



QUEENSBURY ELEMENTARY

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We hope you had a great summer... full of making memories and are now feeling excited and recharged to return to school/work routines! If you have specific questions that are not answered in this bulletin, please email our school directly at queensbury@sd44.ca at anytime. Our office will be open, by appointment only, during the week of September 1-4 from 8:30-12:00. Please call 604-903-3730 if you need assistance with anything.

Please also check our school website: (www.sd44.ca/school/queensbury), district website (www.sd44.ca) or the PAC website (<https://queensburypac.weebly.com>) for additional information you may need. Thank you!

On Wednesday, August 26th, families received email communication from the Superintendent's office regarding the Restart Plan and survey of intentions. Please ensure that you have completed the survey! The information you provide is required to plan and organize for instructional delivery in September. Responses are needed by tomorrow, Saturday, August 29th. (www.sd44.ca)

All NVSD school principals and vice principals have been meeting with district leadership this week to review the protocols and key aspects of safe return (e.g., OHS protocols, instructional models and design, attention to a Social/Emotional Learning/Mental Health focus, etc.) and working to refine the details of the Restart Plan so that final preparations for September return to school can be made.

**More information about classroom assignments and
September news
will come out in the days ahead.**

*At Queensbury we
are...*

We continue to be thankful for our Queensbury community of parents and families. Your patience and kind emails have very much been appreciated. Please ensure that you keep up to date with the information, as it is an ever changing landscape!

*Respectful.
Responsible.
Resourceful*

**Listed below, you'll find details needed for the opening week.
When in doubt, ask... and check the FAQ on the district website!**

Opening day details....

Thursday September 10th (8:40 -10:40 gr. 1-7) *(Kindergarten students are not in session today)*

Students will meet their new teacher on the field.
A letter will be emailed to families by September 9th to let you know what classroom (new teacher) you child will be placed with.
On the 10th, students report to the field to find their division number and new teacher.

**Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren) at 10:40 from the field,
as all staff are required to attend a staff meeting at 11:00. Thank you.**
Please remember to bring a healthy recess snack

Friday, September 11th (8:40-3:00 gr. 1-7) (Kindergarten Students start today, meeting their new teacher on the field and following their gradual entry schedule - see below)

ALL Students will meet their teacher on the field at 8:40.
Our new normal is to meet and dismiss from the field, as we did in June.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule for the first two days (more details to come)

Friday September 11th

Wolf group 9:30-11:00 (with a parent)
Orca group 1:15-2:45 (with a parent)
Salmon group 1:15-2:45 (with a parent)

Monday, September 14th

Bear group 9:30-11:00 (with a parent)
Eagle group 1:15-2:45 (with a parent)
Turtle group 1:15-2:45 (with a parent)

Kindergarten parents are invited to meet with the school Principal for an information session while your child is in their new classroom

Health and Safety Information

At this time we wish to remind you to complete a health check prior to sending your child to school. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and consult with your medical practitioner. We appreciate your cooperation in the matter as it is very important that each of us do our part to keep our school community safe and healthy. If your child becomes ill during the day, the office staff will contact you as soon as possible so that you may pick up your child.

We understand that it is often difficult to stay on top of COVID-19 updates both at the local and provincial level. We encourage you to go to the NVSD main page for the most up to date information, resources and helpful links. Additionally, please stay connected to our Queensbury site as often as you can.

School Supplies

We appreciate the inquiries into the use of “shared” school supplies and we assure you that all precautions will be taken to ensure student and adult safety. All school supplies have been purchased by the school for the coming year in bulk - which is really the meaning and intent behind “shared”. Buying in bulk allows teachers to customize their supply requirements while greatly reducing the waste and cost created when buying unnecessary items from a generic list. Teachers will create systems (similar to the system created in June) to assign supplies that work for them in their classroom while also ensuring safety for the students. Students will be washing hands before and after use of supplies and the supplies will only be used amongst the common cohort of students. Information will be coming out soon about how and when to pay the supply fee.

FACE MASKS

While face masks have not been made mandatory for students, adults will be required to wear a face mask when working with students outside of their cohort. Students will have the option to wear a mask. If you would like to purchase a “Queensbury, limited edition” face mask, they will be made available next week from Tuesday morning to Friday morning outside of the main entrance. The cost is \$8.00. Please have exact change as we will not have change available.

Thank you for supporting Queensbury!



*Enjoy the last few days of summer!
We are excited to welcome all returning families, new kindergarten students and
new families to Queensbury!*

We are looking forward to a great year!