



École Qayqayt Elementary School

September 2019

Principal Karen Catherwood
Vice Principal Nadia Young

Upcoming Events in September

- Sept. 3 - First Day of School
- Sept. 11 - PAC meeting
- Sept. 18 – PAC BBQ (5:30-6:15 p.m.)/Meet The Teacher (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 23 – Non-Instructional Day
- Sept. 26 – Terry Fox Run
- Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day

Principal's News

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to an exciting year at Qayqayt. We are looking forward to having all of you and your children take this journey with us.

The students have settled into their new classrooms with their new teachers and are already underway learning and adjusting to routines and general school events. The staff have been very busy preparing for another successful and enjoyable year. There have been changes since the end of the last school year and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff, students and their families to Qayqayt. We were sad to see students, families, and staff members leave us since the end of June and we wish them all the best and hope they come back to say hello.

It is an honour to be the principal of École Qayqayt Elementary School and a member of this community. This is a community with heart and open arms and I am proud to call this place home.

At Qayqayt we have an excellent and competent staff whose focus is to help nurture the heart first and foremost. When we tend to the emotional, social and physical needs of our students, their minds are ready to learn academically. The staff cares for, nurtures, loves, guides, nurses, disciplines, plays, feels, listens, discusses and teaches the students.

We hope to see you at our PAC BBQ/Meet The Teacher Night on September 18th, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. Every day is a new day and every day we continue to learn from each other. Thank you for placing your children in our care.

Karen Catherwood

Principal

“Children won't care how much you know, unless they know how much you care.”

SCHOOL ROUTINES

The welcome bell in the morning is at 8:55 a.m. At that time, students line up outside at their designated areas.

There is limited supervision on the school grounds only from 8:45 a.m. until 8:55 a.m.; no supervision on the grounds after 2:55 p.m.

At recess and lunch break, teachers and/or support staff provide supervision.

Any after school arrangements should be made well in advance.

Please let us know as soon as possible if extenuating circumstances will cause you to be late in picking up your child and we will make every effort to ensure your child's safety.

PAC MEETING

Wednesday
September 11th
7 - 9 pm
Qayqayt Library

Wednesday
October 16th
7-9 pm
Qayqayt Library

VOLUNTEERS

If you are looking to volunteer at the school, please complete a volunteer form. (They are available on the website.) Please return this form to your child's teacher. You only need to complete this form once for the full 2019 - 2020 school year.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

We are looking forward to having many parents and visitors at the school this year! ALL VISITORS on the school site must wear identification so that they are identifiable to students, staff and parents as permissible visitors. If you are volunteering, visiting in a classroom, or attending a field trip, you must first sign-in at the office. You will be given a VISITOR tag to wear. Please return to the office to sign out when you are finished. In any emergency, we must be able to account for the whereabouts of all students, staff and visitors, on site or off-site.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<https://qayqaytschool.ca/>

Non-instructional Day

Monday, September 23rd

Students do not attend

ABSENT AND LATE PROCEDURES

Please phone in student absences and/or late daily to 604-517-6050. Alternatively, you can also email the school at tmacera@sd40.bc.ca. Please include your child's name, division number or teacher's name, expected date/time of return and the reason for absence. You may leave messages outside of school hours.

Students arriving late must report to the office before going to class. This will help eliminate unnecessary and sometimes upsetting phone calls to parents who believe their child is at school. We are committed to working cooperatively with students and parents to ensure the students punctually attend each day. There is a significant correlation between good attendance and academic success.

If we do not hear from you, we call home and emergency contacts if necessary. This is a timely process. Please keep the office informed of your address and telephone number changes so that we can reach you promptly in the event of an emergency.



