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## **École Qayqayt Elementary School Newsletter** **June Edition 2019**



### **Principal's Message:**

Dear Families and Friends,

Our school year at École Qayqayt Elementary School is quickly coming to an end. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the students on behalf of the staff for your encouragement and support throughout the year. We could not have had a successful school without your understanding and hard work. We continue to learn and strive to do our best for the students and community. Our community is the foundation for those that enter our doors and the future looks brighter than ever.

We would like to recognize the great performances that the Grade 3's and 4's gave on May Day who were in the after school program. The dances were well done! We also wanted to recognize Emma and Christian for the part they played in May Day and the community events that followed.

I would like to thank the Grade 4's and 5's, Mrs. Leigh and the teaching staff for the wonderful performances the students gave this year at their concert, "Taking Care of the Planet, Taking Care of Ourselves". The performances in the afternoon and night time were filled with great songs and performances. We look forward to the students giving a mini version of the concert to our K-3 students later this month.

Hyack Football will be coming in to teach all of our students about football the week of June 17-21. The students always look forward to this program every year.

Unfortunately, as the year ends, we have staff that will be leaving us. Mrs. Baugh (Grade 2) will be retiring after 17.5 years in the school district. She has been a great addition to our staff over the years and we would like to thank her for all that she has done. We wish her much happiness and relaxation with her family and friends on the next part of her journey. Mme Roy (EFI 5) will also be leaving us. She has been a very valuable member of our school and her presence will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish her much success at her new school and

future endeavours. We hope that she will be back to visit! As staffing is still occurring, there may be more changes that happen to our staff before the end of the year and over the summer.

To the Grade 5's ....We wish you the very best as you move on to new paths. We know you will be successful if you strive to be the best you can be. We hope you will rise to the challenges in life safely, respectfully and responsibly with kindness and courage in your heart.

To Chief Larrabee and the people of the Qayqayt First Nation...thank you! We continue to carry your name proudly and the story of Qayqayt in our hearts.

We wish the entire community of Qayqayt a happy and safe summer holiday. We will see you again on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin the 2019/2020 school year.

Karen Catherwood  
Principal

“The road to success is always under construction.” (Anonymous)

## **REMINDERS:**

### **ARE YOU MOVING?**

It would be appreciated if you could let us know as soon as possible if you will be moving and if your child will no longer be attending Qayqayt. Please contact the office by phone (604-517-6050), e-mail [jrosemadill@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:jrosemadill@sd40.bc.ca) or by coming to the office in person.

### **Sports Day**

Please come and join us for our Sports Day on Friday, June 14th. Come and watch the students of Qayqayt participate in different activities throughout the afternoon in their multi-age teams. Be part of our year end fun. We hope to see you there! The fun begins at 12:30 p.m. on the upper field (indoors if it is raining).

The PAC will be hosting a concession stand for parents to purchase hotdogs and other treats while watching Sports Day events. As parents, you are more than welcome to come and have lunch with your child and then wait for Sports Day to start. Just a reminder that students will be outside playing from 11:15-11:35 and will then return to their classrooms to eat from 11:35-12:00 p.m. If you come to the school to eat lunch with your child we ask that at 12:00 p.m. you make your way out to the grass field while the students make their way to their house teams in preparation for Sports Day activities.

The staff will be setting up a “Parent Appreciation Table” that all parents are welcome to sample throughout the afternoon. It is our way of thanking you for all that you have done for us this year.

## **Leaving Ceremony Grade 5/End of Year Assembly**

We will be having a “Leaving Ceremony” as part of our final assembly on June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. We would like to acknowledge each of the students in Grade 5 with a certificate wishing them well as they transition to the middle schools.

All parents are welcome to join us at this informal assembly to celebrate our year at Qayqayt!

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have had a great year in the Library, but it is that time of year for all books that were borrowed to be returned to the library by Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we would appreciate you taking the time to look for books and if you are unable to locate the books we ask that you pay for the lost books. Mrs. Lee will issue an overdue notice detailing the book(s) that are overdue and the replacement cost if you are unable to locate them. If you find the books after payment or if we locate the books, you will be reimbursed. Reminder that our school library is closed over the summer, but the Public Library is open every day and we encourage you to spend some time taking out books to read on a sunny day or spending a rainy day reading at the library.

### **Words cannot thank you enough!**

At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Qayqayt PAC for all that they have done for our students, staff and community this year. Our PAC is a group of hard working, enthusiastic parents that have given up their time to raise money to give our students, staff and community opportunities they might not otherwise have. We have appreciated everything you have done and everything you continue to do to make our school the best that it can be!

### **A Message from the School Nurse:**

Here are some *Sun Safety Tips* to keep children sun smart this summer.

- Protect your child’s skin at all times, and try to stay indoors or in the shade during the hottest time of day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- A long-sleeved shirt and pants are the best clothes to protect the skin. A wide-brimmed hat without ties, especially one that covers the neck, is recommended.
- If you have to go out in the sun without protective clothing, use sunscreen. Use sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection and SPF 30 or more. Apply sunscreen 15-30 min before sun exposure. Do not forget to apply it to ears, nose, and neck.
- Sunscreen is intended to enhance protection during periods of sun exposure – not to increase time of sun exposure.
- Do not wait for signs of sunburn to get your child out of the sun. Sunburns do not usually show up for 6 to 24 hours.

- A tan does not provide enough protection against the sun's rays. Actually, having a tan means that your skin has been damaged already by UV radiation.
- Encourage your child to drink plenty of water.

## IMPORTANT DATES:



- **June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Public Library Visit with all students @ 9:00-10:40 a.m.- Summer Reading Program
- **June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome to Kindergarten for new Kindergartens- 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Gym and classrooms
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>** – PAC mtg @ 7:00 p.m.- Library
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Sports Day- Lunchtime will be 11:15-12:00 p.m. for all students (students will eat from 11:35-12:00 p.m.). Sports Day starts @ 12:30 p.m. (rain or shine) and dismissal will be regular time @ 2:48 p.m.
- **June 17<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>**- Hyack Football lessons during gym classes
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>**- PAC Movie Night- Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.- Movie @ 6:30 p.m.
- **June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Last day for Breakfast program!
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>**- Report Cards home
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>**- Final Assembly/Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony @ 9:30 a.m. and **Early Dismissal @ 1:45p.m.- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**
- **June 28<sup>th</sup>** - Administration Day

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