



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.nv44.bc.ca school links: Queensbury School

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

As the days begin to shorten and the leaves begin to fall, the school year continues to progress rapidly. The month of October was a busy one. We started off with a hugely successful PAC sponsored evening event. The Shakedown Annie dance lessons and evening dance was enjoyed by all. That first week also saw many students walk to school despite the inclement weather as we recognized "International Walk to School Week". A pleasurable sharing assembly was conducted just prior to Thanksgiving break where we had the opportunity to see and hear Division 2 and 3 perform a song. At the assembly, we were also given a reminder of the "Harvest Project" initiative that our school participates in. As part of the program, each week a different class is designated to bring in non-perishable food items which is then donated to the local food bank. The busy month continued with an outstanding Chinese Acrobatic performance a week ago enjoyed by the whole school. The show highlighted the Chinese culture while giving students an opportunity to see and participate in a variety of acrobatic routines.

With the upcoming Halloween excitement, I would like to remind everyone to take special precautions. Please see the article accompanying this newsletter regarding Halloween safety. We would like to ask parents to minimize the amount of candy and treats that students bring to school. We wish to promote a healthy eating environment here at school as well we have a number of students with nut allergies. The excess candy wrappers and packaging can become a problem on the school yard. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

Recently, our school district completed a year long process to set long-term goals. Through a collaborative process which included all stakeholders, a documented titled "2011-2012 Strategic Plan" has just recently been published. The document provides a direction for the school district in moving forward and ensuring that we "provide world-class instruction and a rich diversity of engaging programs to inspire success for every student and bring communities together to learn, share and grow." For those interested in viewing the document, it can be accessed through our school district website. I would be happy to lend a copy of the document to those who are interested.

Rick Chan

REMINDER – NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 – REMEMBRANCE DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 - PROFESSIONAL DAY

Early Dismissal/ Meeting with Teachers/ Report Cards

The North Vancouver Teachers Association has indicated that teachers will continue to focus on instruction and will continue to assess and evaluate student progress. They have also confirmed that teachers may continue to communicate with parents in informal meetings in person, phone calls and emails to discuss student progress. Please note, each teacher's email can be found on the school website and is to be used only for school related matters. Do check with your child's teacher as to their preferred method of communication.

Queensbury Teachers will meet with parents during the upcoming early dismissal days: Nov. 29th, 30th, and Dec. 1st. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on those days. If you wish to arrange a meeting or have questions regarding your sons/daughters progress, please contact your child's teacher directly. Individual teachers will also contact parents who they feel the need to meet with.

As directed by the School Act, report cards are to be distributed three times a year. First term report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 25th. The report cards might only be partially completed or not completed at all due to the Labour Relations Board ruling that teachers need not write report cards during this period of job action. Any subjects or classes taught by Mr. Smyth or Mr. Chan will have marks and comments reporting on those specific subjects.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on **Thurs. Nov. 10 at 10:45 a.m.** Students, staff and parents are invited to donate a coin or two for the poppies they receive on that date. Donations may be made at the office.

School Tour – For students starting Kindergarten in Sept. 2012

Queensbury School will be hosting a tour on **Fri. Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m.** If you are registering your child to start school in September, 2012, please join us! We will be meeting in the school lobby at 9:20 am.

Photo Retakes

Please note that photo retakes will be taken on **November 2nd beginning at 9 am.** Students needing a first time photo or those who need to replace their original photo are welcome to a retake.



DON'T FORGET!

... It's **ORANGE & BLACK DAY ON MONDAY OCT. 31...** Wear your orange & black!

... **SCHOOL FEE CHEQUES..... now due....please bring your cheque to the office**



ARTISTS FOR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES WINTER SESSION – Registration to Start in December

NVSD Artists for Kids offers a wide range of art programs after school. Mrs. Garford will be teaching Primary Painting on Tuesdays from January 17 – March 6.

To register in December, please go to www.artists4kids.com

Congratulations to our Cross Country Runners! Our hard-working Cross Country team deserves a round of applause for a very successful season. Thanks to Mrs. Garford, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Grantham for their sponsorship and coaching! Our 2011-2012 Cross Country Team: Emma, Julie, Fiona Isabella, Scott, Graham, Oliver, David, Gavin, Markus, Sahar, Sam, Eli, Sepehr, Tia, Jasroop, Mia, Cailin, Darci, Max, Jamie & Fiona.



Queensbury Wolves Wrestling ~ a note from Mr. Smyth that our wrestling program will be starting soon... please stay tuned.

Student Safety

The days are getting shorter and there is less and less daylight before and after school. Daylight Saving time will end on **Nov. 6**. Please remind your children to follow road safety rules as they make their way to and from school. It's getting really chilly outside...a reminder for our students to dress appropriately for the weather. It may be a good idea to keep extra clothes at school... just in case

THANK YOU

Scholastic Book Fair

Once again parents and students showed their support for our library and literacy initiatives by purchasing books and supplies from our latest book fair. Your purchases, amounting to just over \$4,000 translates directly into \$2,000 worth of books for our Library.

An event of this size cannot happen without our amazing volunteers! Our thanks go to Kate Arkiletian, Claire Arnold, Julie Fox, Hisayo Fukushima, Laleh Giesbrecht, Maria Godber, Susi Hill, Alix Jackson, Lisa McIver, Susie Nygard, Christina Olson, Esther Poehls and Susanne Till. Recognition goes as well to all of our student helpers who were a great help in running the fair.

Thank you!

Special thanks to Maria, Rob, Adrianna and Markus Godber for donating a brand new DVD player to our school. We so appreciate your kindness and generosity!

WE Day Event



A group of Grade Seven students had the opportunity to attend the WE Day event at Rogers Arena on October 13th. It was an activity packed day of guest speakers that included Nobel Peace prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev, Shaquille O'Neal, and Marc and Craig Kielburger; performers included Down with Webster and Hedley; and politicians such as Gregor Robertson and Premier Christie Clark. The purpose of the day was to inspire youths to take action, to take on positive initiatives that would assist others. Many of our students have been inspired and we will be looking at taking on one local and one global initiative to help improve the lives of others.



Christmas Concert

Starting in November, classes will begin to prepare for the Christmas concerts scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. There will be a matinee performance and an evening performance scheduled that day. Due to limited seating, we will be taking ticket orders at the beginning of December. The Concert will allow classes to highlight various activities that they have been engaged in with the fine arts program at the school. We are excited about the event and will begin the hard work in putting together the performances.

With the possibility that the teacher job action may continue into December. We have planned the evening concert performance in a manner so that it can be run by Mr. Smyth and Mr. Chan along with parent volunteers. We will need two parent volunteers per class who would be able to help supervise the students in the classrooms as they wait to perform. This would be only for the evening performance and we would ensure that the volunteers have tickets to the matinee show. If you are able to help out as a volunteer, please contact Mr. Chan at rchan@nvsc44.bc.ca. In the event of a lack of volunteers, the evening show would be cancelled.