



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

A Fine Arts Multicultural Integrated Learning for Youth School

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## 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 and neighbourhood.

### One Week to Go!

While we're almost through the school year, activities and events are certainly not winding down for Queen Alexandra's staff, students and families! May was a busy month at QA and included a school-wide fieldtrip to Gladstone for a Fine Arts Performance, Badminton and Ultimate Team practices and games, our Talent Show, Sports Day and Grade 7 Camp. June has been just as busy and filled with fun! We hope that you were able to join us for one or several of our recent events – the Spring Concert, Aboriginal Day, Grade 6/7 Play or Arts Umbrella Student Performance. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll recognize our Grade 7's at an evening Leaving Assembly and our Annual School-wide QA Picnic at Trout Lake is on June 27<sup>th</sup>. On the last day of school, we'll have a Year End Assembly and Staff vs. Grade 7 soccer game! Join us!

### Important Upcoming Dates

June 26	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (5:00pm)
June 27	School Picnic (9:45am – 2:30pm)
June 29	Last day of school
June 29	Year End Assembly (9:15am)
June 29	Staff vs. Grade 7 Soccer Game (11:10am)
Sept. 5	First day back!



## Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer!

Please see the QA website for 2017-18 Important Dates & School Fee info.

### QA's School Picnic

Please join us!  
Tuesday June 27, 2017  
9:45am – 2:15pm  
Trout Lake Park



Pizza, watermelon and a juice box are provided for all QA students.

Pizza for QA and Strong Start families was available through PAC pre-order AND can also be purchase at the park (while quantities last) for \$2.00 a slice.

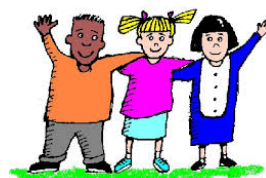
Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety concerns, QA students are not permitted to wade, swim or play in Trout Lake during the picnic. We request that all QA and StrongStart families respect the QA picnic's "No Lake" policy!

### Best Wishes!

We are so grateful to the following staff who have been valuable members of our QA family this year (and for some, for several years!). We are sad to see them go and know that their next schools are so very lucky!

Good bye to:

- Angela Criston-Quao (SSA)
- Melina Costantino (YFW)
- Para Demosten (Gr. 2/3)
- Carly Desharnais (Gr. 6/7)
- Hugh Egerton (SSA)
- Nicole Grant (Gr. 2/3 & Resource)
- Richard Harewicz (YFW)
- Annika Huttunen (Grade 1/ 2)
- Giselle Jallad (Grade 2/3 & Resource)
- Aliya Khan (SSA)
- Caroline Ohlander (SSA)
- Justin Reist (SSA)
- Natahsa Schultz (Resource)
- Jessica Yeung (After School Programmer)



While we don't yet know who our new QA staff will be next year, we'll be sure to introduce and give them a warm QA welcome when the time comes!

**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 OTHERS. We care for OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.



**Queen Alexandra F.A.M.I.L.Y. Elementary School**  
**Fine Arts Multicultural Integrated Learning for Youth**  
**A Vibrant Place to Learn and Grow**  
**2017 – 2018**

**SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW**

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	874
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 29)

<b>Important Dates</b>	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 13, 2017 (in lieu of Sat. November 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 19 – Thursday, March 29, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
School not in session	Friday, May 18, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 29, 2018

<b>Non Instructional Days (school not in session)</b>	<b>Professional Development Focus</b>
Friday, September 22, 2017	Professional Development Day – Curricular/School Goal Focus
Friday, October 20, 2017	District-Wide Non-Instructional Day – Self Directed
Friday, November 10, 2017	Curriculum Implementation Day
Friday, December 1, 2017	Professional Development Day – Curricular/School Goal Focus
Monday, January 29, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day
Monday, February 19, 2018	Professional Development Day – Curricular/School Goal Focus
Friday, April 27, 2018	Professional Development Day – Curricular/School Goal Focus
<b>Parent Teacher Conference Dates:</b>	<b>Early dismissal times:</b>
Wednesday, September 27, 2017	Goal Setting Conferences – 2:00pm Dismissal
Thursday, September 28, 2017	Goal Setting Conferences – 2:00pm Dismissal
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	Student Led Conferences – 2:00pm Dismissal
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Student Led Conferences – 2:00pm Dismissal

<b>Bell Schedule</b>	
Welcome Bell	8:55am
Homeroom	9:00am
Recess	10:50am – 11:10am
Lunch	12:10pm – 12:57pm
Dismissal	3:00pm

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