

# Queneesh Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school community continues to strengthen and grow. We are inspired by the many people who step up to assist with the diverse programs at Queneesh. We have so many to thank. This includes the parents who help to run the school's breakfast and lunch program and those who help out in morning gym. Many families and businesses donate to our breakfast club. Just recently a superstore Gift card was dropped off by local realtor, Jan Creran. Additional funds from salvaging copper from the school district tech department were also donated to this cause. Have you met therapy dog Sheba? Sheba and her handler Jean Rowe come to Queneesh several days a week to support children in their reading. We continue to appreciate our classroom volunteers, hot lunch crew, frozen treat sellers and field trip drivers. Without you, so many of the extras would not be possible.

The painting of our classrooms and halls is almost complete. Though it was difficult while temporarily switching classrooms, the results have been wonderful and worth it. The student services department, whose offices are housed in our school, gave up their meeting room to help us through this painting process.

Most of all, we extend our thanks and appreciation to our hard working staff. Through these tough times of budget concerns, reconfiguration consultations, new reporting and redesigned curriculum, our staff continues to put their efforts where they count most, into working with your children.

Mrs. VanderRee & Mrs. Pederson

## **Kindergarten Information Evening**

Queneesh will be once again hosting a Kindergarten Information evening that will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 7 pm. Parents of children who turn five in 2016 will have an opportunity to learn about the options available for their children in the school district. These include: Neighbourhood Montessori, Aboriginal, French Immersion and Navigate (NIDES) options.

**A date for Kindergarten registration and cross boundary requests has not yet been announced.**

## **K-7 Montessori Information Night**

Join us for an evening of introduction to the Montessori Program. Students, parents, teachers and administration will be available to answer your questions. Tour the classrooms to see demonstration of the Montessori Materials by students. Free child care will be provided.

This event will be held on Wednesday, March 9th from 6:00- 7:30 pm at Queneesh in room 140.

### Q Draw

Congratulations to all our Q recipients. This month we will be taking Ollie and a friend out for lunch.

We are always pleased to see how excited children are to get their Q on the board and to point it out to friends and family who see it. Please keep an eye on the growing collection on the bulletin board by the office.



### Student Absences

Please phone the school if your child will be absent or late. We have an answering machine attached to 250-334-4029. You could also email [jacqueline.johnston@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:jacqueline.johnston@sd71.bc.ca)

### PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on **Wednesday March 16th at 6pm**. If you need childcare please call the office at 334-4089 by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Montessori Society Meeting

The next Montessori Society meeting is on **Wednesday March 16th at 7:00**

### PLC Early Dismissal Days

The upcoming PLC days with early dismissal at 12:20 are March 2 & 16, April 13 & 27, May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>

## Games Night at Queneesh

Thank you to everyone who attended our games night, organized by one of our hardworking PLC groups. We enjoyed sharing our favourite games with the 160 people who attended. Thanks to the Times Colonist Raise a Reader grant for providing us with the funds to purchase family games as prizes. Here are a few of the happy 'gamers.'



## **Student Placement Requests**

The procedure for class formation will be the same as last year with regard to parent requests. We will make an effort to consider all requests where the nature of the request focuses on the learning style of your child or upon the type of classroom environment in which he/she thrives. We do our very best to balance classes on the basis of student ability, behaviour, gender, friendships and reasonable parent requests. We do invite your input if it is of the nature mentioned above, however, we will not entertain requests for specific teachers.

Occasionally, due to shifts in enrolment, we have to shuffle classes in the fall so we'd like to remind you to view all placements as temporary and subject to change.

**Please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs. VanderRee by May 2, 2016**

When placing my child, \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2016/17 school year please consider the following:

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Yours truly,

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Parent/Guardian signature

## PLC Highlight – Joyful Literacy

A group of Queneesh primary teachers are seeing the benefits of their Joyful Literacy project. This project focuses on three areas: sharing of classroom time; parent involvement and the development and sharing of resources. The teachers are excited to be learning from each other and so are the students as they are provided opportunities to work in other classes! As examples of this collaboration, some of our children have joined reading groups in other classes and others are getting their physical needs met with additional gym time with partner classes.

The group finds that the sharing and collaboration is “positive, meaningful and helpful” with “tremendous potential” in the support of students. It has helped to create time and moments to get to the students who are ready to learn. We look forward to seeing how this work grows and develops.



### Here is a first look at the start of our redesigned logo.

Local artist, Karver Everson has redesigned the center of our logo with a whale that better reflects the Legend of Queneesh. It will be embedded within our existing logo. We look forward to watching the work of Kelly Everill and Karver as they start the process of painting it in our school's foyer.

We will soon be offering school clothing sales with our new logo on it. The PAC will also be purchasing new school jerseys which will hopefully arrive in time for track season.



### Identity Day – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Enthusiasm abounded with the sharing of projects on our schools Identity Day. Thank you for the support from home. Children had an opportunity to view many of the projects as well as share their own. As we learned more about ourselves and each other, connections were made and passions were shared.



### Pink Shirt Day – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

We were a sea of pink on this wonderful day. It pleases use how well versed children are at understanding how to handle a bully situation. Here is Divjot sharing his class's projects for display.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Girls basketball tournament @ Highland 12:30	2 PLC Day 12:20 Dismissal	4	4 Hot Lunch Narutor Korean Sushi	5
6	7	8	9 Boys basketball tournament @ Vanier 12:30 Montessori Information Night 6:00 – 7:30	10	11 Hot Lunch Narutor Korean Fried Rice	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 	14	15	16 PLC Day 12:20 Dismissal PAC Meeting 6 pm Montessori Meeting 7 pm	17 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly Wear Green 	18 Report Cards Home for classes not using portfolios.  Last Day of School  Hot Lunch Taco Time	19
20 First Day Of Spring	21 	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31	<b>SPRING BREAK MARCH 19 - APRIL 3</b>	<b>Monday, April 4 first day back at school</b>