



# Queensbury Elementary School

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## Queensbury School Mission Statement

Education at Queensbury is directed towards providing all children an equal opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to maximize their potential in intellectual, social and physical development.

## Queensbury School Code of Conduct

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Cooperative. Believe in Yourself and Others

Please visit our school website: [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) school links: Queensbury School

September 30, 2011



The first month has flown by so quickly with many activities and initiatives taking place at Queensbury school. The classes have settled into routine and students are engaged in many wonderful learning activities. I have been very impressed at the level of social responsibility demonstrated by the students. Whether it is the lunch monitors, peer counselors, ball monitors, basketball players, and students participating in a multitude of other school initiatives, the students demonstrate a high level of commitment and pride

in what they do.

To maintain a safe and caring school environment, Queensbury has a clearly defined Code of Conduct. The document is available on our website for review. We actively teach the acceptable behaviours to our students in class, on the playground, and in assemblies. We encourage parents to reinforce the expectations laid out in the document. Like all school settings, there are incidences that arise where students have difficulties and may make a poor choice with their behaviour. In these incidences, a process of restorative justice and problem solving is applied to allow the students to learn how to make better decisions regarding their behaviour.

There will be a **1:45 dismissal on Tuesday, October 4**. The early dismissal is taking place throughout the district as all school personnel are to receive training in the updated Child Abuse Reporting Protocol. The Ministry of Children and Families and the RCMP as inter-agency communication, support this initiative. This support is paramount to working together effectively.

Next week is International Walk to School week. I hope that the weather will cooperate and allow everyone to walk, bike, scooter, etc. to school. If you happen to live further from school and need to drive, perhaps you may want to park a block or two away from the school and walk from there. As part of the recognition of Walk to School Week, we will have parents out front of the school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; handing out stickers to student who walked that morning. On Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we are encouraging students, parents and staff to meet at Grand Boulevard Park on 15<sup>th</sup> St. and Moody Ave. at 8:15 am to walk to school en masse. We are looking forward to a wonderful week!

Rick Chan  
Principal

## NO SCHOOL

**School Based Professional Day: Friday, September 30, 2011**

**Thanksgiving Holiday: Monday, October 10, 2011**

**District Wide Professional Day: Friday, October 21, 2011**

## Visitor Sign-in Procedure

When visitors enter Queensbury School, we ask that they check in with the office first. If visitors, including parents are going to be staying for an extended period of time, they are required to sign in at the office. A visitors tag will be issued and must be worn while in the building. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the safety of our students and to make it easier to identify who is authorized to be on-site. Staff members may approach individuals who are not wearing a visitors tag and are not recognizable. A second reason for the sign-in procedure is to allow for easy identification of who is on-site at any time. This is of utmost importance especially in emergency situations. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

If you are in the school to drop off or pick up your child at the beginning or end of the day, you do not need to sign in. **We do ask that if you are coming in to drop off a lunch, school work, etc. please leave it at the office and we will make sure the lunch is picked up.**



### Will your child be absent or late? ~ Please call us @ 604-903-3730

It is very important for parents to call the school when your child will be absent or late. The school can be called 24 hours a day to relay this information. Just leave a message with your child's name, teacher and the reason for the absence. This is for the safety of **YOUR** child. If your child is absent, we will try home, cell, work, or emergency contacts to establish the safety of your child.



## SPORTS @ QUEENSBURY SCHOOL

### Basketball

The basketball season is underway and Queensbury students are working hard during practices in preparation for upcoming games. Thank you to everyone who is helping to organize, coach and sponsor our teams. The Grade 7 Girl's team is being coached by Mr. Chan and Mr. Cann (parent). The Grade 7 Boy's team is being coached by Mr. Fox (parent volunteer) and sponsored by Mr. Smyth. We imagine a wonderful season and look forward to our athletes working together to achieve their goals. The great aspect of basketball is that it is an amazing team sport! A successful team is one that works together. Go Wolf Pack!

