



January 2020

Upcoming Events in January

- Jan. 6- First Day of School after Christmas Break
- Jan. 6-17- Rhythm Resource (Drumming Classes)
- Jan. 8th- Discover New Westminster Schools @ Massey Theatre 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14th- Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting @ Qayqayt @ 6:00 p.m. in the library
- Jan. 15- PAC mtg.
- Jan. 20-24- Literacy Week



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Principal's News

Dear Families and Friends,

First let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a healthy and safe 2020! It is the first week of the New Year and the staff and students have quickly settling into their usual classroom routine.

I would like to thank Mrs. Leigh, the staff and students for a fabulous Christmas Concert. The students and staff should be very proud of their efforts and I hope that those of you who attended had a great afternoon and evening. I would also like to thank those Grade 5 students who helped to get classes ready for the afternoon and evening performances. Thank you to the students and their families who donated items to the PAC's gift baskets that were raffled off during the concert. It was a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to the PAC for the time they spent putting the beautiful baskets together.

The weather was not the greatest for our Jingle Jog on December 13th, but the students walked and ran carefully showing off their red, white and green as well as their Santa Hats, Reindeer Antlers, Christmas shirts and Jingle Bells.

In preparation for the possibility of severe weather conditions, we would like to remind parents/guardians that all schools in the New Westminster School District will remain open, if at all possible, during inclement weather including snowfalls.

In rare instances where a school closure is warranted, the decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced over the radio stations **CKNW AM 980 and CBC AM 690**. Phone calls and emails will also be made to parents and guardians who are part of our School Messenger System. Further school and district websites will be updated accordingly.

Student safety is our priority and we ask that if a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school then they should make alternate arrangements for their child. We also encourage parents/guardians to make advance alternate plans in the event of an unexpected school closure.

This term will be very busy inside and outside of the classroom and I encourage you to read this newsletter, read notices from your child's teacher, check out the school website, the PAC website and to attend PAC meetings.

As always, your support at home is appreciated and if you have comments, concerns or questions our doors are open.

Karen Catherwood

Principal

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2020/ 2021 REGISTRATION

1. Kindergarten

Children who **were born in 2015** are eligible to begin school in September 2020. Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins Monday, January 13th, 2020. Apply at your school between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding days schools are closed).

Please register your child before March 13th, 2020 for placement at your catchment school. Please check the district website for what documentation you will need for registration.

<http://newwestschools.ca/> (Registration)

2. In-Catchment

Grade 1-12: Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted at your catchment school, starting Monday, January 13th, 2020 for all students new to New Westminster. Students will be accommodated at their catchment school provided they have registered by 2:30p.m.on Friday, March 13th, 2020. Registrations received after March 13th, 2020 will be accommodated at the student's catchment school as space allows.

3. Out-of-Catchment AND In-District

Out-of-catchment and in-district students register first at their catchment school. They then fill out an Out-of-Catchment form at their catchment school during office hours between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 13th, 2020 and Friday, February 14th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. **Admission decisions at the desired school may not be made before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5th, 2020.** Catchment form can be found at:

<https://newwestschools.ca/registration/registration-information-forms/>

4. Out-of-District

Out-of-district students apply for admission at their preferred school during office hours between 9:30 a.m., Monday, January 13th, 2020 and Friday, February 14th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. **Admission decisions may not be made before 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 5th, 2020.** *Please note; you will need to register your child at his/her district school as per their requirements.

<https://newwestschools.ca/registration/registration-information-forms/>

5. French Immersion/Montessori

Prior to applying for Programs of Choice, students must first register at their catchment school from Monday, January 20, 2020 to Friday, February 14, 2020. Applications for Programs of Choice are accepted **on line from Monday, January 20th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on February 14th, 2020.**

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Rhythm Resource- School Wide Drumming Workshop

Rhythm Resource will be here from January 6-17, 2020 giving all of our students drumming lessons. In order to help fund this great opportunity, we are asking for \$4.00 from each student (Please go to School Cash-Online). The PAC and Qayqayt will also be contributing money towards this fantastic opportunity.

Please make sure that you have received the emails about the drumming workshop and the schedule (sent by email and posted above the calendar in this newsletter), for the Drumming Performances that will be happening on Friday, January 10 and Friday, January 17th.

Discover New Westminster Schools

On Wednesday, January 8: you're invited to [Discover New Westminster Schools!](#) Join us at the Massey Theatre from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and explore the programs, learning options and courses we have to offer our students Kindergarten to grade 12.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<https://qayqaytschool.ca/>

REDESIGNED CURRICULUM

Interested in learning more about the changes to the curriculum?

Check out:

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

School Learning Plan (SLP)

Our staff has worked very hard at developing our School Learning Plan for 2019-2020. **Our focus is on Assessment and Communication.** As you are an important part of your child's learning as well as the success of our school, we would like you take a minute to read over the plan for this year.

<https://qayqaytschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Qayqayt-SLP-2019-2020.pdf>

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Cold and Flu Season : We ask that parents continue to support the school by:

- Keeping children home when they are sick or have influenza symptoms.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick. If your child is sick, keeping your distance from others protects them from getting sick.
- Teaching children to consistently cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throwing the tissue away immediately.
- Ongoing reinforcement of effective and frequent handwashing with soap and water.
- Encouraging children not to touch their eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practicing other good health habits. Getting plenty of sleep, drinking plenty of fluids and eating nutritious food.

USE OF SCENTED PRODUCTS: The District recognizes that health concerns may arise from exposure to scented products. To assist with the right of employees and students to work in a safe and healthy environment, a scent-free environment is to be provided.

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.

Medical Information/Allergies

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.** Please do your best **not to send Nutella or Peanut Butter to school! Thank you!**



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Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program 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.



Parent Advisory Council

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, January 15th, 2019
@
7:00pm
In the Qayqayt Library

School Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted to our website
<https://qayqaytschool.ca/>

French Immersion Program of Choice

Information Night

Parents of students registering for Kindergarten and Grade 6 will be invited to an information night in January. Date TBD. We will send out more information as soon as we receive a date!

Canadian Parents for French

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

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Rhythm Resource- All the students in our school will be getting drumming lessons over the next 2 weeks. Div. 11-20 will be the first week with a performance on Friday, January 10 @ 1:25 p.m. which parents are welcome to attend. Div. 1-10 will be the second week with a performance on Friday, January 17 @ 1:25 p.m. which parents are welcome to attend. The Kindergartens will have lessons both weeks, but will not have a performance.

Upcoming Events in February

- Feb 12- PAC mtg
- Feb. 14- Pro-D Day- no school for students
- Feb. 17- Family Day (no school)
- Feb. 19- PAC movie night
- Feb. 25- Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 28- Jump Rope for Heart

January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 First Day back to school	7	8 Discover New West schools: Massey Theatre 6:00- 8:30 p.m.	9	10 Div. 11-20 Drumming Performance @ 1:25 p.m. Gym	11
12	13	14 Education Policy and Planning mtg @ 6:00 p.m. Qayqayt Library	15 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Div. 1-10 Drumming Performance @ 1:25 p.m. Gym	18
19	20 Literacy week	21	22 “Read my Shirt” Day!	23	24	25
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<https://qayqaytschool.ca>

Follow us on Twitter:
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COLD/SNOWY/RAINY DAYS:

With wet and cold winter weather 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 snow— warm coats and boots.** **When it snows, we recommend students come to school with a second pair of mittens or gloves because, if they get wet at recess, students find them uncomfortable to wear again at lunchtime. We also suggest keeping a change of shoes and socks at school for wet & snowy days.**

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.

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