

QEA News

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SAFETY CORNER

Spring weather brings out the cyclists - do you know how to keep yourself safe on the road?

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Reminder....

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON:

Friday, April 14th & Monday April 17th – Good Friday – Easter Monday



Reconciliation Pole Raising - UBC

April 2, 2017

KINDNESS IS ONE SIZE Fits All

Dates to Remember in April/May

Friday April 14	Good Friday - School not in session
Monday April 17	Easter Monday – School not in session
Friday April 21	Earth Day
Tuesday April 25	Petit Concert
Thursday May 4	Big One at 2
Friday May 5	Professional Day - School not in session
Tuesday May 9	Gr 3s to Brackendale
Monday May 22	Victoria Day - School not in session
Wednesday May 31	Children's Festival (K-2)



Vice Principal's Message

Happy Spring one and all!

I hope everyone had a relaxing time over the break and was able to spend some well-earned family time together. The beginning of the year was very busy and it looks like April and May will be the same. We have many exciting learning activities planned for the whole school, from the Visit to the Art Gallery to see [Susan Point](#) to Tennis Lessons, Earth Day, the Garden and so much more. The Grade 3s will be preparing for their day trip to Brackendale and the Kindergarteners, Grade 1s and 2s are heading to the Children's Festival at the end of May.

It is exciting to see Spring returning to Vancouver and I am particularly happy to see the cherry blossoms and magnolias starting to show themselves. After that long, cold winter, I for one, am ready for some sunny days!

Teresa Wells

Learning involves patience and time -

[First Peoples' Principles of Learning](#)

Pink Day at QEA

"What does kindness look like?" was the theme for this year's Pink Day? Assembly. Students shared ideas for simple actions that can make the world a kinder place for everyone. Teachers read a book cooperatively to model for students how working together enriches everyone's life.



Safety Awareness Corner

Awareness without action is worthless.

Along with all the beautiful blossoms, the lovely Spring weather also brings with it cyclists. Before you saddle up, take a few moments to review bike safety tips with your child. There are many great programs around the city that provide cycling education. You can get more information [here](#).



Soccer Rules :

- We play soccer at school FOR FUN and to improve our skills – THE POINTS DO NOT MATTER!
- All the teams must have a mix of students from all grades
- The team captains (for choosing teams) change every day
- The teams change every day
- There is always a mix of players of ALL abilities on both teams
- If you join the game late, you join the team with less players and/or less points

If you are frustrated/upset, take a break and join back in later.

Library Update

Our Librarian, also known as the VP, spent some time over the break organizing the Library. Thanks so much to everyone who returned their books before the break. There are still many overdue books so if you have a chance, please take another look around your homes for any VSB books. In the coming weeks, if your child has outstanding Library books, they will be bringing home a list of

titles. Please help them to find these overdue books. In the event that the book has been lost, you will receive an invoice for the replacement. If you have any questions about Library books, please don't hesitate to contact Mme Wells.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Have a half an hour on Friday mornings burning a hole in your pocket? The Library desperately needs Parent Volunteers

to shelve books on Friday mornings - please speak to Mme Teresa if you are interested.

Library Schedule:

Fridays after school

3:00-3:30

Class book exchange:
(can change without notice)

Div 4 - Friday

Div 1, 2 & 3 - Wednesday



Soccer at QEA

We have some new rules to guide our soccer at recess and lunch. In keeping with the core purpose of school – learning and peaceful socialization – the players created rules that should encourage skill development and good sportsmanship.

If your child plays soccer at QEA, please take some time to discuss these rules and the process by which the rules were created. It was a thoughtful and interesting conversation! Parents can find the rules posted beside the PAC bulletin board.

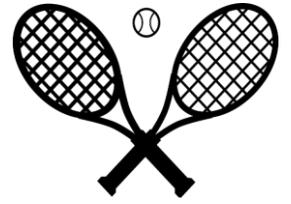
Petit Concert - Tuesday April 25th at 2:15PM

M. Simon invites all parents to join him and his students for a short concert on Tuesday, April 25th at 2:15 PM in the gym. The students have been working hard all year in music class and look forward to demonstrating their skills.



Tennis

M. Gino returned last week for his second session of Tennis. It is amazing to see the students' progression in such a short time. If the weather cooperates, you may be able to take your child to a local tennis court and see their skills! Thanks again to Mme Irene for this initiative.



La cabane a sucre à QEA



Remy the Maple Man visited QEA, bringing with him the spirit of La Belle Province. Students enjoyed traditional music and entertainment and of course La Tire (maple syrup poured on snow and then eaten off a stick)! The students and teachers all looked like *vrais bûcherons* in their jeans and flannel shirts. The proceeds from the Maple products sales will go towards purchasing some cultural materials for the school. A *gros merci* to Mme Chantal for coordinating this exciting event and, as always, a huge thank-you to our generous PAC for supporting the cost.

2017-18 School Calendar

At the VSB Board meeting on Monday, February 27th, the School Calendar for 2017-18 was approved. More information and details can be found [here](#):



Earth Day, April 21st – Save the Date!

QEA will be participating in annual ["#KeepVancouverSpectacular"](#) as a part of our Earth Day Celebrations. We need approximately 20 parent volunteers, from 9AM-10AM on Friday the 21st, to help us with this endeavor. If you are available, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. As ever, thanks for your support with our initiatives.

EarthDay

PAC Meeting

Next meeting:

September 2017

See you then!



What's New With Your PAC

Running Club is Back on Track!

Attention Running Club members: now that spring has sprung, regular running practices are back on! We meet **Thursdays at 8:15am** at the school.

For those of you who aren't regulars but are curious, here's the skinny:

Parent coaches, Julie, Pete and Tamara coach Running Club Thursday mornings, 8:15-8:55am. We want to keep the kids conditioned and help them develop good running habits. Parents are welcome to lace up and join in.

Note: There are no QEA teachers present – each child must be accompanied by a parent. You can coordinate with other parents to supervise your child. Neither the school nor the coaches are responsible for injuries, students left behind or unsupervised.

- **Who is it for?** All QEA students
- **What do I need?** Running shoes
- **Where will we go?** We run trails and hard-surfaces. We practice intervals and pacing. Soon, we will be starting Track and Field season.
- **Weather:** Sprinkles? We will run. Rain? We will not run. In between? In the case of iffy weather, we try to make a decision about canceling by 7:50 AM on practice days. Parents can give Julie their email contact to pass on Rainy Day decisions)

“Two, Four, Six, Eight,

Who Do We Eliminate?!?

All the Rest, ‘Cause we’re the Best,

Go Orcas!!!”

