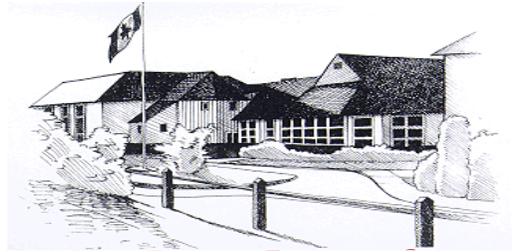


# Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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## NEWSLETTER #4 – November 3, 2017

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 began on November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at 4 pm on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

#### Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>

1. In-catchment Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31<sup>st</sup> and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

#### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31<sup>st</sup> will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

**Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records



If you wish to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

### Grade 8 Mini School Application Information for Students and Parents.

Mini Schools take students in Grade 8 through a test and interview/ or audition process. Test marks are not given to parents or students.

**The test for some Mini School's acceptance is on **Nov. 21** and is for **Grade 7 students only**.**

**Make sure to make no mistakes on your registration as we cannot make any changes.**

#### **Registration Closes Nov. 9**

If you are not registered online you cannot take the test. **No exceptions.** Mark your calendars now to register your child for the test and hold **Nov. 21 for the test.**

Because there are some changes to reporting practices this year, not all students will be able to supply a Grade 7 report card by the Dec. 21st this year.

**Important Notice**

## New Reporting Pilot Project- CSL (Communicating Student Learning)

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, a team of teachers in our school will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents with children in these classes will receive at least five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. Detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians if your child's teacher is involved in this pilot project.



### Halloween Celebrations

A haunting time was had by all during the Hallowe'en festivities on Tuesday! Great costumes, great treats, spirited attitudes made the day fun!



### Volleyball

Volleyball season has started at QE. Practice schedules have been sent home with players and weekly updates are posted on the bulletin board outside of the gym. Games will take place on the following days: Junior boys - Mondays. Junior girls –Tuesdays, Senior boys – Wednesdays and Senior girls –Thursdays. All teams' games take place at QE except Junior girls, who will play at Jules Quesnel. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for coaching and helping out with volleyball especially, Mr. Demenuk for organizing and coordinating all the teams.

### UNICEF

UNICEF is a well-respected charity that focuses on the health, welfare, and education of children. Once again Queen Elizabeth School raised donations for UNICEF. Thank you to Division 2 who lead this campaign and all the students for their generous donations.



### Change Your Clocks



It's that time again this weekend to "fall back" from Daylight Savings Time and move your clocks back by one hour before going to bed Saturday night. The official time change is November 5, 2017 at 2:00 am.



### Lost and Found

New items are arriving daily to the Lost and Found. Some items have been found on the field or outdoors so please take a moment to check the lost and found. Remember to mark you child's clothing and belongings as items with names can be returned easily. Thank you.

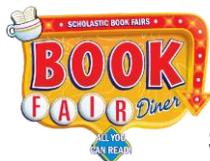
### Cross Country



The Cross Country Team wrapped up another successful year with a make-up final meet on Tuesday, Oct. 24 after school at Trout Lake. The original meet was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Thank you to Ms Block, Mr. Gogag, Ms Pomponio, Ms Rattanaraj, Ms Papagiannis, Ms Seto, Mr. Marchioro, Lise Kirchner, Duncan and Anna Mckay and all the other parents who helped with driving, and in so many ways!

### Scholastic Book Fair Update



The QE Book Fair that took place last month was a great success! There was a large variety of books and school supplies for families to buy and both students and parents enjoyed the event. We are pleased to let you know that the school will receive \$2698 in books and resources from Scholastic! Teachers will be collaborating together to choose books for all ages that students can access at the school.

Thank you to Mr. Crisp and Ms Papagiannis for coordinating the event and to the PAC, Carmen Cho, Kelly Steen, Christine Macdougall, Sara Hamidi, Jocelyn Lewis, Marcia Pong, Domina Jahzara, Janet Thain, Ripal Patel, Hazel Chan, Jennifer Mackay, Jacqueline Sheppet, Sofia Ho and Alicia Surlless for their help and support with this initiative.

### Remembrance Day Assembly - Please join us! - Thursday, Nov. 9 at 11:00 am



All parents and friends are welcomed to join us in the auditorium for our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Please take some time on November 11<sup>th</sup> to think about all those who sacrificed and continue to do so with the hope of creating a better, peaceful world for all. This is a very

important day to stop, even for a few moments, to pay tribute: if you cannot remember, “think.” Think about how we can all work together to create peace, beginning with a simple gesture, such as showing kindness to those around us.

### **New Winter After School Program: 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:** 8 Thursdays, Jan 18-Mar 8, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 to 4:45 pm

**Location:** Room 105

**Cost:** \$240 per child (includes cool t-shirt)

**To register:** [www.seasmartschool.com](http://www.seasmartschool.com)

### **Upcoming Dates**

Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 am
Friday, November 10	Curriculum Implementation Day – No school for students
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday – No School
Wednesday, November 15	Safer Schools Together – Presentation for Parents – 7:00 pm upcoming speaker-see below for details
Thursday, November 30	Immunization Clinic
Friday, December 1	PRO D Day – no school for students
Thursday, December 7	Holiday Bazaar
Wednesday, December 13	Choir Concert



### **PAC News**

**QE Running Club** kicked-off Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Running club, which is run by the QEPAC, is a great way to stay active and outside through-out the year. Students can run up to 5 laps per day (Monday & Wednesday at 8:15am). Over the course of the year students can run the equivalent of a 1/2, full or ultra-marathon. Students record their daily runs on-site at the track. Ribbons and trophies are handed out at an assembly in June. Runners can join any time and open to all ages. Many many thanks to parent volunteer Christine Macdougall for organizing running club again this year! Any questions please contact Christine Macdougall at [cmacdougall@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:cmacdougall@cruiseshipcenters.com)

**Holiday Bazaar Donations Needed:** The annual Holiday Bazaar is a fun event which gives students the opportunity to shop and buy holiday gifts for their family; while giving parents the opportunity to reduce clutter in their homes. We are kindly asking for all your unwanted treasures to be donated. These items are particularly popular: household goods, purses & scarves, jewelry, ornaments, special occasion decorations, DVDs (No VHS tapes), games, all items for Dads; sports, car related, ties, wallets etc. We please ask for NO STUFFIES due to limited storage space at the school. If you are de-cluttering please drop off your donations in the collection box found in the hallway by the school office. All proceeds from the Bazaar go towards the purchase of food gift cards which are given to inner city schools who in turn use them to provide emergency food and supplies to families in need. Thank you so much for your support! We can’t host this event without you! Big thank-you to Kirsty Myles and Christine Macdougall for organizing. Any questions please contact: Kirsty Myles - [kirsty\\_f\\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:kirsty_f_b@hotmail.com) or Christine Macdougall - [cmacdougall@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:cmacdougall@cruiseshipcenters.com)

**Upcoming Speaker** – A reminder that we are bringing Safer Schools Together to QE for a parent presentation on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm so please mark your calendars! This very informative presentation will cover Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyber bullying. For those at the school last year this is the same organization who delivered the well-received student presentations in the spring.

**PAC Communication** - A friendly reminder that The Queen Elizabeth Parent Advisory Council (QEPAC) has its own email list to communicate with parents throughout the school year about PAC supported activities such as events, speakers, meetings and the very popular hot lunch program. Parents must sign-up for the PAC Mailing list by going to the PAC website and then click “Mailing List”. Or email [qe@pacpage.ca](mailto:qe@pacpage.ca)