

QEA News

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SAFETY CORNER

Here comes the sun! What do we need to do to stay safe ...

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Dates to Remember in May & June

Thursday May 4
 Friday May 5

Tuesday May 9

Friday May 12
 Thursday May 18
 Friday May 19 & 26
 Monday May 22

Thursday May 25

Wednesday May 31
 Thursday June 8
 Friday June 9
 Wednesday June 14
 Friday June 16
 Monday June 19
 Thursday June 29
 Friday June 30

Big One at Two
 Curriculum Implementation Day -
School not in session
 Gr 3s to Brackendale
 Hearing Tests
 Kindergarten Vision Screening
 Ks to Museum of Anthropology
 Ready, Set, Learn (@ J-Q)
 Victoria Day - **School not in session**
session
 Welcome to Kindergarten for
 September Ks (2017-18)
 Children's Festival (K-2)
 Choir Concert at Byng
 Spring Fling (5-7)
 All School Garden Party
 Grade 3 Leaving Ceremony
 Sports Day
 Last Day of School for Students
 Administrative Day - **School not in session**
session



Reminder....

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON:

**Friday May 5th
 Curriculum
 Implementation Day**

&

**Monday May 22nd –
 Victoria Day**



Vice Principal's Message

Hello QEA Families;

Well, here we are in May already ... and looking at the list above, it appears as though the next two months will be just as exciting as the last three have been.

The reunification Drill as part of The Big One at Two will be an interesting exercise and an opportunity for staff and teachers, as well as parents, to learn more about how to safely dismiss a school in the case of a catastrophic event.

This Friday, teachers will be taking day to learn more about the new curriculum and will be focusing on what form Communicating Student Learning (that is to say, report cards and conferences) will take going forward, given the new shape of the curriculum. It should be an engaging day!

I have enjoyed meeting many of you over the past three months and I look forward to continuing to get to know all of over the next two months. My thanks as ever to our Pac and to all the wonderful parent volunteers who step up and add so much to the learning experiences here at QEA.

All the best,

Teresa Wells

Learning is embedded in memory, history and story ...

[First Peoples' Principles of Learning](#)



Safety Awareness Corner

Awareness without action is worthless.

It's been so long that many of you may not remember what that bright ball in the sky is ... it's the SUN! While we are thrilled it's back, there are some suggested precautions to ensure safe enjoyment of the outdoors. You can find more information [here](#).



2017-18 Organization

At the end of the school year, teachers will be putting together tentative classes for next year. The school works very hard to make the best possible educational placement for your child, taking into account a myriad of variables such as academic progress, individual learning styles, classroom interactions between students, specific learning needs in different areas, a balance of gender, a balance of those students requiring additional support, information provided by the child and parents, friendships (that do not interfere with learning) and other factors, all the while remaining within provincially set class size and composition regulations.

The school organization created may change depending on the number of students who actually arrive to school in September. As such, classes set in May are tentative only and may change during the first month of school in September. Consequently, we cannot be sure of how the grade levels will be organized (i.e. combined or straight grade classes), nor can we know for sure which teachers will be teaching each class. In fact, in some cases, staffing may change in September with teachers transferring in and out of QEA. **Therefore, requests for a specific teacher cannot be guaranteed, nor would we be able to tell you before the summer what your child's placement will be.**

Given that combined class are a reality in many schools, the VSB has prepared an [information pamphlet](#) that can answer some questions that parents may have. If you require further information about combined classes, please speak with [Mme Wells](#).

Also, if your child will be returning to school late in September (after September 5th), it is critical that you submit a "[Late Return Notice](#)" to the office prior to June 23rd so we know that your child(ren) will indeed be returning to Queen Elizabeth Annex.

Petit Concert

Thanks so much to all the family and friends who were able to join us for the "Petit Concert" on April 25th. It was wonderful to see such a big audience for this event. The students work very hard every Tuesday in music class and it was a real pleasure to hear and see their progress. BRAVO! to M. Simon for his very hard work and Felicitations to all the musicians.

Keep Vancouver Spectacular – Earth Day

Many thanks again to our wonderful parent volunteers for participating in our Earth Day Clean up on April 21st. All in all, students, staff and volunteers collected 21 bags of garbage - the Planet thanks you!



Big One at Two – May 4th at 2PM

On Thursday May 4th, QEA, along with all schools in the VSB, will be participating in the BIG ONE at TWO. Information was recently sent home about the Reunification Drill that will take place on that day. Please see [here](#) for more details and thanks in advance for your participation and patience as we prepare for this very important event.



Welcome to Kindergarten Class of 2030

Help get your child excited about starting school and ready for Kindergarten!

So your child is starting Kindergarten at QEA in September! We would like to invite you to our "Welcome to Kindergarten" event. Students and their caregivers are encouraged to come and participate together in our hands-on learning stations. Each family will receive their own bag full of educational materials and activities. We encourage families to use these materials to continue creating and learning together at home over the summer. You will have a chance to meet some of the staff and other students. We look forward to meeting you all!

Thursday May 25th from 1:00-2:45

Location: QEA Library

Please RSVP to [Nancy Yuen-Chan](#) by Friday, May 12th.



Ready, Set, LEARN! Save the Date:

May 19th & 26th, 2017

This year, QEA is partnering with Jules-Quesnel for our Ready, Set, Learn Events. We will be welcoming pre-schoolers from the neighbourhood on **May 19th & 26th** for an afternoon of lively entertainment - please look for more information in the coming week.



Spring
has
arrived
at QEA

PAC Meeting

Next meeting:

September 2017

See you then!



What's New With Your PAC

Running Club is Still 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!!!”

... and now for something completely different ...

