

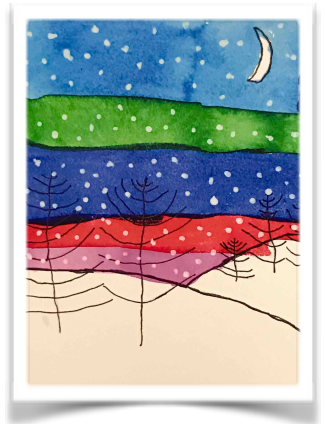
# Queensbury Elementary Winter Bulletin

*We are respectful, responsible, resourceful*

## THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS (ALMOST) HERE!

Without a doubt, excitement is in the air as we approach the holiday season. But this winter break will likely be different for most, if not all, of our families. As we continue to be mindful of the health and safety measures in place around the world, in BC and at Queensbury, we are thankful for everyone's commitment in doing our part to stay healthy and safe. I'd like to give a special thanks to our custodians we've worked with this term and to our school district's Maintenance / Facilities and Custodial departments. There are so many individuals diligently working behind the scenes to ensure that our school is safe and clean for everyone. We appreciate their dedication to Queensbury!

This has been a very active term at Queensbury as we learned to adapt to new safety measures, new ways of learning, and new ways of being together. We have learned how valuable connections are for students and have realized that we really miss our families being able to freely roam our halls and interact with staff. Although it was important for students and staff to return to "normal" by diving into routines, we quickly observed that before we can reach new heights in learning, we must first address the social and emotional needs of students. By spending time to acknowledge feelings, students begin to learn strategies to help them grow and become resilient. Working through challenges makes us stronger. We are also reminded, through the teachings of our First Peoples Principles of Learning, that *learning takes patience and time*. With 2020 coming to a close, let's continue to embrace what these challenging times have taught us, show resiliency, patience, kindness, and give thanks for all the good fortunes we enjoy. Wishing all of our families, both here and those learning from home, the very best of the holiday season!



### Report Cards

will be posted  
on Friday,  
December 11th,  
no later than 3pm

Parents, for more  
information about  
your child's report  
card or to reset  
your password,  
please [click HERE](#)

### Thank you to Mrs. Grantham!

Our very own Mrs. Grantham has been honoured and recognized by Branch #118 of the Royal Canadian Legion for crocheting 151 poppies! Mrs. Grantham donates all proceeds to the Poppy Trust Fund which helps to ensure our veterans are cared for with the respect they deserve. This year, Mrs. Grantham's poppies raised over \$750.00!



Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

### A Giving Heart

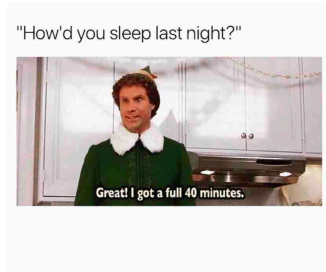
written by Grace Dunphy,  
Div. 2



Thank you to the families  
in div. 1-4 who  
participated in our gift  
collection this year for the

Christmas Bureau. When we delivered the gifts to the North Shore Family Services, they were over the moon with excitement because they haven't been able to gather many gifts this year. The holidays are such an important time for most people and families. I hope we have made Christmas a little brighter for some families.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING IS FOR ADULTS TOO!



Queensbury students have been learning to identify how their body feels when they experience various emotions. They are being taught strategies to help them think in a positive manner and how to react to difficulties in an appropriate way. Did you know that school aged children require a minimum of 10 hours of sleep? A good sleep, a healthy diet, exercise and hydration are all contributing factors to our emotional well being. We are encouraging students to turn off all electronics at least one hour prior to bed time and to make a special effort in getting at least 10 hours of sleep! It's amazing how well we treat others and attend to tasks when we've had a great sleep.

Social emotional learning is not just for our students! Adults are also being asked to be aware of their emotions and feelings and the impact their words and tone have on others. We are all working together to model compassion, empathy and kindness.

## A fond farewell to Mrs. Chan!

It is with much appreciation and gratitude that we say farewell to Mrs. Chan. Recently, Mrs. Chan announced her retirement to our staff, to her students, and to the parents of division 13. While we are so excited for Mrs. Chan and the new adventures she'll enjoy, we are sad to see her leave. She embraced the challenges and joys of teaching Kindergarten throughout her lengthy career (which coincidentally started at Queensbury!) and has proven to be a dedicated and enthusiastic educator who always puts the needs of her students first. Her kindness, gentle and caring nature was everything that a child could ask for as they began their education. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Chan and wishing her well in her retirement!



**SALLY CHAN**



## Announcing our New Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. McDonnell!

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Bryn McDonnell to Queensbury, as she embraces her first full time contract! What an exciting time to be entering education! Ms. McDonnell is very excited indeed and brings with her many years of experience in early childhood education and a passion to succeed! Ms. McDonnell will be a lovely addition to Queensbury and looks forward to getting to know her students, the staff and the amazing Queensbury families.

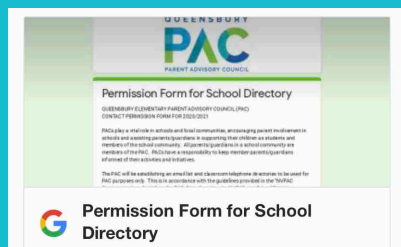
## *Do you need a fresh new mask?*

We still have a few Queensbury masks available.... and now on sale for \$5.00!

They are perfect for stocking stuffers! Please contact our office if you would like to purchase one for yourself or as a gift. Adult sizes available too!



## A Message from our PAC



Are you receiving the weekly PAC newsletter? Have you been contacted by your child's class rep? If NOT, click the google link form to fill to be added to the list.

[PAC LINK CLICK HERE](#)

### Christmas Craft from the PAC

Thank you to Stacey Playle and her elves for assembling craft supplies that will be sent home with every family soon. Turn the supplies into a wreath, add your own flair or adornments and then hang it in a window to show your Queensbury pride!



## Frozen Food orders READY TO PICK UP on Saturday, December 12th

Thank you to our families who supported the Neufeld Farms fundraiser! All items will be ready for pick up between 10-10:30 am THIS Saturday.

***We do not have the capacity to store any orders not picked up, so please arrange for someone to pick items up if you are unavailable.***

## After-school Gatherings on School Grounds

Thank you to our community for doing your very best to avoid gatherings after school. We are really trying our best to ensure everyone stays at a safe distance and makes their way home promptly after school. Please be reminded that we do not have formal supervision before or after school, and as the days get darker, we appreciate every effort in getting your children home safe.



## Lost and Found

Thank you for reminding your child(ren) to visit our lost and found table near the gym. There are some lovely items of clothing that will be donated to our local charities if they are not claimed by noon on December 18th.

## Thank you to our Telus Ambassadors and Queensbury Angels!

We are so grateful for the generosity of our Telus Ambassadors and our group of parents who have so generously donated gift cards for families in need this holiday season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!



## Thank you for donating items to our Food Bank drive!

Thank you to Ms. Roy and Division 1 for coordinating this act of kindness! We will accept items up to noon on Thursday, December 17th. Your generosity has greatly been appreciated. All items will be donated locally in order to support North Shore families!

## New Student Registration Process

To register your child for school or to submit a transfer request, you must make an appointment to meet with Central Registration using our new [online booking system](#). Click the link above for more details.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Please [click here](#) for regular updates from our Superintendent, Mark Pearmain

***The Queensbury Staff  
wishes you a very safe and happy winter holiday!  
School begins again on January 4, 2021 from 8:45 - 3:00***

### Winter Weather Reminders

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff of the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites.

