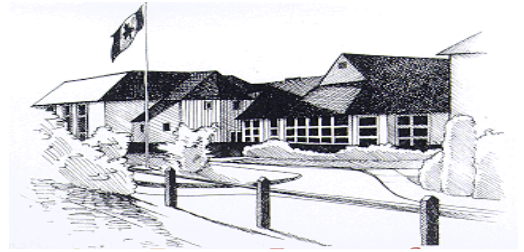


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NEWSLETTER #10 – June 11, 2021

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families and Friends:

And in a blink of an eye, we have just over two weeks left in this school year! Enjoy reading details of some past events, as well as our final events of the year!

June is Indigenous History Month



During this week we all heard of the tragic news about the 215 children found buried at the Kamloops Residential School site. All our hearts ache as we honour & remember these children and all those who suffered in residential schools. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with all the families this has affected. The VSB sent home a letter to all families.

We stand in continued commitment to the ongoing reconciliation work that is necessary for the truth to be known and shared through education.

At school, we asked all students to wear orange ribbons, made by Mr. Gogag, all week. (Thank you, Mr. Gogag!). Though students were wearing their team colours, we also decided to all wear an orange shirt or something orange on Tuesday. Staff collected the ribbons at the end of the week so that we have them for our Indigenous Day Assembly/Ceremony on June 21.



Healing Song

I hope that families were able to view this moving event on Wednesday, June 9 @ 11:10am. If not, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/UoPYNFKaaxs>
Our school viewed the event that afternoon and continued class discussions.

From the VSB Website:

Songs and singing are deeply important within Indigenous communities. Everyone is invited to listen, reflect, join and witness virtually in healing songs led by Davita Marsden from the Indigenous Education Department at the Vancouver School District on Wednesday, June 9 at 11:10 am as a way to come together and to heal with one another. It is dedicated to the 215 children and families of the Secwépmc and Nlaka'pamux peoples.



Pride Month

June is also Pride Month. Some of grade 7 students helped put together a wonderful display. Our staff and students continue to work and learn together to make this a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

VSB Stronger Together - Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination Engagement

A letter was sent to all VSB families this week by the district. Please read it carefully as we are all being strongly encouraged to complete the survey: families, community members, staffs and students - grade 6 -12.

For more information, here is a link to the VSB Stronger Together website:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/06cb34560f5641968e4d27227e282206>



Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you to Harper Hadden and the amazing parents who coordinated a Covid safe staff lunch last month - it was delicious and very much appreciated! ❤️❤️

Sports Week At QE



Last week was Sports Week at QE., students were divided into different coloured teams and during their regularly scheduled PE periods, they played sports day games and had other competitions; Mr. Marchioro kept a tally of scores. Scores were announced throughout the week along with great music to "rev" everyone up for the eventful week! Some teachers also provided other competitions, both academic as well as athletic. Thank you to Mr. Marchioro and all the staff who helped coordinate this fun week! Thank you also to the PAC for providing some healthy food prizes for the week



New Garden Boxes

We are excited to have 3 new garden boxes at QE to replace the old, dilapidated ones. As well we now have a small, locking, wooden shed for storage. We are looking forward to continuing our garden program next year!

Grade 7 Year End Events



A details message will be sent out to all grade 7 families soon. Until then, please save the morning of Thursday, June 24. We are working out the final details of an opportunity for parents to take a photo **of** their child at the front of the school getting their book and certificate (no family photos). A maximum of 2 people will be permitted to come take a photo, at a designated time, and then leave. Please be respectful of the “no gathering” protocol.

On Friday, June 25, a TEAMS live streamed event, will be taped. It will occur sometime in the morning. This will also be the grade 7’s fun-filled day. They will also be provided an individually packaged lunch.

The last day school for students & Farewell Virtual Assembly



Tuesday, June 29th is the last day of school for students. This is a full day; school will be in session from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The time and a link for the assembly will be sent home for parents who would like to “attend” our final assembly!

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Year End written reports will go home on this day as well. If your family will be leaving school early, we will hold their report card to be picked up in September. We are not able to mail them or give them to anyone but the legal parent or guardian of the student.



2021 Notice of Late Return Form

Parents must complete and return to the school office a Notice of Late Return Form for any student expecting to return to Queen Elizabeth LATER THAN noon on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021** but prior to **September 30, 2021**. Forms are attached to this email for your convenience.

The Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club is Back!

The VPL Summer Reading Club is a free reading incentive program designed to help kids stay excited about reading over the summer. It also invites them to explore other types of literacies and find ways to participate that best meet their needs. The program starts on June 14th – this year’s theme is Crack the Case! Kids will have the opportunity to participate in fun library activities over the summer. This year the VPL will be providing virtual programs over Zoom and hopefully some distanced outdoor options as well. Children and their families will have access to many theme-related books in accessible formats, including audio and ebooks. Library staff can help with access to these materials. For general book recommendations, check out the VPL’s Summer Reading Club themed booklists.



Registration is online (<https://bcsrc.ca/>) and children can also visit the library to receive a reading record and to collect their medal at the end of the summer! For resources and more information about the BC SRC, please visit the library’s website (vpl.ca/kids) or the BC SRC Kids’ website (bcsrc.ca).

Here is a helpful video that explains what the program is all about and how to register: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4>



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, June 16
Sunday, June 20
Monday, June 21
Tuesday, June 29

Literacy Day
Father’s Day
Indigenous Day & Assembly
Last day for students
& Virtual Assembly
Last day for staff



....to a Virtual “Theatre” near you!
The QE Sharing of Learning and Art will soon be posted. Stay Tuned!