To provide our grade six students an opportunity to play basketball, we are running a lunch hour intramural league. Grade six students have been assigned to a co-ed team and will play games every Friday for the next six weeks.

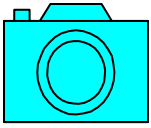
Schedules are posted on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the school.

### Cross Country

Our Cross Country team is busy training for upcoming meets. Thanks to Mrs. Garford, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Grantham for coaching this year.

The Meet Dates are as follows:

- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Cates Park
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Inter-River Park
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Carisbrooke
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Cates Park



### Photo Retakes

Our student photo retakes have been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 9:00 am**. If your child missed the first photo session, they are welcome to have pictures taken on Nov. 2.

### Field Trip Drivers & Other Volunteers

Parents, please note that we really appreciate your assistance in driving for field trips. Without your assistance with driving, some field trips would not happen. If you are interested in driving during the year the following procedures have been put into place:

- A Volunteer application form must be completed for anyone volunteering in the school. These are available at the information counter by the school office.
- Volunteers who wish to drive are required to complete Volunteer Driver forms that request your Drivers Abstract from ICBC. These are available at the information counter by the school office. Instructions are located on this form to help expedite receiving your Driver's Abstract. You may request that the Abstract be faxed directly to the school office.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Once again our Library will be hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair. Please pencil in the following dates into your calendar: Monday, Oct. 17 to Wednesday, Oct. 19. Parent night will be held on Tues. Oct. 18. Hours for the Book Fair are as follows: 8:20 – 8:45 am; 12:15 – 12:50 pm; 3:00 – 3:30 pm. Family Night is from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Come and support your school library while adding to your own!

### Weather Update!

We have been very fortunate to have such beautiful fall weather. Unfortunately, the rains will be arriving soon. As we expect our students to go outside at recess. Please be sure to remind/send your child with appropriately labeled clothing for the cool, wet days ahead. We want them to enjoy their time outside at recess and lunch. Leaving an extra set of sweats/socks at school may be a good idea too.



### Parking

**Another reminder—the parking lot is for the staff only, not for parents.** This is a safety issue—there are just too many little ones in that area. Please do not use the entrance to the staff parking lot as a place to make a three point turn for the same reason. Please **do** park in the designated areas on the street. Better yet, walk to school!

### QUEENSBURY ELEMENTARY ~ SCHOOL TOUR 2011-2012 Friday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 am

Queensbury School is offering a tour for parents of students who may be interested in coming to Queensbury in the 2011-2012 year. The tour will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please meet in the school lobby by the office. Please register by calling: 604-903-3730.

### SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Parents, please note that on Oct. 24, our Kindergarten students will be ready to switch to our regular lunchtime schedule. This means that students will have lunch from 12:00 to 12:15 (or 12:25 pm if they need more time). Everyone then heads outside by 12:25 pm for fresh air and play-time. At 12:50 pm students will re-enter the school for the start of afternoon instruction. Please continue to pack healthy, nutritious and easy to eat lunches for your children.



## Terry Fox Run

Queensbury had a very successful Terry Fox Run on Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Students, teachers and parents came together in the gym to honour Terry Fox and to prepare for the school wide walk/run. The students then participated enthusiastically and received a wonderful treat following 20 minutes of continuous exercise.

It was a great day to celebrate the Marathon of Hope and Mr. Wolfbury was especially impressed with the generosity of our community...Queensbury raised just under four hundred dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. After only one morning of collection, it is easy to see that Queensbury students believe in giving to a great cause.

Thank you for helping to make this a wonderful day.

## Job Action Update

With the continued phase one job action, the classroom-learning environment is seeing little to no impact. The dedicated and caring staff of Queensbury is working within the guidelines set out by the Labour Relations Board to minimize impact on teaching and learning that takes place. However, the following school wide initiatives will not be taking place this fall: school-wide write, RAD reading assessment, and math computational skills assessment. Teachers will continue to implement their own assessment and evaluation procedures in their individual classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact the classroom teacher by phone, email, or a written note.



