

QUEENSBURY NEWS

WE ARE: RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, RESOURCEFUL

Stay connected!

Here are some handy links to stay connected to all Queensbury and school district news. A new communication tool is currently being implemented by our school district and you are asked to download the app at your earliest convenience. The link is provided here:

[North Vancouver School District Home Page](#)

[SANGHA communication link for parents](#)

[Report Card Info for Parents](#)

School Cash On Line

We are pleased to announce that three parent consent forms are available via School Cash Online. We kindly request all parents/guardians to login, fill out the forms and submit before September 21, 2017. Please go to: [KEV Online Cash forms](#)

Our classroom teachers are unable to begin walking field trips, or work in the computer lab until parents have completed these.

Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome everyone back for a new year of learning! We are especially happy to welcome our new staff members and families to Queensbury, including our new kindergarten students!

The energy has been exciting during the first two weeks of school and we are all looking forward to a great new year of building relationships, and exploring new possibilities.

I'm sure you have noticed the road/ sidewalk construction and improvements to our surrounding community. Over the summer, road work has continued in our neighbourhood and we take this opportunity to remind all drivers of road safety close to, and around our school. Please be mindful when you see children at crosswalks and corners. If your child is walking to school, please consider using reflective tape on their backpack or jacket.

Meet our team!

Administration Staff

Principal Ms. Kelly La Roue
Vice Principal Ms. Cheryl Ham

Office Staff

Elementary School Administrative Assistant Ms. Karen Cannon
Elementary School Assistant Ms. Christina Olson
Supervision Aide Ms. Desiree LaMarche

Teaching Staff

E01	Ms. Cheryl Ham / Ms. Alicia Arreaga
E02	Ms. Courtney Johnstone
E03	Miss Heather Duncan
E04	Mrs. Beverley Grantham / Mrs. Jennifer Young
E05	Mr. David Harris
E06	Ms. Amber Chorney-Wilson
E07	Ms. Megan Hoodspith
E08	Ms. Laurie Kennedy
E09	Ms. Sam Walters / Ms. Colleen Murphy
E10	Mrs. Judy Galpin
E11	Ms. Brenda Bennett
E12	Mrs. Sally Chan
E13	Miss Heather Williams

THANK YOU TO OUR PAC!

Congratulations to our PAC for hosting our first community building event of the year! And how lucky that the sun managed to come out during a very rainy week! It was really nice to see so many families enjoying the BBQ. Thank you to all who brought treats for sharing! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the teaching staff, thank you also to the many parents who came to "Meet the Teacher", just prior to the BBQ. Keeping in touch and staying informed with your child's classroom teacher is such an important part of your child's success at school. (If you didn't get a chance to chat with your child's teacher, please look for a message from the teacher that may have been sent home the following day).

Non-Enrolling Teaching Staff

Library	Mrs. Joanne Rittich
Music	Ms. Colleen Murphy
ELL	Ms. Alicia Arreaga
Learning Assistance	Ms. Lori Ross / Ms. Lorene Bastien
Band	Mr. Josh Capri
Counsellor	Ms. Natacha Sadafi
Speech/Language	Ms. Carla Monteleone
Hearing Resource Teacher	Mr. Rhenna Tevendale
Psychologist	Ms. Rachel King

Support Staff

Education Assistant	Ms. Gloria Breu
Education Assistant	Ms. Whitney Gleason
Education Assistant	Ms. Debbie Pearce
Education Assistant	Ms. Tasmin Nash
Autism Support Worker	Ms. Cassandra Buckley
Sign Language Interpreter	Ms. Samara Ferguson
Learning Support Worker	Ms. Val Bergeron
Custodian	Mr. Alfredo Canlas
Custodian	Ms. Avelina MacPhail
Crossing Guard	Ms. Deborah Lutz

Attendance Matters

Please make sure you share with your child the importance of attending school regularly - children attend school - it's their job! Being on time for school is a valuable life skill. Being on time is showing responsibility and reduces the interruptions to the morning routines.

Our first bell rings at 8:45, and students are expected to be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:50. Please ensure your child's teacher has been informed (with a note) that your child will be arriving late or leaving during the day (dentist, etc.) Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns. Please contact the school (604-903-3730) if your child will be away due to illness, or other circumstance.

Student's success at school

A student's success at school can be greatly influenced by how they are feeling on any given day. Students are able to function better and think more clearly while at school if they have the following:

- a minimum of 9 hours of sleep (reduce exposure to screen time for a minimum of one hour prior to bedtime)
- eat a healthy breakfast that includes protein
- reduction of sugary snacks
- engage in physical activity for a minimum of 90 minutes per day

Please give your child the tools they need to be successful!

*Building Resiliency in Children -
a focus for Queensbury this year*

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

Louisa May Alcott, Little Women

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed." Theodore Roosevelt

Resilience is the ability to meet and overcome challenges in ways that maintain or promote well-being. It is the ability to stay in control, push through perceived setbacks and see a solution. At Queensbury we are working with our students to encourage them to persevere, and to be resilient when things don't always go as planned. So although children may look for an easy fix to a difficult situation, our staff is teaching them to identify the problem (perceived or otherwise), identify possible solutions and to work through the difficult times. It's important that we support our students and to provide an opportunity to show them that "they can do it!" Getting through small disappointments and difficulties helps children to become resilient when larger, much more challenging situations arise.

Please enjoy the rest of September and as always.....if you have questions or concerns regarding your child, please contact their classroom teacher at your earliest convenience!