

Queneesh Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your involvement at Queneesh. You are an important part of our school community. We have a wide range of volunteers who consistently step up to help with many aspects of our school's day to day operations. We have an active PAC who is encouraged by this involvement. Our next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 6 pm in our school library. Please consider joining us and learn more about the upcoming school events, including our Family Dance on Oct. 27th.

We love ALL our parents but we especially love the ones that are helping us to keep our kids safe at the front of the school. If you drive your child to school, please drive all the way to the far end of the concrete barrier before you drop your children off in the morning, even if you can't see another vehicle behind you. If you are not able to stay in your vehicle, you must move your vehicle to a parking spot. The drop off lane is just for dropping off or picking up ONLY. Please be cautious that your vehicle does not block the entrance way for the people behind them.

Yes, children can wear costumes to school on October 31st. We will have a costume parade at 9:15 if you would like to attend as well. If the costume has a mask they will be asked to take it off in class. If the costume has any weapon associated with it (guns, axes, knives, etc.) please leave those at home.

Please become a regular visitor to our school website: <http://www3.sd71.bc.ca/School/queneesh/> We have a great calendar as well as announcements that are regularly updated. If you would like additional information on this site, please don't hesitate to let us know and we will consider including there.

Mrs. VanderRee & Mr. Burdett

Magazine Fundraiser

Once again, our school will be providing an opportunity to renew present magazine subscriptions and buy new ones! **Digital subscriptions are also available.** Your child will be bringing home a catalogue with specific information for ordering.

Please disregard all publishers' renewal notices and renew through our school. As much as 40% of each subscription price will stay right here in our community to help benefit our school's programs. A great idea for the hard to buy for person or for Christmas gifts. Thanks for supporting our school!

Individual School Photos

Photo day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th. Order forms were sent home last week. You can order on line at mylifetouch.ca. Use our Picture Day ID: Q0026411Q0 (The 3rd and last symbols are zeros!) Retake ay is scheduled for November 3rd.



Hot Lunches started this month. An order form was sent home last week. Orders are collected by division so it is easier for our PAC parents to keep them organized. If paying by cash, please put the money and order form in an envelope or baggie. If you pay for more than one child with a cheque, please make a note on the individual child's form with details so that we know you have done this.

Student Absences/Lates

If your child is going to be absent please call our Whereabouts Line at 250-334-4029 and leave a message. This line is available 24/7. You could also email Ms. Thipthorpe.

Jackie.thipthorpe@sd71.bc.ca

If your child is late, please check in at the office for a late slip before going to class.



Lost and Found

A shocking quantity of clothing is on display from the lost and found. Items not claimed by Oct. 14th will be donated to our free store or a local charity. Please check the tables before the 14th.

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on **Wednesday, October 19th at 6 pm** in the library. If you require babysitting please contact the office by Tuesday October 18th.

Our PAC and Montessori society intend to work as one group to support our school. Montessori business will be discussed as part of this meeting at 7 pm.

Breakfast Club and Lunch Program

Huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers as well as our own Ms. Robson and Ms. Miller who work each morning to ensure our students have access to a nutritional breakfast and lunch. Though we have some grant money to support this program, careful shopping as well as donations from the community have helped us to provide a wider variety of healthy choices. Tim Horton's continues to sponsor us with twice weekly muffins and bagels.

Please contact the office if you are able to help in the mornings or offer an additional donation to this appreciated program.



Visitor Badges

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out in our classrooms, on field trips and with the many PAC activities in our school. If you are participating in an activity that puts you on the playground at lunch time, please sign in at the office so that we can provide you with a visitor's badge. Though you may be a frequent guest at our school, many staff members may not be familiar with you and the badge will identify you to them. Thanks.

