

QUEENSBURY NEWS

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Stay connected!

Here are some handy links to stay connected to all Queensbury and school district news.

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Please ensure you connect with your child's classroom teacher. All staff emails can be found on our school website. (<https://www.sd44.ca/school/queensbury>)

School Cash On Line

We are pleased to announce that four parent consent forms are available via School Cash Online. We kindly request all parents/guardians to login, fill out the forms and submit before October 2, 2020. Please go to: [KEV Online Cash forms](#)

Our classroom teachers are unable to begin walking field trips until parents have completed these forms.

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 and different during this first few days of school as we adjust to the new COVID-19 protocols and routines. We are all looking forward to a great new year of building relationships, and exploring new possibilities. It is important that we show flexibility, patience and resiliency in an ever changing landscape. Please keep connected, and when in doubt, ask questions!

Meet our team!

Principal
Vice Principal
Elementary School Administrative Assistant
Elementary School Assistant
Supervision Aide

Ms. Kelly La Roue
Ms. Carly Roy
Ms. Karen Cannon
Ms. Christina Olson
Ms. Marie Godber

Teaching Staff

E01 Gr. 7
E02 Gr. 6/7
E03 Gr. 5/6
E04 Gr. 5/6
E05 Gr. 4/5
E06 Gr. 4/5
E07 Gr. 3
E08 Gr. 2/3
E09 Gr. 1/2
E10 Gr. 1/2
E11 Gr. 1/2
E12 Kindergarten / 1
E13 Kindergarten

Mrs. Carly Roy / Mr. Aidan Goheen
Ms. Amy Speakman
Ms. Heather Duncan
Mrs. Jen Young / Ms. Justine Frazee
Mr. David Harris
Ms. Gabby Lefroy / Ms. Megan Hoodspith
Ms. Laurie Kennedy
Ms. Colleen Murphy
Ms. Bev Grantham / Ms. Claudette Court
Mrs. Judy Galpin / Ms. Gabby Lefroy
Ms. Sam Walters
Ms. Heather Williams
Mrs. Sally Chan

Non-Enrolling Teaching Staff

Library
Music
ELL
Learning Assistance
Band
Counsellor
Speech/Language
Psychologist

Mrs. Joanne Rittich / Ms. Charlene Wilson
Mr. Aidan Goheen
Ms. Megan Hoodspith
Ms. Lori Ross / Ms. Lorenne Beesley
Mr. Alexi Solomakha
Ms. Sara Hart
Ms. Carla Monteleone
Ms. Sandra Waddle

A new (lower) school fee...

A notice will be coming home on Monday, October 5th to outline updated school fees. Due to Covid-19 regulations, we unfortunately will not be offering school activities such as Tennis or Gymnastics, which will result in a lower fee for families. School Fees are due by October 30, 2020

Daily Health Checks

Parents/Guardians are required to assess their child(ren) for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending them to school for the day.

The Daily Health Checklist can be printed at home for a parent/guardian to use to assess their child. This is a personal review of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. It is not necessary to submit this checklist.

Parents/guardians will need to complete a one time acknowledgement of their understanding of their responsibility to do a daily health check of their children. This acknowledgement can be completed through KEV online forms.

Family of Schools Leader Ms. Meagan Stoker
Family of Schools Teacher Leader Ms. Diana Morris

Support Staff

Education Assistant	Mrs. Debbie Pearce
Education Assistant	Mrs. Heather Van Halteren
Education Assistant	Ms. Whitney Gleason
Education Assistant	Ms. Mary Bingeman
Education Assistant	Ms. Sandra Scolt
Education Assistant	Ms. Sohyla Hamedian
Education Assistant	Mrs. Jen Mann-Jones
Behaviour Support Worker	Ms. M
Learning Support Worker	Ms. Val Bergeron
Custodian (Day)	Mrs. Amjot Takhar
Custodian (Night)	TBD
Crossing Guard	Ms. Deborah Lutz

Orange Shirt Day At Queensbury



Today we learned about the significance and importance of Orange Shirt Day, through the experiences of Phyllis Webstad. Phyllis (Jack) Webstad attended St. Joseph Mission School, near Williams Lake - one of many residential schools in Canada. Orange shirt day is in recognition of the harm the residential school

system did to a child's sense of self esteem and well being.

By making an orange shirt available to every Queensbury student and staff member, we affirm our commitment to ensure every child matters.

There are a great deal of stories that the impact of Residential Schools have left in its wake, and most are not pleasant. Kids should feel safe and welcomed at school. Let's continue the conversation about the legacy of residential schools.

