
MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Queneesh Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thanks for your continued support of your children's education. Arrival to school on time as well as nutritional meals, snack and adequate rest are essential to keeping the learning going during these last two months of the school year. If you are moving, or your child will be attending a different school in the fall please let us know in the office as soon as you have confirmed information. This helps immensely with planning grade configurations for classes for next year.

We continue to be impressed by students who approach us with ideas to make our school even better. Several students are putting plans together to share their skills with the younger students. Some keen kids are going to teach the younger children how to play recorders, skipping routines are regularly being shared, and soccer skills are being developed with the grade ones. Our leadership students continue to do an incredible job stepping up to help with a variety of school events including Spirit Day, Welcome to Kindergarten and our Soccer Jamboree. Children like these and many other difference makers make us proud to work with them.

Please do your part in helping our students to be safe, especially at morning and home times. Students need to use the crosswalks and take care when crossing through the parking lots. At the start of the day, unless attending morning gym or breakfast club, children are to stay out front where we have supervision. And though I know it feels like the parking is hopeless, please do what you can to lessen the congestion at the front of the school. Don't block the crosswalks, bus lanes etc. and if possible, establish a meeting spot. Please don't park in the disabled parking if you don't have a pass and leave the designated student services spots for that busy staff.

Thanks,

Mrs. VanderRee and Mr. Burdett



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 16 – GEOCACHE PICNIC

MAY 17- PAC/CVMS MTG

MAY 30 – SCHOOL FUN FAIR

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

PAC meeting

PAC AGM takes place on Wednesday, May 17th at 6 pm. Our PAC is looking for nominations for secretary and DPAC representative. Even if you can't join the PAC executive, please join this active parent group. Many hands make light work and all ideas are valued!

Grade 4 to 7 Track Jamboree

Students will be bussed to this event at the Vanier Track on May 8th. Permission forms will be coming home shortly. Please send your child ready for all weather, with water bottles, lunch and/or money for the concession.

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Media Release

Instructional Week 2017-18

A week at a glance 2017-2018

The instructional week next year will be structured as follows:

- *Elementary* – 8:45 am to 2:30 pm Monday to Friday, site specific times to be established.
- *Secondary* – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Friday, site specific times to be established.

Although research suggests embedded time for teachers to collaborate and work together to implement change (ie. redesigned curriculum, assessment practices, learning strategies, etc) is the most effective model, unfortunately we are not able to continue to do this at the elementary level. We will, however, continue to have ongoing discussions to explore options which may provide us with this time in the future.

At the secondary level feedback was analyzed from our parent and school communities as well as the limitations and opportunities from our collective agreement. We have the ability to have some curriculum implementation time but we are not able to operationalize it due to transportation restrictions and budgetary concerns. Our goal is to continue to offer differentiated learning opportunities on Fridays.

As schools develop their yearly plans, secondary schools may include some Curriculum Implementation time based upon schools needs and their ability to provide it without affecting district transportation operations.

For more information, please visit our web page at www.sd71.bc.ca or call the School Board Office (250) 334-5528.

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

MAY CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY


Friday, May 19th is a Curriculum Day for teachers and is a non-instructional day. We hope you enjoy your extra long, long weekend.

ARE YOU MOVING FOR SEPTEMBER?

If you are, please let the office know as soon as possible as it helps us when organizing our classes for next year.

TRI-K TRIATHLON



Get a team together  to bike, swim and run. For ages 5 – adult. This years event will be held on May 28th. For more information go to www.trik.ca



LIBRARY BOOKS

All student library books must be returned no later than June 9th.



PAC MEETING

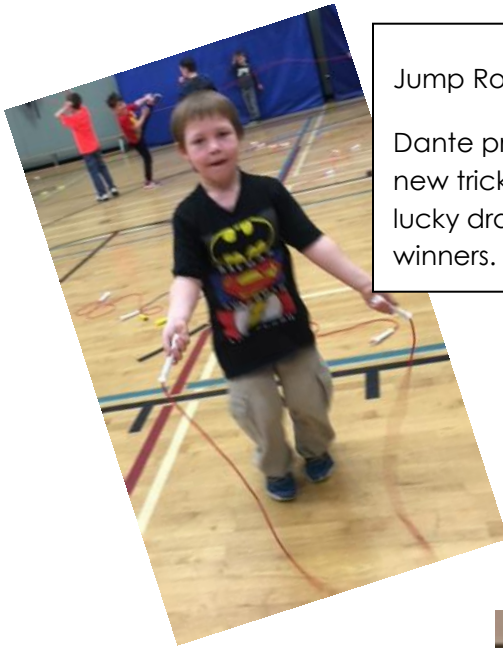
The next PAC meeting is on **Wednesday, May 17th at 6 pm** in the library. If you require childcare please contact the office by Tuesday May 16th.

Montessori business will be discussed as part of this meeting at 7 pm.

QUEST DRUMMING GROUP

Congratulations to Quest Drummers for their successful fundraiser/concert. Well done Mrs. Lehton. Your students should leave you feeling proud. Huge Queneesh thanks are extended to Andrea Stuchberry for her behind the scenes food prep for this event. Thank you to everyone who donated to the silent auction and to those who generously bid on it.

