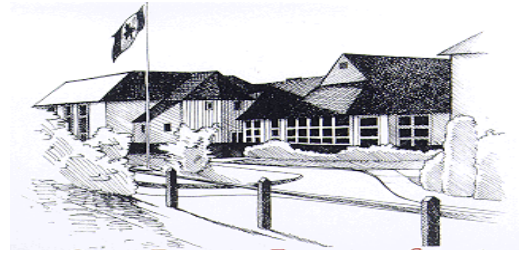


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NEWSLETTER #6 – February 12, 2021

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families and Friends:

What a busy weekend this will be! The sun is shining as we complete today's newsletter. It warms the soul, the spirit and rekindles hope that we are heading into a brighter season.

Report cards were sent home on January 29. As you all know, teachers are available to discuss any questions you may have about your students' progress at any time during the year. Though the format will be very different, we look forward to having many discussions with parents during our Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 3 & 4.

Thank you to all who were able to join our ZOOM, virtual PAC meeting this past Tuesday. It was great to "see" some happy smiles! Please reach out to your wonderful PAC executive, or me at the school, should you have any questions or concerns.

We hope that you will all take time this weekend to safely (virtually or at a safe distance) connect with one another! Whether you celebrate Valentine's Day, or "connect" on Family Day, or for the start of the Lunar New Year, we wish you much joy and sunny times ahead!

Mrs. S.C. Car & QE Staff

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Happy Lunar New Year! February 12th marks the beginning of the Year of the Ox. The second animal of the Chinese zodiac, the **ox** denotes the hard work, positivity and honesty that will be manifested in all of us in the coming 12 months, according to astrologers. People born in the Year of the Ox are strong, reliable, fair and conscientious, inspiring confidence in others. They are also calm, patient, methodical and can be trusted. Although they say little, they can be very opinionated. They believe strongly in themselves but are also stubborn and hate to fail or be challenged.



Lunar New Year celebrations will look differently this year at QE as we will not be able to have the usual gathering. We will miss the parent and student performances and their generous contributions of treats and hands on activities. But we have decorated our front office display case and many classes have wonderful artwork adorning their rooms and hallways.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. During Black History month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today.



Thank you to Ms Pomponio's class for researching and sharing some of this information during our morning announcements!

Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day is **Wednesday, February 24th**. It is a day when we focus on the messages of diversity and inclusion. It was nearly a decade ago at Central Kings Rural High School in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, when grade 12 students Travis Price and David Sheppard caught wind of a grade nine student being bullied for

wearing a pink shirt to school. Instead of standing idly by and watching it happen, they decided to step up and do something about it.

Almost 10 years after the fact, their act of standing up to bullying has grown into a worldwide movement called Pink Shirt Day. We encourage everyone to wear something pink to school on Wednesday, February 24th to show that we are all working together to create a positive culture of acceptance in our schools, in our communities and online. As well, other events celebrating kindness and acceptance are being planned at QE for the week of February 22nd and beyond!



UPDATED Daily Health Assessment

This is just a reminder that families must complete a Daily Health Assessment with their child each morning before sending them to school. An email was sent to all families yesterday with an updated **COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment** form. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children at home if they are ill and picking them up promptly if they become ill during the school day.



Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 12

Lunar New Year

PRO D DAY – No School for Students

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15

Family Day Holiday

Wednesday, February 24

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, March 3

Student Conferences – 2:00pm Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 4

Student Conferences – 2:00pm Early Dismissal

Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 26

Spring Break

Monday, March 29

School Re-opens after Spring Break