Some September Fun

Orange Shirt Day Every Child Matters



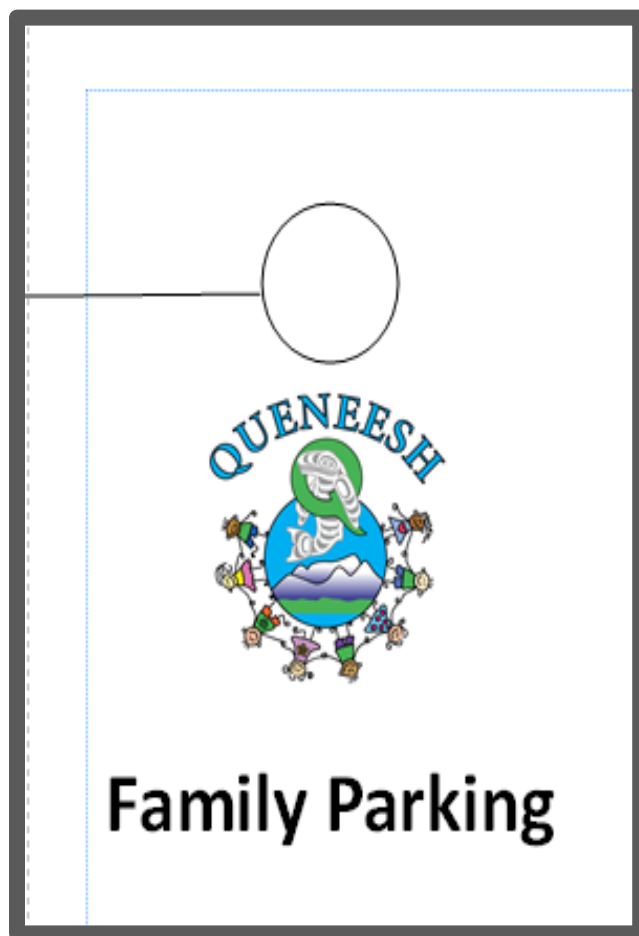
Terry Fox Run ... incredible effort running!

\$384.05 raised and a pie in the face for Mrs. VanderRee, Melanie and Everett.



Q Ticket Draw ... Congratulations to Riley H. who invited his cousin to join him for lunch out! Next draw is on Oct. 31st





Parking at the Q!

Parking at Queneesh has become even more difficult at Queneesh with the implementation of pay parking at NIC.

We are implementing a parking pass system for our school community. Please place a school parking pass on your dash. Though it does not guarantee you a spot in what seems like our undersized lot, it will indicate to us that you are part of our school community and your vehicle won't be towed if you do park on our property. Family passes are available in the office if you would like one of those, please just ask.



Halloween Costumes?????

Do you have any unwanted Halloween costumes that would fit our kids? We often help children put together a last minute costume for our Halloween activities at school and would love to be able to help them participate. Please drop off any items in our Free Store bins and we will put them to good use.

Thanks



*Message from
Education Minister Mike Bernier*

October 4, 2016

Dear Parent,

I'm writing today to ask you to share your opinions with the Ministry of Education as we work to update student reporting in kindergarten through Grade 9. Students in these grades are experiencing B.C.'s new curriculum in classrooms in every part of the province.

We are adapting the curriculum in B.C. schools so kids learn the skills they need to succeed in our changing world. This means we also need to develop a new reporting approach. Right now the progress of your child is reported in many different ways, including report cards, parent teacher meetings, and regular student/parent/teacher check-ins.

Reporting is all about keeping parents like you informed, and we want you to tell us HOW you want to be informed and keep track of your child's progress. Until February 28 next year you can submit your thoughts online at engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress.

As well, community meetings will be held in 10 communities across the province over the coming months so parents can ask questions and share their input. Check the website for times and locations as they are scheduled.

The ultimate goal of this engagement is to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. We'll gather the feedback and share our plan next June.

Our education system is one of the most highly ranked in the world. Students are finding success in music, in academics, in sports – and in every subject in between. Together parents, teachers, and the education system are making sure we build on that for an even better tomorrow.

For more details on our new curriculum, please visit www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca.

Thanks for your help,

Mike Bernier
Minister of Education

Parents, if you have a child under six years old at home, please check out this local resource. Amongst other things, it has a calendar of local activities that are free or minimal cost.

valleychild.ca

The online home of the
COMOX VALLEY EARLY YEARS CENTRES

This site is your guide to **events** and **services** for kids under 6 in the Comox Valley and their families.

Clothing and Shoe Drive –Oct. 11th – 19th



Queneesh Elementary launches our clothing and shoe drive on Tuesday, October 11th. Please drop any adult or children's used clothes or footwear to our school foyer. Any elementary aged clothing can be donated to our school free store. Other clothing will be taken to our local Value Village where we will be reimbursed by the pound.

Funds raised will support our School's free store and breakfast/lunch programs. Our clothing drive will continue until noon on Oct. 19th.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 x-country Huband Homework club	6	7	8
9	10 	11 School Photos Clothing Drive	12 x-country Coeur de L 'Isle Clothing Drive Homework club	13 Clothing Drive	14 Clothing Drive	15
16	17 Homework club	18 Clothing Drive	19 Clothing Drive Homework club x-country - Brooklyn PAC Meeting 6 pm	20 Shake Out BC Swimming Lessons – div. 4/5	21 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Homework club	25	26 Gr. 3 Fire Safety House Homework club 'Take Me Outside' Day	27 Swimming Lessons – div. 4/5 Family Dance 5-7 pm	28	29
30	31 Halloween Costume Parade 9:15 am 					