BELL SCHEDULE

8:55 a.m. Welcome Bell
9:00 a.m. Instruction
10:28 a.m. Recess
10:43 a.m. Instruction
12:18 p.m. Lunch
1:05 p.m. Instruction
2:55 p.m. Dismissal

SLOW DOWN: SCHOOL ZONE:

Adults are asked to use the front area of the school on **Agnes Street for dropping off and picking up only** when driving children to and from school. Also, the area at **the main entrance of the school off of Merivale Street is not for drop off and pick up**. This area is for deliveries and handicap drop-off and pick-up directly in front of the school. **Merivale is a one way street** from Cunningham north. **You can come off of Royal onto Merivale** and head south down the street. There is parking on the west side and east side of Merivale. It is extremely important that students do not exit the car from the busy side of the street when getting out of the vehicle. Please follow safety rules and cross streets at intersections. It is important that we reinforce traffic safety for our children. **Jaywalking and U-turns are dangerous** and can result in accidents or fines.

Please do not leave your car or children unattended in these areas. If you have to come into the school, please park in the two hour parking zones around the school. **Please avoid the staff parking lot at the top of Merivale Street.** Our parking is for **Staff Only** and we ask that you **do not use these areas for drop-off, pick-up or parking**. It is important that we are extra vigilant around school zones.

Reminder: When using **Royal Avenue, please use 3rd Street and Royal to cross this very busy street.** Our crossing guard, Harold Shannon, is stationed at this Pedestrian Controlled Cross Walk and is the safest place to cross at. **Please use this crosswalk instead of Jaywalking across the street to get to the school.**

Reminder: There is an apartment building on the corner of Agnes and Merivale...250 Agnes that has a driveway. There are a number of our families that in dropping off or picking up their child they block the driveway or go in the driveway and park and walk across the street to the school. **Please do not block the driveway or park in the apartment parking lot.** They are our neighbours and we need to respect the bylaws and their property.

The city and police have been made aware of this situation and other areas during drop off and pick up and will be enforcing these.

Classroom Organization: Split Grades

At times it is necessary to organize the school with classes that combine two grades. Split classrooms are common in schools. It is important to note that **students in split classrooms experience similar curriculum learning outcomes as those placed in one grade group.** In all classrooms, teachers plan to meet the needs of students and grade level requirements. Like their colleagues, split classroom teachers work to accommodate individual student needs. Our goal is to encourage all students to view themselves as one learning community, crossing the boundaries from one grade to another. Working with others of varying ages in and out of the classroom helps children learn early in life, that people of all ages and skill levels can work with and learn from each other.

PET REMINDER

To support the health and safety of students, staff, parents and others on school property, animals are not allowed on school district property without prior approval or unless they are service animals.

We ask all families who bring their pets with them to pick up students to arrange a spot just off school grounds to meet. We appreciate your support with this matter.



REDESIGNED CURRICULUM

Interested in learning more about the changes to the curriculum?

Check out:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox Run this year will be on Thursday, September 26, 2019. We are asking families to send their child to school with a toonie if they are able (Toonies for Terry). We will donate all money collected to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research.

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ALLERGIES

Medical Information

If your child has allergies or medical issues we need to be aware of, please let the office know right away. We need to make sure we have the appropriate information on file in case of emergency. Please note that students should not be in possession of any medication at school. **The staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by the parent/guardian and physician.**



Allergies

There are adults and students at the school who have a variety of allergies. It is important not to send food to school for the class without checking with the classroom teacher first. **We are a nut-aware school.**

HEALTHY EATING

Young children need nourishing food throughout the day for the development of sound minds and bodies. The staff encourages you to make healthy food choices with recess and lunches that you provide. A selection of nutritious snacks/meals will help your child develop healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.

HEALTH

As students return to school, it is important that they learn about precautions that can help safeguard everyone's health. We ask for support from parents in teaching students these concepts:

- Stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious food and avoid smoking.

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Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will start on Monday, September 16th and is a great way to start your morning. Our CYCW, Caitlan Petruk, will organize and serve our food. This is provided to students who have not eaten breakfast on a school day or are still hungry before school starts. The program is for students only from 8:30-8:45 a.m. A donation of .50 cents would be appreciated. The students will enter the main entrance to the school starting at 8:30 a.m.