APRIL FUN AT THE Q



Jump Rope For Heart

Dante practicing new tricks and the lucky draw prize winners.



Loki and Jackson, our Geography Challenge Champs!



Jake assisting during our Victoria Academy of Ballet visit.



Malena receiving her Staples School Supplies prize from her Education Week, Design an Ad... plus \$500 in supplies for the school. Thanks!

SECOND ANNUAL GEOCACHE PICNIC

Please join us for this family fund event. Bring a picnic and experience geocaching in our neighbourhood forest.

There is no cost and no need for previous experience or supplies but families must register for this event. We have limited this to 30 families. There will be excellent prizes too!



You will be provided with:

- a hand held GPS
- instructions on how to enter waypoints
- an opportunity to search out up to 25 geocaches placed by our group.

Please bring:

- your family and a picnic
- a positive attitude
- some swag (small items to trade in the geocaches)

The picnic and some GPS 'training' will start at 5 pm on Tuesday, May 16th and the geocaching will begin at 5:30.

To sign up your family, please call or email the office at 250-334-4089 or trina.mingo@sd71.bc.ca



Queneesh Elementary Fun Fair
Tuesday, May 30th from 5 to 7 pm



The PAC needs your help for this family fun event.

On the Fun Fair Day ...

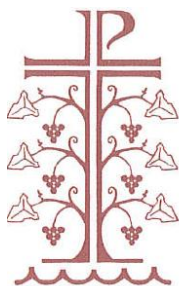
1. Adults to pop and bag popcorn and prepare the cotton candy.
2. Adults to set up the stations (2:30 onwards)
3. Volunteers to run the concession, games, sell game cards and the 50/50.
4. Highschool Volunteers will also be helping!

Please email tarsnow1@yahoo.ca to let Tara know what you can help with.

In Advance of the Fun Fair ... We are looking for donations of the following items:

5. Water guns
6. Small dollar store type toys
7. Face Paint
8. Stick on tattoos
9. Bingo dabbers
10. Sponges
11. Cupcakes (delivered to the school kitchen the day before – Monday, May 28th)

More information about the concession choices and the purchasing of funfair game tickets will be in a separate letter the week in advance of the event.



CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

579 FIFTH STREET, COURTENAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA V9N 1K2

The Reverend Anthony Divinagracia

Priest

March 29, 2017

Queneesh Elementary
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Attn: Christine VanderRee

Dear MsVanderRee:

Our Church is the caretaker of St Andrew's Cemetery, which is located behind St. Andrew's Church at the corner of Dingwall Road and N. Island Hwy in Courtenay. This was the first cemetery in the Comox Valley and is the final resting place for many of the original settlers in the valley. Familiar names such as Cliffe, Harmston, Robb, to name a few, are all found in our cemetery as well as many Veterans who served as distinguished members of the various branches of the Canadian Forces throughout the last century.

Twice a year, in the spring and the fall, we have a cemetery cleanup where we invite the community to help us clean up our heritage cemetery. We would like to invite your school to participate in our cleanup. In addition to helping preserve the beauty of our heritage site, we feel it would be very interesting for the children to have a chance to experience a little bit of the history of the valley.

The cleanup is on Saturday, May 6, from 9 am – 12 noon. Refreshments will be served and everyone is requested to bring any garden tools they have and to dress for the weather conditions. There is parking behind St. Andrews Church, and on Dingwall Road.

For further information, please contact our office. Office hours are 9 - 12, Monday through Thursday. The phone number is 250-334-4331.

Sincerely,

Rev. Anthony Divinagracia,
Rector

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Div 17 Sandwick Park	3 Welcome to kindergarten 3:30—4:30 Div 8, 16, 17 Inquiry Fair	4	5	6
7	8 Track Jamboree Grades 4 to 7	9 Soccer Jamboree Div 8 Sandwick Park	10 Soccer Jamboree AbEd Recognition—Sid Williams	11 Soccer Jamboree	12 Crazy Sock Day Div. 13 Spring Tea Div. 11/12 ride the city bus 11—11:45	13
14	15	16 Geocache picnic	17 PAC/CVMS meeting 6-8pm 10:45	18 Gr. 4 Big House Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm	19 Curri Implem Day	20
21	22 <i>Victoria Day</i>	23 Div. 5 Sc.Nature 8:45—11:45 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm	24 District Track Meet	25 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm Alternate District Track Meet	26 Vanier Grade 7 visit Habitat for Humanity donation drive	27
28	29	30 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm Try a Trade—grade 7 School Fun Fair 5-7	31			

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm Quest Trip	2 Quest Trip	3 Quest Trip
4	5 iRide	6 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm iRide	7 iRide	8 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1—2pm iRide	9 Family Appreci- ation Morning	10
11	12 iRide	13 Swimming—div 14, 13 and 15 1— 2pm iRide	14 Retro Day Div 13 Seaview Game Farm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Aboriginal Day PAC 2:45 / CVMS meeting 6-8pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Gr. 7 Beach Day 10-2 School Sport's Day	28 Q draw	29 Last Day of School— 1 / 2 Day Farewell Assembly 9am	30	