Some books to begin the conversation:

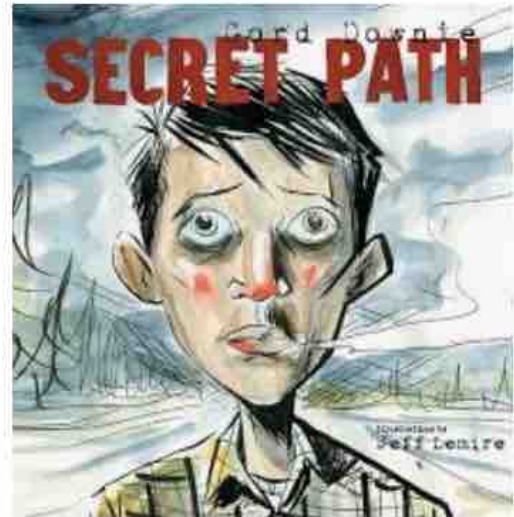
- "When I was Eight" – Christy Jordan-Fenton
 - "Shi-shi-etko" – Nicola Campbell
- "When We Were Alone" – David Robertson
- "The Orange Shirt Story" – Phyllis Webstad
- "Amik Loves School: A Story of Wisdom" – Katherena Vermette

Social Justice and Language Arts with Mrs. Roy's Class

Our grade 7 students will be learning about the impact of Canadian Residential Schools through the story of Chanie Wenjack, a young boy who died trying to escape from Cecilia Jeffery Residential School.

An excerpt from Gord Downie (secretpath.ca):

"I am trying in this small way to help spread what Murray Sinclair said "This is not an Aboriginal problem, this is a Canadian problem. At the same time that Aboriginal students were being demeaned in the schools, and their culture and language were being taken away from them, and they were told they were inferior and they were pagans, that they were heathens and savages, and that they were unworthy of being respected, the very same message was being given to the non-aboriginal children in the public school systems as well.....They need to know this history includes them" (Murray Sinclair, Ottawa Citizen May 24, 2015)."



**Indigenous communities have made 94 Calls to Action to the Canadian Government in order to begin making amends.
Ways for classroom communities to act on Call #63:**

- Write a letter to a member in your family to share the knowledge you have learned regarding residential schools
- o Purpose: to understand through reflection, create empathy and respect through acknowledgement, and promote awareness by sharing knowledge

40th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run



Thank you very much to Div 1 and Div 2 for their support for ensuring our Terry Fox run was another success this year! We learned about Terry's commitment to supporting others, and his incredible resiliency which inspired kids all around the world to participate in the 40th anniversary run.

Thanks to Div 1 for figuring out how to do a "virtual" warm up and a staggered run! A great effort by all. Thank you kindly for your donations! The students raised over \$500.00!

Report Card Information and Update

Queensbury, along with the Sutherland Family of schools participated in a reporting pilot in the 2019/20 school year. This is one of many initiatives across the North Vancouver School District that reflect the recent changes in the Province of BC's K-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework.

For the **2020-2021** school year, elementary schools in the Sutherland Family of Schools will continue our work and will host a 3-way conference between the student, teacher and family in early November, prior to distribution of the first report card in December. At the conference, both the student and teacher will share examples of learning, reflect on areas of strength and identify areas for further growth. Teachers will share their insights and observations of the student's progress to date for the year, and discuss how best to support the student's learning.

Prior to the conference, students will prepare a reflection in class and will plan learning goals for the year. These learning goals will be discussed with parents during the conference, and together, students, parents and teachers will come up with ways to achieve these goals. A summary of the discussion and the goals will be included in the first report card (Conference Goals section), replacing written teacher comments for this report card only.

The reporting and report card process for the **2020/21** school year will be:

First Reporting Period: Student/Teacher/Family Conference in November, followed by a December report card using performance standards (K- Gr 3) or letter grades (Gr 4-7) and providing Conference Goals; no teacher comments

Second Reporting Period: Report card using performance standards or letter grades **and** teacher comments

Final Reporting Period: Report card using performance standards or letter grades **and** teacher comments

General information about the new BC K-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements can be found on the Ministry of Education New Curriculum website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>.

Please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have specific questions about your child's progress, and/or the reporting process.

2020....A Year Like No Other

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. Like this year..... we are all feeling the effects of constant uncertainty and changes!

Adults and children may at times look for an easy fix to a difficult situation. Our staff is learning and teaching students to identify problems (perceived or otherwise), identify possible solutions and to work through the difficult times. It's important that we support each other, our students and to provide an opportunity to allow ourselves and others that "we can do it!" Getting through small disappointments and difficulties helps each of us to become resilient when larger, much more challenging situations arise as they grow.

We are in this together... please let us know how we can help you!

Important Information from the Superintendent's Office

If you haven't had a chance yet to watch the Town Hall video with Superintendent Mark Pearmain and VCH Medical Health Officer Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, please do take this opportunity to view- [click here](#)

Also included for your reference and interest is a link to the - [Superintendent's report](#)



The NVSD Back-to-School Plan: September 2020 (APPROVED)

We are pleased to share that the Ministry of Education has approved the North Vancouver School District Stage 2 Restart Plan.

Our APPROVED Stage 2 back-to-school plan, developed under the direction and guidance provided by the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer, prioritizes the health and safety of students and staff, while maximizing in-class instructional time.

We are so thankful for the kindness, generosity of patience of our Queensbury families. Thank you for your understanding this month, as it allowed us to have a smooth transition back to school!

Please enjoy these beautiful days of Fall, and as always.....if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact their classroom teacher at your earliest convenience!

Please keep informed by checking our district, school, and PAC website weekly, and by joining the PAC Facebook group!