". Thanks also to Mr. van Vliet for organizing the student volunteer scorekeepers for all home games. As well as thank you to Mr. van Vliet and Mr. Dykstra for being a morning practice sponsors.

## **Food Bank and Dance**



February is the month of kindness, friendship and love, so QE School collected food and money for the Vancouver Food Bank for the whole month of February. We have several boxes of non-perishable items and monetary donations that will be delivered to the Food Bank.

To celebrate the very successful food drive, we celebrated with a 50s Dance on March 1 where students had a chance to practice their dances learned in gym class with Mr. Marchioro. Thank you to Ms Carnegie & Div. 3 for collecting and graphing the food amounts daily.

Again, thank you for the care and thoughtfulness that is demonstrated by this community. Thank you also to Ms Block & Student Council for organizing.

## **Pink Day** – February 28

We had a wonderful student led assembly! Students presented skits, songs, other and shared powerful messages about the importance of kindness and accepting and treating everyone with respect. Let's continue to work together to ensure that everyone feels valued, safe and an important part of our QE school and community! Thank you to Mr. Gogag and his class for their work in leading and organizing! Please see some thoughts shared by 2 grade 7 students.

*Bullying, bullying can be in many different forms and all of the forms hurts. For example, I was teasing around with my friends, making unnecessary comments. It's ok to make a few, but after a while, things get bad. I then realized I can hurt others with just a few words. I also realized People are being bullied and sometimes they have trouble expressing it, or afraid and embarrassed telling the truth and stand up for themselves. Over the course of time, they might start to be isolated and it can make children unhappy and frightened. It can make them feel unsafe and think there must be something wrong with them. Children can lose confidence and may not want to go to school anymore. But school should be a place for kids to learn, practice their ability and have fun at the same time. Children should not feel unsafe or unhappy going to school. I should not be taking away the joy from other people and making them not wanting to go to school. We should all make school a lively and fun-loving place for kids to learn and have fun. We can start off with being nice – no bullying. I can sit down with a student and listen or talk to them just for a few minutes of my day. That few minutes can be very valuable to that person. It can make them feel like someone cares and help them have a better life.*

*Bullying, bullying appears everywhere. On the playground, in class and even at home. Last week I found out that I was bullying a kid in my class. No one thought of it that way as it was just an on-going joke. But even things so subtle can make an impact on someone's life. Even if you are just joking around, not trying to hurt anybody, there is usually someone being affected by whatever you are doing or saying. So next time you are just trying to make a joke, think of this, "What if the joke was on me? Would I feel bad? Angry? Or even scared? So when you make a joke, just think twice about it.*

## **Lost and Found**



Please check the Lost and Found when you are in the school. The lost items are located in the west entrance hallway on the hanging racks. Items that are identified with a child's name, division or telephone number will be returned. All items that are not claimed by March 16<sup>th</sup> will be donated. Thank you.

## **Lunar New Year Celebrations** – Feb.22

Thank you to parents, Wendy and Angela for organizing the amazing performances and all the parents volunteers! All the acts were educational and wonderful: our choir, led by parent Kathy Na, adult dances, the Lion Dance and martial arts presentation. But, we were all very proud of the student Lantern Dance by students from 4 Vancouver Elementary schools, including QE! A special thank you to our student emcees, Edward and Sussi, as well!

## **Lunch Hour and After School Programs Offered at Queen Elizabeth School-**

**QUEEN ELIZABETH  
WORLD CUP LUNCH SOCCER**

**Tuesdays @ Lunchtime- April 17 – June 5**

Boys & Girls

Ages 6 – 12

\$110 (\$120 after April 1)

Includes: Soccer Ball, Timbits Uniform & Medals



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**Vancouver Chess School - After School Program at  
QE Returns!  
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 April 10<sup>th</sup> – Jun 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:info@vanchess.ca)**

**Sea Smart Outdoor Ocean Explorer - Forest After School Program**

Join us on an exciting ocean adventure in the forest!

Fun after school program in the forest with cool interactive games and activities. Developed by a marine biologist, this hands-on program gets kids excited about our oceans by teaching them about how everything on Earth is connected to our oceans, including the forest! Kids also learn about fascinating marine animals and how we can help our oceans through fun team-building activities.

Ocean Explorer helps your kids develop essential life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and leadership, all while having fun and making the world a better place.

We will walk with your kids to and from the forest directly from the school; no need to worry about rushing off work early to pick up your kids until 4:45 pm!

May 3 to June 21 8 Thursday 3:00 to 4:45 pm

Grades 1-4 \$240/child

Students meet in front of the school office at 3:00 pm. Parents can pick up their children from the school playground at 4:45 pm.

Register online at [seasmartschool.com/store](http://seasmartschool.com/store)

Contact [info@seasmartschool.com](mailto:info@seasmartschool.com) to apply for bursaries.

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**PAC News**

Thank-you to our new volunteers! We asked and you delivered! We are thrilled to announce that we have filled all of our volunteer positions for next year. Julia White, Harper Hadden & Alexia Brown will be running our Hot Lunch program. Domina Jahzara is our new Volunteer Coordinator. Beth Hirsh will be leading our Running Club. From everyone in the Queen Elizabeth community, thank you!!

Back by popular demand, the annual Plant and Flower Sale will be taking place again this year thanks to parent volunteer Rosamary Delli Pizzi. Order forms will be sent home in the coming weeks with delivery on Tuesday, May 8th just in time for Mother's Day. All items come from a local wholesale farm in the Fraser valley and are very good quality.

**Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday, March 7

Choral Festival at John Oliver Secondary – 7:00 pm

Friday, March 16

School closes for Spring Break and School Closure Week

Tuesday, April 3

School re-opens after Spring Break/Easter Weekend

