

QEA News

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SAFETY CORNER

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

See page 2...

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Reminder....

**Last Day of School
for Students is
Thursday, June
29th**

**School Re-opens
Tuesday,
September 5th,
2017 (9am – 10am)**



Dates to Remember in June

Thursday June 8	Choir Concert at Byng
Friday June 9	Spring Fling (5-7)
Friday June 16	Staff Appreciation & Volunteer Tea (12:15-1:30)
Monday June 19	Sports Day (9-12)
Wednesday June 21	All School Garden Party
Friday June 23	Grade 3 Leaving Ceremony
Tuesday June 27	End of Year Assembly
Thursday June 29	Last Day of School for Students
Friday June 30	Administrative Day - School not in session



Vice Principal's Message

Hello QEA Families;

It certainly feels like summer is right around the corner, or at least it did last week!

So many exciting events in May and many more to come in June. Some days do feel like a runaway train, with all that needs to be accomplished before the end of the school year but the students' energy and engagement keep us all going!

With the weather teasing us about the coming summer days, please ensure that your children are equipped to be outside: sunscreen, hats, layers so they can cover up or shed as necessary - and of course, water bottles to keep hydrated.

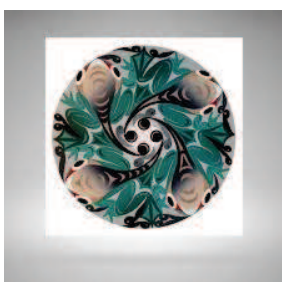
I am really forward to my first QEA Spring Fling on Friday – I hope the bouncy castle is ready for adult-sized participants – woo hoo!

Take care,

Teresa Wells

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions...

[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.



French Immersion Update

As you are probably aware, the French Immersion Program at the VSB is experiencing some changes for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. While these changes do not affect QEA directly, any changes to the FI program do have an impact on our community. To that end, I met recently with the PAC chairs and took their questions to the Board, to Adrian Keogh specifically, the Director of Instructional Programs at the VSB. Many of the questions and concerns of the community were addressed in the report that Adrian submitted to Board. You can find the full report [here](#).

There may be other issues or concerns that are not addressed by this report and Adrian and his team are aware of this. They are currently working on an FAQ that will hopefully answer any other questions that arise as to French Immersion or the other VSB Choice programs.

If you have any questions, concerns or information that you would like see addressed in the FAQ, please let the [VP](#) know.

Au revoir M. Simon

For the past 2 years, the students at QEA have been fortunate to receive Music instruction from M. Simon. We have enjoyed seeing and hearing the fruits of his and the students' hard work and dedication. M. Simon is moving on to another assignment next year so June 27th will be his last day at QEA. We will be honouring M. Simon as a part of our year end assembly on the 27th (more details on page 3).



We Matter Campaign

On Friday, May 26th, QEA was very fortunate to have Kelvin Redvers of the [We Matter Campaign](#) come and do a presentation about his organization. Kelvin talked to the students about the collaborative video initiative that he and his sister started to help Aboriginal youth across Canada. The students really enjoyed the videos and Kelvin's explanations about his project.

QEA was the lucky recipient of this visit because every time Division 3 worked on their Aboriginal Studies, Violet White kept telling Mme Joelle about her cousin and his project and wouldn't stop talking about it until Mme Joelle said "Why don't you ask him to visit us then?" - and aren't we glad that she did!



Violet and her cousin
Kelvin Redvers

Year End Assembly 27 June 2017

QEA will celebrate the year that was on Tuesday, June 27th, from 11:15-11:45. We will have a year-end slide show and a special presentation. Family members are invited to join us in the Gym for this final assembly of the school year.

School Fees 2017-18

The Vancouver School Board purchases basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passes the cost-savings on to families. The School supply Fee for 2017-2018 is \$25/student. This fee covers the cost of basic school supplies used for students' personal use.

Grades 1, 2, & 3 will received a School Agenda Planner. The fee for each planner is \$8 per student.

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Parents and Guardians who would like to request to postpone payment of the supplies fee or require the supplies fee to be waived for the current school year, please contact our Vice-Principal [Teresa Wells](#) .

Late Return Notice 2017-18

Just a reminder that 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.



What's
growing
around
our
school?



PAC Meeting

Next meeting:

September 2017

See you then!



What's New With Your PAC

Spring Fling Update

1. **TICKETS:** Our ticket link is live and we would strongly **encourage you to [purchase on-line in advance](#)**. This helps us anticipate how many pizzas etc to purchase - and heaven forbid we run out of Dilly Bars! Tickets are \$6 per person or \$20 for the whole family.

2. **CLASS GIFT BASKETS:** Thank you to those of you who have already brought in donations for the class baskets! For those of you who have not yet had a chance, we have listed the themes here below. **Please drop your donation off if your child's classroom.** **The themes are as follows:**

- **Kindergarten: Arts and Crafts basket**
- **Division 1: Wine Basket**
- **Division 2: Craft Beer and BBQ**
- **Division 3: Chocolate and Coffee basket**

3. **SILENT AUCTION:** We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help us **contact local businesses for silent auction items. This doesn't have to be a huge time commitment** - we are simply divvying up a list of local businesses (two or three per person). If you are interested in volunteering as the silent auction coordinator and/or would be willing to contact a few businesses, please **contact the PAC or Emily Fox (Luca's mom - Division 2)**. And if parents would like to supply an auction item (or two!), that would be welcome! Think of friends/family/colleagues that might have a business they might like to promote for a good cause!

4. **WINE PULL:** Another new element this year will be the wine pull! Donated bottles of wine (minimum donation value of \$15.00 please) will be wrapped to hide the labels. **We will be adding some more expensive bottles** into the mix, so you may pull an amazing bottle of wine and walk away with a bargain deal. Tickets to participate in the pull will be sold on site the night of, so don't forget to bring some cash! **Donated bottles of wine can also be left in the classrooms.** Please don't feel that you need to donate to both the class basket and the wine pull!

5. **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:** Thank you as well to those of you who have already signed up for your volunteer spot. For those who have not yet had a chance, please find the links organized by class to sign up for your volunteer spot:

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [1-2 Elodie](#)
- [1-2 Chantal](#)
- [Grade 3](#)

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

