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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة



QUEEN MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 16, 2022

Dear Queen Mary Families,

Students have been in their classes now for two days and we can already see them settling into the new routines and building new bonds with classmates. Staff have all been so impressed with the welcoming attitude of our returning Queen Mary students towards new students in classes and at our school. I have really enjoyed spending time on the playground and with students in classes – such kindness and caring for each other is evident everywhere.

The letter today is intended to share several important pieces of information for families about Queen Mary school and some upcoming events. Please take some time to read it thoroughly.

Sincerely

Elyssa Derban

Principal, Queen Mary Elementary

Important Upcoming Dates (September):

- Sept 19 (Mon)** -National Day of Mourning – **no school**
- Sept 20 (Tues)** -Individual Photo Day
- Sept 21 (Wed)** -School Based Professional Day – **no school for students****
- Sept 23 (Fri)** -Terry Fox Run Day (see details below)
- Sept 27 (Tues)** -5:30-6:30 Open House and Meet the teachers (see details below)
-PAC Meeting 7-8pm (on Zoom) – check your inbox next week for the link/agenda
- Sept 29(Thurs)** -Orange Shirt Day – please wear an orange shirt on this day
- Sept 30(Fri)** -National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – **no school****

****Please see attached official school calendar for Queen Mary Elementary – please record the dates**

Open House & Meet the Teachers – Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 5:30-6:30

Please join us on September 27 from 5:30-6:30 for this opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other staff members in a casual social event. Schedule for the night is as follows:

5:30 – 6:00

Greetings/Scavenger Hunt – stop by the class to see your child's classroom, say hi and pick up a school scavenger hunt. Take some time together to visit a few key locations around the school.

6:00 -6:30

Whole school meeting in the gym for introductions, a few more greetings and wrapping up the evening.

Terry Fox Events, Notices and Run 2022

Today students participated in a special assembly about Terry Fox. As you may know, Terry Fox is a local hero with an inspiring story of perseverance. Please check backpacks for more information about the school's annual participation in the Terry Fox run and fundraising. The event will culminate in a whole school run event on Locarno Beach between 1:30-3:00pm. Students must have completed their "Consent for Local Community Activities" form to participate. Staff will be walking to the beach with students where they will be given a route to run. The road crossings and run route will be supervised by staff and other volunteer parents. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please reach out to Mr. Atkinson at matkinson@vsb.bc.ca

All Weather Play

Queen Mary goes outside to play and exercise rain or shine (and sometimes snow). Physical activity and fresh air are an essential part of a child's day so please ensure they are prepared for the weather with waterproof coats, boots and layers for warmth as the weather gets colder. Please DO NOT send umbrellas for use during recess or lunch – children need two hands to play!

Digital Citizenship

- **Personal Devices** - Queen Mary has an amazing number of digital tools at school for use for student learning. For this reason, **it is not necessary for any of our students to use personal devices at school**. If your family has made the decision to provide your child(ren) with a personal device, please understand that the secure storage of that device is not school or staff responsibility – we cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged equipment. Our expectation is that during the school day, cell phones and other communication tools are stored to limit disruption or distraction during valuable learning time as well as recess and lunch breaks. Please help us by reminding your child that their device is their responsibility, and it needs to be used within school expectations.
- **Filming and photography** – Please do not film or take photographs of students at the school or on the school grounds. If you would like to take a picture of your child at school, we ask that you take care that no other students are visible in the photo. Please note that using virtual

meeting tools that include video (e.g. Facetime, Wechat) can appear that you are videoing – please be aware and use these tools with awareness.

Food Sharing

As part of the [Communicable Disease Prevention plan](#), students cannot share food at school. We ask for your help ensuring that students do not bring food to share with friends and classmates to school during lunch or recess. Students are expected to eat their lunch and snack seated in their classrooms thereby ensuring hands are clean and that food and wrappers do not leave the classroom eating spaces. We recognize that in the past, special occasions such as birthdays have been celebrated through shared food from home, but this is not possible at this time. Learning about food and healthy eating continues to be part of the Physical and Health Education curriculum. Food related educational programming at school will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Allergy Aware – Queen Mary is an Allergy Aware school. We have students with life threatening allergies in our community. We ask that students avoid bringing lunch and snack food that contains nuts (peanuts/tree nuts etc) to eat at school and to read packaging looking for any possible “may contain” ingredients. Please take care to watch for information about specific allergies concerns throughout the year in specific class communications.

Medical Safety

1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school ie: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma and serious heart conditions
2. A “Medical Administration” form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.
3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid Room at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FRAP)

FARP coverage is provided by Industrial Alliance and is a voluntary plan which offers coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can register online to participate in the Plan: [Http://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc](http://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc)

Information on Split Classes

Queen Mary school organization often contains a number of combined (or split) classes each year. For some families having more than one grade in a class is new and there may be some questions. If you have questions or would like to read more about how they work please visit the [VSB Webpage on Combined Classes](#)

CALENDAR 2022 - 2023
Queen Mary Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 30, 2023

**Professional Development and Non Instructional Days
(school not in session)**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus Day (District wide)
Monday, January 16, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 19, 2022	2:00pm
Thursday, November 23, 2022	2:00pm
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	2:00pm
Thursday, March 2, 2023	2:00pm