## THANKS!

Our thanks everyone who came out to help with organizing our emergency preparedness forms. Thanks to: Kate Arkiletian, Claire Arnold, Heather Coates, Laleh Giesbrecht, Maria Godber and Christina Olson. A special thank you goes to Alix Jackson for coordinating the work effort!

## Student Registration 2012 – 2013 School Year

These procedures for registration and transfer requests are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year. These procedures are consistent with the North Vancouver School District Policy 605: Admissions of Students to Schools.

Priorities for student placement are dependent upon place of residence as well as meeting registration and transfer deadlines. Please refer to School Catchment Areas to determine the school catchment area for your place of residence.

The following dates are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year.

<b>October 19, 2011</b>	Kindergarten Parent Information session held at Lucas Gym, 7-9 p.m.
<b>November 7, 2011</b>	Registration begins for new kindergarten students
<b>December 16, 2011</b>	Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Registrations Kindergarten – Grade 12
<b>January 23, 2012</b>	Registration and transfer requests for grades 1- 12 begins
<b>January 25, 2012</b>	LFI (Late French Immersion) Parent Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at LMCC
<b>March 9, 2012</b>	Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Registrations, Grade 1 - Grade 12 and Transfer Request.

## Kindergarten Registration 2012-2013 School Year

A parent/guardian can register their child for kindergarten if, on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of that school year the student will have reached the age of 5 years. For example, for the 2012-2013 school year, the student must reach 5 years of age prior to December 31, 2012.

**Where:** Central Registration  
102 - 2132 Hamilton Avenue  
604-903-3368  
Hours of operation:  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mon to Fri)

**When:** November 7, 2011 to December 16, 2011

**What to bring:**

- Completed registration form
- Proof of age & legal name (birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of residence (BC Hydro bill, Purchase agreement, or Tenancy agreement)
- If not born in Canada - Passport and Permanent Residence card or Canadian Citizenship card

Please bring **original** documents. Staff at the Central Registration office will make copies.

Registration Forms will be available at all schools, at the Central Registration office and at [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) starting November 1, 2011. All registration forms and related documents must be submitted in person to the Central Registration office.

The kindergarten placement information should be mailed to the parents prior to the school district's Spring Break which begins on March 9, 2012.

### KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

A Kindergarten Parent Information session will be held at Lucas Gym on  
October 19, 2011 7-9 p.m.

For more information, please contact: [registration@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:registration@nvsd44.bc.ca) or Visit the School District website:  
[www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca)

## WHEN TO KEEP SICK CHILDREN AT HOME!

Keep your child at home if he/she has:

Fever  
Cough, sore throat  
Body aches  
Headaches  
Chills and fatigue  
Vomiting or diarrhea

Please consider:

~The illness can spread to other children, their families and school staff  
~Recovery can be delayed without adequate rest  
~The school is unable to care for an ill child and the child being too ill or lethargic to participate in normal school activities.

For more information call:

Public Health @ 604-983-6700, your family doctor or Healthlink BC, 24 hours a day at 811



## Ten Ways to Help Your Child Tackle Homework

Peggy Gisler, Ed.S. & Marge Eberts, Ed.S.

1. Have him use an assignment notebook/agenda so he knows what homework is required each day.
2. Introduce a planning calendar and show her how to use it when she begins to have long-term assignments.
3. Each day he should preview the assignments that he has to do and get the tough tasks out of the way. He should write down the order in which he will do assignments.
4. Teach her to review her work frequently.
5. Get him an organizer, and show him how to use it so that he has a system for organizing all his school papers.
6. Have her use a book bag to transport books and papers.
7. Encourage him to establish a regular time for doing homework.
8. She should keep old quizzes and tests to prepare for future tests.
9. Eliminate distractions such as phone calls and television during homework time.
10. Establish a regular place for doing homework.