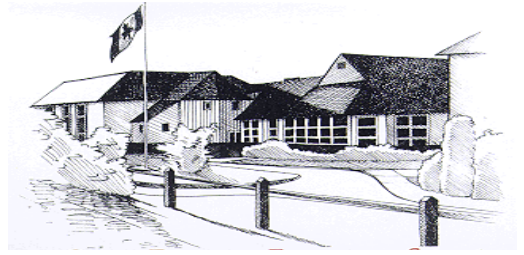


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NEWSLETTER #9 – April 30, 2021

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families:

When we return to school from the weekend it will be May 3rd, signalling that we are starting the last two months of the school year! We are looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunity for more outdoor activities and lessons.

Teachers have been busy also bringing a sense of the “outdoors” into our hallways with many environmental lessons, wonderful displays of student projects and artwork. We also have our own “QE Forest” with our own species: “Kindness Bucket” a “Poet- Tree” and a “Gratitude Tree!” We are looking for ways to showcase all the wonderful displays; stay tuned!



In the next couple of weeks, classes will be partaking in the virtual performance of AXIS Theatre's, *Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish*. This award winning indigenous children's theatre production, by First Nation playwright, Joseph A. Dandurand, has been reimagined for the screen. We are looking forward to this exciting learning opportunity!



As the end of the day approaches, we wish you all a wonderful weekend! Hopefully the sun will give us all an opportunity to enjoy some outdoor activities with our special family and friends.

Kind regards,

Mrs. S.C. Car

Student Photo Orders

Student photos are now uploaded on Mountain West Studios website at: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/for-families> and ready to be ordered. Select your photos online and orders will be mailed directly to your home.



If families need any assistance, please [chat](#) with Mountain West Studios or email them at help@mountainwest.ca

Photo Retake Day – Monday, May 17th



If your child was absent on photo day and did not get his/her photo taken OR, if you don't care for the photo that was taken, Mountain West Studios will be at QE again on the morning of **Monday, May 17th** for photo retakes.

Earthquake Drill - Thursday, May 6th



This year's earthquake drill on May 6th will be a very simplified version. The May 6th drill will be a time to review the basic “duck, cover and hold” procedures, exiting the school safely, congregating and reporting in on the appropriate area.

COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits Available Through Vancouver Schools

BC Children's Hospital and Vancouver Coastal Health are making COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle test kits available for students in the VSB who become symptomatic during the school day. This follows a successful four-month field test at ten schools in the District. Kits have been distributed to all elementary and secondary schools in the District.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/caregiver to take home with them when the child is picked up. Acceptance of a kit is voluntary. Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit.

IMPORTANT! Parents/Caregivers **MUST** fill out important information on the Mouth Rinse/ Gargle Container before the collection/ specimen is taken – Full Name, DOB, Date and Time of Collection. It is also necessary to fill in the two sections

outlined in yellow on the Symptomatic Viral Form (requisition) – Full Name, DOB, PHN, Sex (if possible) prior to dropping of the collection for assessment.

The sample can be dropped off at any LifeLabs location or at BC Children’s Hospital for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

The health and safety of students and staff remains the top priority of the Vancouver School District. Families are reminded to continue to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school each day.

Class Placement Information

The class placement process is quite complex, with thoughtful consideration of each student’s social, emotional and academic needs toward creating a balanced and effective class makeup for learning. Teachers come together to compose classes carefully, including a variety of students with diverse learning styles. In addition to individual circumstances, the following factors are considered:

- Learning styles of students and teachers
- Balance of academic, social and emotional abilities
- Gender balance
- ELL learners
- Special needs learners
- Leadership abilities
- Cohesive student groups
- Friendships
- Previous classroom history



IF you have information that you feel the teachers or the administration should know about your child that is not already known, please talk to your child’s teachers, or contact the office and we will email you a Class Placement Information Form. Completed forms should be given to Mrs. Car by **Friday, June 4, 2021** for consideration in the class placement process.

Due to the fluctuating nature of enrolment and staffing, we are unable to provide you with specifics about classes or teachers as they may change over the summer.



2021 Summer School Program Guide

To view the 2021 Summer Experience Catalogue you can visit the website the Summer School website below:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Summer_Sessions/Pages/Program-Information.aspx

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, May 6
Sunday, May 9
Monday, May 17
Monday, May 24
Tuesday, June 8
Sunday, June 20
Tuesday, June 29
Wednesday, June 30

Earthquake Drill @ 2:00 pm
Mother’s Day
Photo Retake Day
Victoria Day – Schools Closed
Last PAC Meeting – 7:00pm on Zoom
Father’s Day
Last day for students
Last day for staff



Gratitude Tree