

# Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER #1 – September 4, 2018



Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

Welcome back to all the returning families and a special welcome to all our new families and new staff! I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful, healthy, re-energizing summer break. The staff and I are excited and ready to begin another school year of positive, enriching learning experiences!

There have been a few changes this year due to declining enrollment and staff moves. We have some Teachers on Call (TOCs) in positions. I'd also like to welcome Ms Sara Johnston who will be teaching grade 3/4. We wish both Ms Karabelas and Ms Ubeda all the best in their new schools. Ms Block has decided to move to another school. We wish her all the best and thank her for all the work she has done for QE students, families and staff. We also welcome Ms Kayoko Gossen who will be part of our School, Student, Support Worker Team (SSSW).

As we did last year, and common practice in most schools in our district, students will remain with their last year's class until we are more certain about our numbers, as families have moved in and out of our school throughout the summer. We will be moving into our new classes as soon as possible once we have the information needed and approval of our organization from Human Resources. This process is complex and our staff work hard to provide the best educationally sound placement for your children. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The staff and I thank you all for your continued support and involvement in your children's education. Parents and guardians are important members of our school community and your contributions and support are truly valued. I believe it's very important to build and maintain a strong partnership and open communication between the home and school. Please plan to attend our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. The first PAC meeting will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15. We hope that you and your children will take advantage of the many opportunities to become part of our school community by attending meetings and school functions.

We also have various lunch and after school programs that you may wish to register your children for on-line. PAC already sent home some of this information and more will be forthcoming. Please see [www.qepac.ca](http://www.qepac.ca).

### Afterschool Programs:

Chess Club - Tuesdays

Mad Science – Wednesdays

Sea Smart – Thursdays

Robotics for 6-8 year olds: Fridays - go to [www.stem2space.com](http://www.stem2space.com)

### Lunch time Programs:

FreeKick Soccer – Tuesdays -info cards will be given out soon

CrossFit – Thursdays – Lunch time

I have an 'open door' policy and can often be found outside or around the school; but, I also have a meetings in and out of the school so please do not hesitate to call the school and make an appointment should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child. My priorities are that your children feel safe and positively engaged at school: First and foremost, safe physically, safe emotionally and - happy and wanting to be here, ready to learn. I look forward to our continued conversations and working with you.

Thank you to our engineering team, Mr. Chris Eng, Mr. Phil Hsiao and Mr. Arlene Lego, and our dynamic office duo Ms Breen and Ms Chang for all their hard work throughout the summer getting our school ready. Let's all work together to keep our classes, hallways, eating areas and grounds clean!

Have a wonderful start to the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susie C. Car



### **Reporting Student Absences: Safe Arrival**

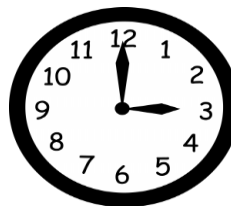
Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159 extension 66** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

### **Newsletters**

Newsletters will usually be emailed and 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). 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 <http://queenelizabeth.vsb.bc.ca>.

### **Bell Schedules & Breaks**

<b>Warning Bell</b>	<b>8:55 a.m.</b>
<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:40 – 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:10 – 12:57 p.m.</b>
<b>Final Bell / Dismissal</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>



### **Drop-off/Pick-up of Students – Please Read the attached**