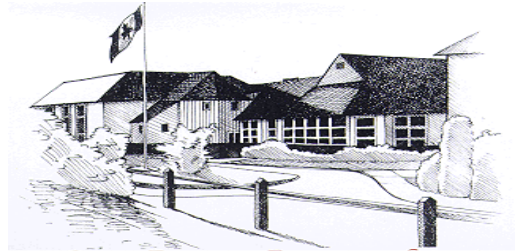


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NEWSLETTER #2 – September 15, 2017

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

Our students were placed in their 2017-2018 classrooms on Wednesday morning. Thank you all for your patience during our school reorganization. As mentioned in last Friday's memo that was emailed, we had to reorganize as our Kindergarten numbers were much lower than anticipated and new students arrived in other grades. We now have only 1 Kindergarten class. We have had several staff changes as well. Ms Ng-Davies has left our school after many years at Queen Elizabeth. We wish her well in her new position at Byng. Ms Sorace has also left to work in another school. Ms Lee is still on leave. We welcome Ms Carnegie in her place; her first day was only yesterday. Ms Noble is division 4's LSP teacher. Ms Machi is the support worker in the class. Ms Hall is the other temporary support worker. Ms Dimock is now teaching our grade 4/5 class. Ms Peerless is one of our grade 7 teachers. Ms Leslie Silverwood is our new school counsellor. Please join me in welcoming all these wonderful additions to our school! Our school organization and staff list is attached to this email.

Each student will be bringing home a school agenda. This is a valuable communication tool between home and school. Please encourage your child to remember to complete his/her agenda daily, bring it home, show it to you, (sign if necessary) and return it to school.

Please read our school code of conduct carefully and discuss it with your children. Discuss the school expectations and the rules that have been put in place to keep them safe. We refer to our code when we need to review expectations and behavior. We believe that through a **mutual environment of respect** - for self, for others, for our school and environment, - all students will be able to thrive.

Sincerely,

Susie C. Car
Principal

Student Forms Package

A package with forms was sent home with students today. Please return the updated and signed forms to your child's classroom teacher by **Thursday, September 21, 2017**. It is very important we have your child's updated information on file in case of emergency.



School and Agenda Fees



Just a reminder that school and agenda fees will be paid online this school year using School-Day. We hope to have the system set up sometime next week. We will send home information and instructions to parents as soon as it is ready.

The **\$25.00 School Fee (for all students)** covers supplies the students use for everyday school life: pencils, pens, erasers, paper, notebooks etc. The **\$6.00 agenda fee (Grades 1-7 only)** covers the use of the primary method of communication teachers used to convey homework assignments to parents as well as help keep students organized. **Please do not send cash or cheques for school supplies or agendas fees. In order for this program to work we need all families to use this online system. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Newsletters



Newsletters will usually be emailed or posted on the school website each month. We will continue to send out newsletters and important correspondence via email. Please make sure the school receives your email address as soon as possible (**through the forms being sent home**). We want to ensure that all families are receiving communication from the school. **If you change your email address over the school year please remember to inform the office.** Please be sure to check our website for information and events at queenelizabeth.vsb.bc.ca/

Safe arrival

If your child is going to be absent please leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604-713-5159 extension 66. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.



To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159 extension 66** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.



Cross Country

Cross country starts next week for all interested students. Listen to the morning announcements for more details on how to join.

Meet the Teacher Night



QE's Meet the Teacher Night will take place on **Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30-7:30pm.** We are looking forward to meeting ALL of our parents on **that evening.** This is an important way for parents to learn more about the school, the teachers, the programs, and to establish a strong home-school communication link. Please note that this is a general introduction and meeting of the staff, and isn't a time for discussing your child's progress. This opportunity will come in a few weeks at our teacher conferences.

QE Choir for Grades 1 - 7

Do you enjoy singing? If you do, come out and join Queen Elizabeth Choir. New and returning students are all welcome! Please bring your lunch and meet Mrs. Kathy Na during lunch time in the auditorium from 12:20-12:50 pm on Wednesdays. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, September 20th.** Forms are available in the office. If you have any questions, please email Kathy Na, QE Choir Director at katblue@shaw.ca.



School Grounds Supervision

Queen Elizabeth staff provide supervision before and after school from:

8:40 to 8:55 AM before school

3:00 to 3:20 PM after school

Our three Supervision Aids provide playground supervision at recess and lunch.



REMINDERS: There is no supervision before 8:40 am and after 3:20 pm. Therefore, it is imperative that you do not send your child(ren) before 8:40 am and pick your child(ren) up promptly at 3:00 pm unless they are involved in an organized, supervised school activity.

ALSO - Safety Alert: Please do not walk through the staff parking lot when you are dropping off or picking up your children.

Wheels and Cell Phones

We know that many students are coming to school by bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc. We are thrilled that students are choosing a healthy and environmentally friendly method of transportation, but we are sending a friendly reminder asking students to **"walk their wheels"** on the school grounds between 8:40 am and 3:20 pm. Please make sure your child wears a helmet when riding to school. For safety reasons, we do not permit bikes, scooters etc. to be ridden in the school or on the grounds. We respectfully ask everyone in our school community to follow these guidelines for safety reasons. Thank you!



