

QUEENSBURY NEWS

we are: respectful, responsible, resourceful

We thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

National Day of mourning

Further to the Province's [announcement](#) shared on Tuesday, September 13th, all schools and school district sites throughout the North Vancouver School District will be closed on Monday, September 19, 2022, in observance of the funeral services for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As shared by Premier John Horgan, "This will be a national day to reflect on the incredible life of Canada's Queen and the longest-serving monarch in British history."

The Terry Fox Run Friday, Sept. 23rd 1:30pm

Are you able to volunteer? Please contact Ms. Roy at croy@sd44.ca if you'd like to help supervise from 1:20-2:20pm.

Thank you in advance to Div 1 and 2 for their support in ensuring our Terry Fox Run will be a success this year!

We continue to learn about Terry's commitment to supporting others, and his incredible resiliency which inspired kids all around the world to participate in this 42nd annual run.

Donations to the Terry Fox Foundation will be collected from September 20th-29th! Thank you for your generosity!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome everyone back for a new year of learning and possibilities! We are especially happy to welcome our new staff members and new families to Queensbury, including 45 new kindergarten students!



The "wolf pack" energy has been positive and exciting during the first 2 weeks of school as everyone settles in to familiar Fall routines. We are all looking forward to a great new year of building our community, and exploring new relationships. It is

important that we show flexibility, patience, kindness, and resiliency in an ever changing landscape. Please keep connected, and if you're in doubt, ask questions!

**Please join us for our Open House from
4:00 - 5:00pm and the PAC Welcome
Back BBQ 5:00-7:00pm on
Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**Mrs. Rittich will be hosting a "used book sale"
during the BBQ - please look for her table near
the front of the school**

Stay connected!

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

[North Vancouver School District Home Page](#)

[Report Card Info for Parents](#)

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 7, 2022. 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 will be 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 will be posted on October 19th and are due by October 31, 2022.

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 Friday, September 30th and Wednesday, October 5th 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

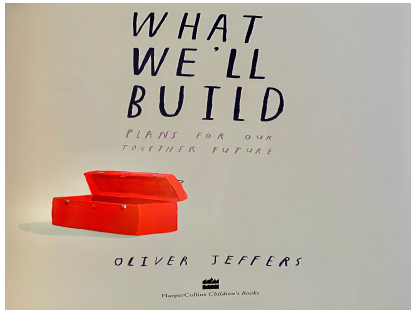
Food at School

Keeping with current food safety 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, we kindly ask that birthday or celebration treats be store bought and individually wrapped if you are wish to contributed to a special food day event at school.

Please remember to send your child with reusable utensils and water bottle with their name clearly labelled.

2022-2023 Theme: We each have a hand in making Queensbury a great school community!



Over the past few years, we begin the year with an assembly to share our theme and intentional area of focus. Last year we focussed on the intentional teaching of happiness. This year, we are intentionally teaching about how we communicate, cooperate, and build community. Our picture book theme for the year is: *What We'll Build* by Oliver Jeffers. With a little creativity, patience, and time, "building" an amazing school community for all to enjoy is our goal for the year. What can we contribute individually and collectively to make Queensbury a great place to work and play?

After our assembly, classes continued the discussion about the importance of positive communication, cooperation and collaboration. From this discussion, students and staff engaged in an activity "We all have a hand in making Queensbury a great school".

Students traced their hand and came up with 5 ways they can positively contribute toward our goal. At Queensbury our staff continues to teach our children the importance of positive self talk, respectful behaviour, and taking responsibility for their actions. Everything we do has an impact on others. Take a moment to ask yourself: "I will lend a hand to make Queensbury a great school community by....." Thank you to Ms. Whitney for creating a beautiful bulletin board with our promise (student hands) to each other.

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

Arrival / Dismissal / Attendance

Students are now invited to enter through our main doors at 8:40am. Division 9-12 will continue to meet their teacher in the primary undercover area at 8:40 am. Parents are reminded that there is NO formal supervision before 8:40 and students should not be dropped off prior to this time. We kindly ask that students make their way home right after school as the school will be closed at 3:30pm.

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 changes in the Province of BC's K-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework. 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/>.

For the **2022-2023** school year, elementary schools in the Sutherland Family of Schools will continue this format 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 **2022-2023** 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

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.

Meet our team

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

Kelly La Roue
Carly Roy
Karen Cannon
Pat Taylor
Maria Godber

ELL
Learning Support
Counsellor
Speech/Language
Psychologist

Megan Hoodspith
Maggie Rebalski / Carly Roy
Jennifer Muller
Carla Monteleone
Sandra Waddle

Teaching Staff

E01 Gr. 6/7	Maisie Harrison / Heather Sergent
E02 Gr. 6/7	Jason Bott
E03 Gr. 6/7	Heather Duncan / TBD
E04 Gr. 4/5	Jen Young / Megan Hoodspith
E05 Gr. 4/5	Leanne O'Neill
E06 Gr. 3	Gabby Lefroy
E07 Gr. 2/3	Laurie Kennedy
E08 Gr. 2/3	Bev Grantham / E. van Wollen
E09 Gr. 1	Sam Walters
E10 Gr. K/1	Laura Wilson
E11 Gr. K/1	Heather Williams
E12 Kindergarten	Tessa Harrington

Non-Enrolling Teaching Staff

Library	Joanne Rittich
Music	Heather Sergent
Band	Colin Madill

Support Staff

Education Assistant	Debbie Pearce
Education Assistant	Whitney Gleason
Education Assistant	Sandra Scolt
Education Assistant	Sohyla Hamedian
Education Assistant	Saige Flamand
Education Assistant	Rezwan Karimi
Education Assistant	Aram Aslani
Education Assistant	Nevena Golijan
Education Assistant	Quinn Gauvin
Behaviour Support Worker	Cheryl Cuban
Learning Support Worker	Tasmin Nash
Custodian (Day)	Deme Goza
Custodian (Night)	Sam Claro
Crossing Guard	Deborah Lutz

***We are so thankful for the kindness, generosity of patience of our Queensbury families.
Thank you for your ongoing support.***

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.