SMOKING

We are committed to providing healthy smoke free learning environments for all students and employees. This includes vaping as well.

All school district buildings, vehicles and grounds in New Westminster School District are smoke free for all students, staff and community members.

Please see the posted signs on the outside of the school building.

Please note that we are also a scent free environment.



PAC

The Qayqayt PAC is a very active group that truly makes a difference in our students' school experience. Last year they were able to help fund the following:

- Fieldtrips
- Sports Day
- Fine Arts Programs
- And so much more...!



We would also like to invite all our parents to come out to our PAC meetings. These meetings provide parents with yet another opportunity to be involved in their child's school experience.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
@
7:00pm
In the Qayqayt Library

School Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted to our website

<https://qayqaytschool.ca/>

Dressing for Wet/Cold Weather

With wet and colder weather slowly creeping upon us, we would like to remind families that whenever possible, students will go outside for recess and lunch. Please send your children with weather appropriate clothing and footwear for rain and colder weather- raincoats, warm coats, boots and umbrellas.



PICTURE DAY!

Tuesday, October 8th

Upcoming Events in October

- Oct. 8 – Individual Photos
- Oct. 9 – PAC meeting
- Oct. 10- Bonjour Bonne Nuit
- Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving (students do not attend)
- Oct. 16 – PAC meeting
- Oct. 17 - Shake Out BC
- Oct. 25 – Non-instructional Day
- Oct. 29 – Photo Retakes
- Oct. 30- Black and Orange Day/Pumpkin Run
- Oct. 31- Halloween and Primary Parade

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labour Day – School Closed	3 First Day of School Welcome Coffee	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 PAC Meeting 7:00pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 PAC BBQ @ 5:30 Meet the Teacher @ 7:30	19	20	21
22	23 Non-instructional Day – students do not attend	24	25	26 Terry Fox Run	27	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day					



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École Qayqayt Elementary - Code of Conduct

École Qayqayt Code of Conduct has been established to instill a positive environment. Our goal is to develop individuals that feel Capable, Connected and are able to Contribute in a constructive way to our learning community. All individuals have a shared obligation and responsibility, while at school and when going to and from school, to conduct themselves according to our Code of Conduct.

Behaviour Expectations

Be Mindful: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Make thoughtful choices

Behave in a safe, courteous, and caring manner

Celebrate differences, respect individuality

Together we will:

Try our best at all times

Encourage and support others

Celebrate everyone's successes

Enjoy school and make it a positive place for all

Unacceptable Behaviour

Includes actions that:

Are unsafe and hurtful to self and others physically and/or emotionally

Damage property, theft, possession/use of weapons and prohibited substances

Directly contravene our Code of Conduct

The acceptable and unacceptable behaviours listed in this Code of Conduct are examples only and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list.

Factors, such as the frequency and severity of the misconduct, are taken into account when determining appropriate consequences for infractions. A focus on consequences that are restorative, rather than punitive, will be made wherever possible. As well, the age of the student involved and the student's ability to appreciate the impact of their actions will also be considered. Lastly, a student's medical, cognitive and personal profile must be considered when applying appropriate consequences and interventions.

École Qayqayt Elementary School promotes the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law-Prohibiting behaviour or communication that discriminates based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, age, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity- in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.

