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Queensbury News

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IMPORTANT NEWS

We welcome all returning students, staff, and families to another great year! At Queensbury Elementary, we believe that a strong partnership between the school and the home is key to ensuring student success and overall well-being. We are committed to working together with you to provide the best possible education and support for your child.

Our vision is to create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We know that your involvement in your child's education plays a significant role in achieving this vision. Together, we can make a positive impact on their journey. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead as we embark on this journey together.

We believe in *Parents as Partners* when it comes to a child's education, and this occurs through consistent and continuous communication between school and home. Our staff will follow up with parents/guardians when necessary, and we urge parents/guardians to ask questions and get involved as much as they are able.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher(s) to discuss how things are going with your child both academically and socially-emotionally. Send your child's teacher an email, call the main office, or set up a meeting. Working together with school and home will provide the best educational experience for children.

Your input is highly valued, and we are here to support your child every step of the way. We believe that a strong partnership between families and the school community is key to fostering growth and success, and we welcome your ideas, feedback, and involvement as we work together to create the best possible learning experience.

We are happy to welcome new staff members who have brought great energy, experience, and new ideas to our school. For all updated staff information and contacts, please click [here](#).

We wish you and your child a wonderful 2025-2026 school year filled with new learning, growth, and memorable experiences. May this year bring exciting opportunities, meaningful friendships, and many moments of success and celebration both in and out of the classroom.

Mr. Johal, Principal

Mr. Wong, Vice Principal

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Mr. Johal's last day with us will be on Mon, Sept 29! We wish him well in New Westminster School District!

GUIDING BELIEFS

Education at Queensbury provides all children an equal opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to maximize their potential in intellectual, social, and physical development.

MISSION

We believe:

in fostering an environment so that everyone feels welcome and included;

everyone matters;

every child should have the opportunity to succeed;

teaching self-awareness and self-management is important for students, staff, and parents; and

in collaborating with parents and community partners for the success of all learners.

SCHOOL PLAN

Goal #1 – Enhance a sense of belonging.

Goal #2 – Increase student engagement.

Please review for the complete [School Plan](#).

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be mindful that all members of the Queensbury School Community are expected to be *Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful*.

Click [here](#) for the full Code of Conduct.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

During September, our school will be recognizing the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, including [Orange Shirt Day](#), as a step in our journey towards reconciliation. *"Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013."* We encourage all staff, students, and parents/guardians to wear orange shirts on Sept 29 and learn about Canada's shared history.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS: BASKETBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY

We are excited to share that it is sports season at school! Currently, we will offer basketball to grade seven students and cross country running for grades four to seven students. This is one way for students to stay healthy, have fun in a semi-competitive environment, and represent their school. More information will be shared with students from the respective coaches in the coming weeks.

ERASE REFRESH: LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE AND RESOURCES

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has refreshed the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase website\)](#). Launched on last September, the new website features a streamlined design with improved access to information and resources for students, adults, and school staff.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: TERRY FOX RUN

Staff and students will participate in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26. We will be collecting "Toonies for Terry" next week, including online [here](#), and will continue to collect until end of September to help support the Terry Fox Foundation. Our goal is to fundraise \$650, and if we reach our goal, we will have 20 min of extra recess! We are looking forward to another exciting and successful Terry Fox Run!

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADE 4 AND GRADE 7

This year our School District will be administering the [Foundational Skills Assessments](#) (FSAs) over a four-week period in October. The FSAs are an annual province-wide assessment of all BC students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and students in Grades 4 and 7 will be writing the assessments during this time. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher directly if you have any questions.

PLANNING SAFE AND ACTIVE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

As we begin the school year, families are encouraged to plan safe, healthy, and sustainable routes to school. The following resources provide maps and travel plans to support walking, cycling, and other active ways of getting to and from school:

- City of North Vancouver (CNV) Schools: [Safe & Active School Travel Program](#)
- CNV Best Route Maps & School Travel Plans: [Best Route Maps & School Travel Plans](#)

By planning, we can all help reduce traffic congestion, increase safety, and promote healthy, active lifestyles for our students

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Mr. Wong, our VP, talking about the Code of Conduct with classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19

Beginning Band 8:00 am Fridays
Continuing Band 8:40 am Fridays
Photo Day

SEPTEMBER 23

Beginning Band 10:40-11:20 am Tuesdays
Continuing Band 11:20-12:20 Tuesdays

SEPTEMBER 25

PAC – TCBY Frozen Yogurt

SEPTEMBER 26

Beginning Band 8:00 am – Music Portable
Continuing Band 8:40 am – Music Portable
Terry Fox Run 2:00-3:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 29

Orange Shirt Day
Band and strings – last day for late registration
bandandstring@sd44.ca

SEPTEMBER 30

Truth & Reconciliation Day – no school

OCTOBER 1

Welcome Principal Beveridge
Foundation Skills assessment month gr 4 & 7

OCTOBER 13

Thanksgiving Day – No school

Please click [here](#) for the full calendar.