



Queen Alexandra F.A.M.I.L.Y. School

A Fine Arts Multicultural Integrated Learning for Youth School

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Term Two Flew By

Many wonderful, meaningful activities and opportunities took place at QA over the last three months. Here are some highlights:



- Badminton BC provided a week of lessons
- Classes took part in field studies to the Bird Sanctuary, Granville Island, Vancouver Art Gallery, High Schools (for school visits and performances), Hoohiyee for Nisga'a New Year Celebrations, Cliff Hanger & Science World
- QA hosted a Lion's Dance for Lunar New Year
- Primary students continued their weekly dance lessons with Anne-Michelle Saugstad
- Shane Pointe, VSB's Knowledge Keeper and Elder visited the Grade 6/7 classes to talk about pre-colonial and contemporary Coast Salish governance, land and water rights
- Big Rock Candy Mountain taught weekly, diverse Fine Arts lessons to the Grade 4/5 classes
- The school focused on friendship, kindness, respect and bullying in the days leading up to, including, and following Pink Shirt Day. We had guest speakers, assemblies & classroom lessons on friendship and bullying.
- UBC students volunteered at QA during their Reading Week. Classes learned about social justice, community, Aboriginal histories, cultures & traditions, story writing and MORE!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 10 Reports go home. Spring Break Begins!
- Mar. 27 School Re-Opens after Spring Break
- Mar. 29 Fire Drill
- Mar. 31 PAC Meeting (9:15am in the lunchroom)
- Apr. 6 Literacy Day! Come for breakfast!
- Apr. 12 Ready Set Learn (tentative date)
- Apr. 25 Class Photos and School Panorama



2017 – 2018 Approved Calendar

Here are some key dates for the upcoming school year:

Sept. 05 – First Day of School

Dec. 27 – January 05 – Winter Break

Mar. 19 – Apr. 02 – Spring Break

Jun. 28 – Last day of School

A more detailed calendar will be published soon.

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See You Soon!

We wish Kelley Young much health and happiness as she commences a maternity leave this month. Welcome Natasha Schultz! Ms. Schultz will be providing learning support to Divisions 4, 6 & 9.



VSB's Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

Shaping Our Future, Together

The VSB's 5-year plan was developed in consultation with students, families, staff and stakeholders. It sets out a clear and shared vision for the future of public education in the Vancouver School District.

The VSB's **guiding principles** are: collaboration, engagement, inclusion, excellence and transparency. The four **goals** for the next 5 years involve innovative teaching and learning, building capacity in our community through leadership, creating a culture of care and shared social responsibility and providing effective leadership, governance and stewardship. VSB's **vision** is to inspire student success by providing an innovative, caring and responsive learning environment.



Acknowledgement

We live, work and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish people. Queen Alexandra F.A.M.I.L.Y. School wishes to acknowledge the history of our community & neighbourhood.



Mobile Devices at Queen Alexandra

While many students bring devices such as phones or tablets to school, these items must be stored safely throughout the day and only used for classroom learning and/or with permission or supervision by staff. Students who misuse technology at QA may lose technology privileges and have their device confiscated for the day, week or indefinitely (in which case the device will be returned to a parent/guardian).



Basketball at QA - Well done, Wildcats!

This season, both Basketball Teams thrived at QA. With each practice and game, students demonstrated great improvements and, through hard work, positivity, motivation, teamwork and skill, the girls and boys earned many game victories this year! Congratulations, Players! Thank you, Mr. Kumar, Ms. Nickel and Justin for coaching. Thanks also to the many staff who supported the teams by driving players to games and/or announcing or cheering at home games.



QA's Mission Statement

Through the commitment to cooperation and hard work, the students, parents and staff of Queen Alexandra work together so that all students can succeed academically and socially in an emotionally nurturing environment.

- We care for OURSELVES
- We care for EACH OTHER
- We care for THE ENVIRONMENT
- We care for OUR COMMUNITY.