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2019-2020 STAFF		
Principal		Karen Catherwood
Vice-Principal		Nadia Young
Secretaries		
		Jackie Rose-Madill
		Tanya Macera
Division 1		
	Grade 5	William Shaw
Division 2		
	Grade 5	Amy Bothwell
Division 3		
	EFI 5	Nathalie Domeck
Division 4		
	Grade 4	Randy Bamford
Division 5		
	Grade 4	Brian Speckman
Division 6		
	EFI 4	Florence Pistor
Division 7		
	Grade 3/4	Cathy Gayle (M-W, F)/ Victoria Johnston (Th)
Division 8		
	Grade 3	Lorelei Aiumu
Division 9		
	Grade 3	Melissa Haffner (M, W-F)/ Allison Penner (T)
Division 10		
	Grade 2/3	Dia Binpal
Division 11		
	EFI 2/3	Kavita Sewruttun / Allison Penner (Wed a.m.)
Division 12		
	EFI 2/3	Danielle Tortolano (M-W)/ Meghan Lamont (Th-F)
Division 13		
	Grade 2	Mimi Camillo
Division 14		
	Grade 2	Chen McGowan
Division 15		
	Grade 2	Kristi Yasui-Chan
Division 16		
	Grade 1	Sureet Rai
Division 17		
	Grade 1	Mandy Yee
Division 18		
	Grade 1	Chelsea Polukoshko (M-W, F)/ Sharon Lacey (Th)
Division 19		
	Grade 1	Rosa Celis
Division 20		
	EFI 1	Cecile Style
Division 21		
	Kindergarten	Laura Bajic/ Victoria Johnston
Division 22		
	Kindergarten	Margot Menes (M-Th)/ Riley Hauptman (F)
Division 23		
	Kindergarten	Jadranka Sarunic (M-W, F)/ Riley Hauptman (Th)
Division 24		
	Kindergarten	Brooke Kellett
Division 25		
	EFI Kindergarten	Danielle Senyk
Teacher Coach		
		Melissa Haffner (T)/ Kavita Sewruttun (Wed a.m.)
Music Teacher		
		Martha Leigh
Teacher Librarian		
		Sheryl Lee
LST/Resource Teacher		
		Erin Bannister
LST/Resource Teacher		
		Shallene Gill
LST/Resource Teacher		
		Tamara Maxim
LST/Resource Teacher		
		Belinda Scott
Speech and Language		
		Dawn Sages
Counsellor		
		Scott Macleay

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2019-2020 STAFF cont'd		
Prep Teachers		Allison Penner (Wed p.m., Th)/ Nadia Young (M-F)
Education Assistants		Wendy Sikorra/ Cliff Blank
		Lynn Turcotte
		Neekou Niktaha
		Laura Poole
		Mila Gregorian
		Harshpreet Sidhu
		Lisa Woo
		Leah Lalande
		Monica Davis
		Manjinder Khurl
		Francoise Orr
		Sean Rasmussen
		Angelica Oakley
		Rebecca Coleman
		Priya Prasad
		Rachel Riding
		Amandeep Bath
		Erika Genesisus/Julia McCarron
Child and Youth Care Worker		Caitlan Petruk
Aboriginal Cultural Worker		Danielle Smith (T)
Community School Coordinator		Rick Bloudell
SWIS Worker		Alin Arakelian
Crossing Guard		Harold Shannon
Noon Hour Supervisors		Cindy Kaila
		Merril Hall
		Harrold Shannon
Custodians		Kent Charles
		Mario Duerme

Subject: Sign Up for Online Payment for School Expenses

Dear Qayqayt Families,

We are very excited to announce that our school will be offering *School Cash Online*, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks!

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: [School Cash Online](#)

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

✓ Convenient ✓ Safe ✓ Secure

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Warm Regards,

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**Check us out on the
web!**

<https://qayqaytschool.ca>

Follow us on Twitter:
@QayqaytElem

All Newcomer Immigrant and Refugee Families:

What is the role of the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)?

Settlement Workers are stationed in schools to provide information and services for newcomer families and youth. SWIS Workers are employed by MOSAIC. We serve students of new Westminster School District (SD 40) and their families with Permanent Resident status. We assist newcomer students and their families to adapt to life in Canada through 1-on-1 consultations, workshops for children, parents, grandparents, field trips, volunteering opportunities for adults and youth, and leadership training for youth.

SERVICE Languages: English, Chinese, Farsi, Dari, Korean, Tagalog, Turkish and more.

Contact: Alin Arakelian (SWIS Worker) aaarakelian@mosaicbc.ca 778-773-2328

Canadian Parents for French

Furthering bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.