

# QEA News

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## SAFETY CORNER

Visibility counts! How to keep your ghosts and goblins safe for trick-or-treating ...

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## Dates to Remember in October / November

Thursday October 19	District Cross-Country Meet
Friday October 20	Pro-D Day - <b>School not in session</b>
Wednesday October 25	Conferences (2PM-7PM)
Thursday October 25	Conferences (2PM-5PM)
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 10	Curriculum Implementation Day - <b>School not in session</b>
Monday November 13	Remembrance Day (Observed) - <b>School not in session</b>



## Vice Principal's Message

Hello QEA Families;

Is it just me or did September just disappear in the blink of an eye? I can't believe that we have already had Thanksgiving and that Halloween is just around the corner.

Thanksgiving made me think about all that we have to be thankful for here at QEA. From the lovely Welcome Back Pizza night put on by the PAC to the all the new students and staff that we have been so happy to welcome to our little school in the woods, and so much in between.

As we look forward to the conferences next week, I am excited by the interesting and exciting projects that the students are engaged in. The teachers and I are looking forward to sharing what your children have been doing for the last 6 weeks and where they will be going in the future. As ever, if you are unable to make the conferences on the scheduled days, please make arrangements with your child's teacher to meet and discuss at a time that works for you.

While I find myself with much more on my plate this year with a greater teaching load, I am always available to meet with parents should the need arise. Please feel free to email or call as necessary.

Happy Fall!

*Teresa Wells*

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*Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge...*

[First Peoples' Principles of Learning](#)

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## Reminder....

**NO school this  
 FRIDAY, October  
 20th**

**Enjoy the Long  
 Weekend!**



## Safety Awareness Corner



*Awareness without action is worthless.*

Advice from the V.P.D for safe Trick-or-Treating:

We want kids to be seen!

- ❖ Wear bright costumes or include reflective tape, glow sticks, or other articles that improve visibility.
- ❖ Costumes should be fire-resistant if possible.
- ❖ Use face paint or make-up instead of a mask — if you must wear a mask, enlarge the eyes for better vision and push it back off your face when you are walking between houses.
- ❖ Stay on one side of the street until you reach the end and then safely cross the street to the other side — do not criss-cross.
- ❖ Carry a flashlight.



## Communicating Student Learning

As you may be aware, with the implementation of the new curriculum, the way that student learning is communicated is also changing. In response, the VSB is running a Pilot Project that will see the reporting periods and methods changing to better reflect the new curriculum and the way students learn. QEA is participating in this Pilot and as a team, we are very excited about the new opportunities to share student learning.

There will be two formal reporting sessions in the form of report cards and three informal reporting sessions, which will take the form of portfolio presentations, conferences, and other modes of communication. The reporting periods will be as follows:

October 25-26	Parent Teacher conferences
Week of 11 December (digital, in person)	Presentation of portfolios
Week of 22 January	First Report Card sent home
April 11 & 12	Parent / Teacher conferences
Week of 25 June	Final Report Card sent home

At the end of the school year, parents will be invited to share their feedback and impressions about the new way of reporting. Please look for survey links later in the school year.

## Orange T-Shirt Day 30 September

The whole school showed its support for Indian Residential School Survivors by wearing orange t-shirts on September 29<sup>th</sup>. All the classes did different learning projects around this important initiative and as a whole school, we read the book “La pirogue de Shin-chi – Shin Chi’s Canoe”, a book about the Residential school experience as seen from a child’s perspective. It was a powerful and somber occasion and the teaching team were impressed by the thoughtful and empathetic observations of the students.



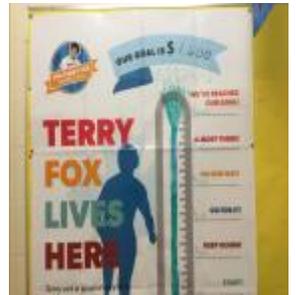
## La Rentrée

Thanks so much to the PAC for organizing the Welcome Back Pizza night and to the teachers for changing the date of the Meet the Teacher night in order to align these two important events – it was huge success and was wonderful to see everyone back at QEA!

## La course Terry Fox

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Terry Fox Run. Students also collected money in the classrooms during the month of September. It was impressive to see how the students committed to running and raising money for this annual campaign. We were certainly blessed with the weather and with many parent volunteers who came out to help us.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers and also to our very generous community. Together, we raised over \$2,600 dollars for cancer research. This is very impressive and shows the level of kindness and empathy that exists in this community. As a cancer survivor myself, I was extremely touched by the outpouring of support.



# EARTH



Look what's growing around our school!

## PAC Meeting

Next meeting:

November 6 –  
9AM 2017

QEA Library



## What's New With Your PAC

### Name-Change Petition: Annexe de Jules Quesnel

Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA) is petitioning the Vancouver School Board to change the name "Queen Elizabeth Annex" to "Annexe de Jules Quesnel" to reflect close ties with Jules Quesnel (JQ) and highlight our status as a French Immersion school. In 2008 QEA was designated a single-track French Immersion school for grades K-3, with students continuing their education at JQ. We want to update our school name to reflect this change and reduce confusion within our own community and the community at large.

If you are in support of this name change, please sign this petition and share it with your community. Once we have gathered signatures, we will be submitting a proposal to the VSB.

[https://www.change.org/p/qea-pac-request-for-school-name-change?recruiter=600849329&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_content=nafta\\_copylink\\_message\\_1%3Amessage](https://www.change.org/p/qea-pac-request-for-school-name-change?recruiter=600849329&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_content=nafta_copylink_message_1%3Amessage)

Thank you for your support.

- Rebecca Pitfield, QEA Advocacy Committee Chair

### Survey on Childcare Needs

**If your family has not yet filled out this survey, please do so!**

**(Only once per family, please.)**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JG36G2S>

It would be extremely helpful if every QEA family participates.

Thank you!

### Holiday Used Book Sale: Volunteers Needed

The book sale will take place before/after school hours on December 6, 7 and 8, and it's a great way for our kids to shop for presents for people in their family.

If you are able to oversee the book sale, we'd love to hear from you! Please [email](#) the PAC. We'll also need several volunteers to take on coordinating donations, setting up for the sale, and helping at the sale those mornings and afternoons.

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