We also know that it is more and more common for many of the older students to carry **cell phones** so that they can communicate with family before and after school. Our school policy is that students are not permitted to use their cell phones during school time (including during recess and lunch) without permission from a staff member. This is for safety reasons, and we ask all students to follow the same expectations. If a student ever needs to phone home during the day for an important reason, they may ask to use the office phone. However, the office telephone is NOT to be used to make social arrangements. Please encourage your child to make their arrangements before arriving to school.



Please read the school **Code of Conduct** inside your child's Agenda, and on the school website, for expectations of behaviour at school.



Sick Children

If your child is not feeling well or is beginning to get sick, please keep him/her home so that they can get well and not spread germs to others. Also, remember to encourage them to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly!

School Lunch Utensils and Spare Clothes

Please be sure your child has the necessary utensils when packing his/her lunch. The school does not have a supply of spoons, forks or chopsticks.



As well, please be sure your child has a spare change of clothes kept in their classroom. Children play outside at recess and lunch and sometimes get wet or step in the mud. We don't want to have to trouble you at home or work to come and bring other clothes when this happens.

Lost and Found

The school lost and found is located right outside the auditorium near the north-west entrance to the school. We encourage families to label things like jackets, sweatshirts, lunch containers and even shoes. A reminder that we clean out the lost and found at the end of every term, and donate clothing items to charity. Thank you!



Terry Fox Run



The Terry Fox Run is an annual Canada wide event that helps raise money and awareness for cancer research. **QE will have its annual Terry Fox Run in the afternoon on Wednesday, September 27th.** Please join us if you are able! More details to follow.

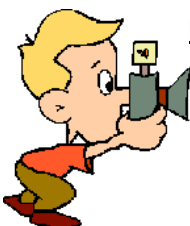


Photo Day – Thursday, October 5th

Student portraits will be taken on Thursday, October 5th. Colour proofs will be sent home with your child. You can then choose your favourite pose and background combination. For best photo results, please do not wear green coloured clothing, clothing that contains green patterns, or any solid white tops. Attention to hair and grooming also contributes to great looking photographs!

Conferences

Teachers will be holding conferences with parents and students on **Wednesday, October 11th** and **Thursday October 12th**. Please remember that **all students are dismissed at 2:00 pm on both of those days**. We encourage all families to participate in these conferences. Request for appointment forms will be coming home in a few weeks.



Strachan Hartley Run – Family Fun for a good cause!

The 2017 Strachan Hartley Legacy Run 5k/10k is coming up on **Sunday, October 15, 2017** and organizers are hoping to get the word out to Vancouver schools that now's the time to get signed up. The Strachan Hartley Legacy mission is "to provide youth the opportunity to achieve their full potential through sports and education. Make a difference." More information regarding this event can be found at this link: <http://www.shlf.ca/mission-vision-values>

Parent Involvement

There are many ways to be involved in your child's education and school life at QE. Parents are encouraged to come to **Parent Advisory Council** meetings to get to know other parents and get involved with what is happening at the school. Be sure to contact your child's teacher to find out what is happening in the classroom, and to address any concerns. The best way to meet with teachers is to phone and make an appointment, or write a note in your child's agenda asking to meet. Please respect teachers' time and responsibilities for their classes by avoiding interruptions during instructional time and lengthy conversations as the day begins. There is a strong correlation between student performance and parent interest in school activities. Get involved!



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, September 20 th	Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-7:30 pm
Friday, September 22 nd	PRO D DAY – No school for students
Wednesday, September 27 th	Terry Fox Run - afternoon
Thursday, October 5, 2017	Individual Photo Day
Monday, October 9, 2017	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – No school
Wednesday, October 11, 2017	Teacher Conferences – 2:00 pm Early Dismissal
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Teacher Conferences – 2:00 pm Early Dismissal



PAC News

PAC NEWS – Welcome back everyone!

Hot Lunch – We are working hard to get hot lunch up and running as soon as possible. We expect to send a notice home early next week with more details. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Speaker – We are excited to be bringing Safer Schools Together to QE for a parent presentation on **Wednesday, November 15th 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.

Garden Clean-up - Many thanks to everyone who helped water the garden over the summer so we QE can continue on our much loved garden program with our education partner SPEC. Please join us for the annual QE Garden Fall Work Party on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 1:00-3:00pm. Rain or shine. All are welcome. Bring the kids - they can help out too! Any questions please contact gegarden@gmail.com

IMPORTANT! 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

As well, Chinese speaking parents should connect with the QE Chinese Parent Committee so they can stay informed about QE activities. Please contact:

温馨提示：QE小学家委会（QE

PAC）有自己的邮箱可以在整个学年里与家长交流关于PAC举办的活动事宜，如晚会，发言，会议和非常流行的热午餐计划。家长必须到PAC网站<http://pacpage.ca/qe/>注册然后点击“邮件列表”加入PAC的邮件列表里。或发电子邮件给qe@pacpage.ca。

同样，中国的父母应该与QE中国的家长委员会联系，这样他们就能知道QE的活动了。请联系：

Kindergarten的群主Bishan：微信号happyandtrue

Gr1的群主Wendy Li：微信号Ruby_mama,

Gr2的群主Wendy Zhu：微信号wenddybaby,

Gr3的群主Fiona：微信号xiefang_xf,

Gr4的群主Emily：微信号emilyz001,

Gr5的群主Cathy：微信号changqiucathy,

Gr6的群主梓宁：微信号zining2266,

Gr7的群主Cuiping Song：微信号CuipingSong1112