

QUEENSBURY NEWS

WE ARE: RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, RESOURCEFUL

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 remind our parents that four parent consent forms are available via School Cash Online. We kindly request all parents/guardians login, fill out the forms and submit before October 4, 2021. Please go to: [KEV Online Cash forms](#)

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

School Fees Due

An email has been sent to all parents regarding school fees. School fees cover the cost of student agendas, school supplies, and an activity fee (eg. gymnastics or tennis) School Fees are due by October 15, 2021.

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 positive and exciting during these first weeks of school as we adjust to ongoing COVID-19 routines and protocols. 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, kindness, 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. Maria Godber

Teaching Staff

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

Ms. Carly Roy / Mr. Aidan Goheen
Ms. Amy Speakman
Ms. Heather Duncan / Mr. Jason Bott
Ms. Jen Young / Ms. Megan Hoodspith
Mr. Leanne O'Neil
Ms. Gabby Lefroy
Ms. Laurie Kennedy
Ms. Bev Grantham / Ms. Esther Clark
Ms. Laura Wilson
Ms. Sam Walters
Ms. Tessa Harrington
Ms. Heather Williams

Non-Enrolling Teaching Staff

Library
Music / Band
ELL
Learning Assistance
Counsellor
Speech/Language
Psychologist
Family of Schools Leader
Family of Schools Teacher Leader

Ms. Joanne Rittich / Ms. Esther Clark
Mr. Aidan Goheen
Ms. Megan Hoodspith
Ms. Lori Ross / Ms. Lorenne Beesley
Ms. Sara Hart
Ms. Carla Monteleone
Ms. Sandra Waddle
Ms. Meagan Stoker
Ms. Diana Morris

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.

Covid-19 test kits are available at our office for your convenience. These can be submitted to Lifelabs for results.

Please keep your child home until they are 24 hours symptom free.

Food at School

Keeping with Covid-19 protocols, as well as serious life threatening allergies in some classrooms, we kindly ask that students do not share food during recess or lunch.

Additionally, due to health and safety concerns, we are not able to invite birthday or celebration treats in the classroom. Please do not send food to share on your child's birthday.

Please remember to send your child with reusable utensils, a clean mask for after lunch, and water bottle with their name clearly labelled.

Support Staff

Education Assistant
Education Assistant
Education Assistant
Education Assistant
Education Assistant
Education Assistant

Ms. Debbie Pearce
Ms. Saige Flamand
Ms. Whitney Gleason
Ms. Mary Bingeman
Ms. Sandra Scolt
Ms. Sohyla Hamedian

Behaviour Support Worker
Learning Support Worker
Custodian (Day)
Custodian (Night)
Crossing Guard

Ms. Cheryl Cuban
Ms. Val Bergeron
Mr. Young Kim
Mr. Sam Claro
Ms. Deborah Lutz

Truth and Reconciliation At Queensbury



We continue to learn about the significance and importance of Orange Shirt Day, through the experiences of Phyllis Webstad. Phyllis 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. Please join us in wearing orange on Wednesday, September 29th, as part of our National Truth and Reconciliation week.

Just a reminder, schools are closed on Thursday, September 30th and Friday, October 1st for Curriculum Implementation Day

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

The Terry Fox Run

Thank you very much to Div 1/2/3 for their support in 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 41st annual run.

A great effort by all! Thank you kindly for your donations!

Our community raised \$691.55!

Arrival / Dismissal / Attendance

Keeping with our arrival and dismissal protocols from last year, each division has a specific drop off and pick up location around the school - division 1-4 are on the back field, division 5-8 are at the front of the school, and division 9-12 are in the primary undercover area. Parents are reminded that there is NO formal supervision before 8:40 and students should not be dropped off prior to this time.

LATE - all students who are late are asked to sign in at the front office before going to class.

AWAY - Click [HERE](#) for more information about our new SAFE ARRIVAL notification system. Alternatively, please email queensbury@sd44.ca when your child is absent. Please note: when students are away due to illness, we kindly ask that they return after they are 24 hours symptom free.

LEAVING EARLY - please notify your child's classroom teacher and our office if you need to pick up your child before 3PM.

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 **2021-2022** 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 your child'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 **2021/2022** 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

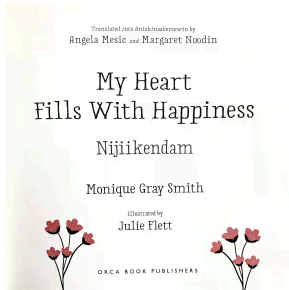
Second Reporting Period: Report card using performance standards or letter grades **and** teacher comments

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.

2021....Moving forward in search of HAPPINESS!



Last year we focussed on the intentional teaching of resiliency. This year, we are intentionally teaching about HAPPINESS, and ways that mindfully promote well-being. Our picture book theme for the year is: My Heart Fills with Happiness. Our own happiness is something that each of us is responsible for and is independent from the actions of others. Ways to build happiness include: finding things to be grateful for, keeping problems small, and stop trying to do things perfectly. Additional happiness builders that we are working on at Queensbury are: positive self talk, respectful behaviour, and taking time to recharge. 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, and to find happiness. We are all feeling the effects of constant uncertainty and change! Take a moment to ask yourself: "My heart fills with happiness when....."

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 and our students in order to provide an opportunity to allow ourselves and others a chance to believe that "we can do it!" Getting through small disappointments and difficulties, staying positive in our thinking, and finding gratitude helps each of us to become happier.

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

Important Information from the Superintendent's Office

10 Year Strategic Plan

The school district is pleased to share a new [video](#) to introduce our 10-year strategic plan to the community. We are especially pleased to have been able to involve students from across the North Vancouver School District in creating awareness about our bold and aspirational plan for enriching student-centred learning and innovative instruction, enhancing our welcoming and inclusive culture, championing truth and reconciliation, promoting mental health and well-being and leading in environmental stewardship. For more information about the Strategic Plan 2021-2031, click [HERE](#).

SafeArrival Update

- Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of the North Vancouver School District's top priorities. [SafeArrival](#), which is part of the SchoolMessenger platform, is designed to enhance schools' existing absence-checking procedures by:
 - Making it easier for parents/guardians to report their child's absence (e.g. illness, vacation, appointment).
 - Reducing the time it takes school staff to verify student attendance.
 - Making it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences.
- Following a successful pilot with six of our elementary schools (Boundary, Braemar, Cove Cliff, Dorothy Lynas, Ridgeway and Seymour Heights) over spring 2021, we are pleased to share SafeArrival will be rolled out across all elementary schools this month. Click [HERE](#) for more information, and please contact your child's school directly with any questions.

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!