



École Qayqayt Elementary School

February 2020

Upcoming Events in February

- Feb 4- Education Board mtg @ 6:00 p.m.- Qayqayt Library
- Feb 7- Last day for Parent/Guardian survey
- Feb 12- PAC mtg
- Feb 13- Red, Pink, White Day
- Feb. 14- Pro-D Day- no school for students
- Feb. 17- Family Day (no school)
- Feb. 19- PAC movie night
- Feb 25- PAC Value Village fundraiser
- Feb. 26- Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 28- Jump Rope for Heart



Principal's News

Dear Families and Friends,

Last month was a very busy start to a new decade. The students and staff quickly settled back into the daily routines. We started off the New Year with Rhythm Resource and instructor Daniel Duggan. This is the 3rd year our students have had drumming workshops over 2 weeks. The students learned all about the countries where the drums/instruments come from, how they are used and how to play them. Parents and staff attended a workshop with Daniel to learn about drumming. The highlight for everyone both weeks on Friday was the Drumming Performance Assembly by our students. It was amazing to see how much they had learned over the week and the performances were fantastic. Thank you to all the Families that were able to join us in the gym for the performances.

Literacy week was January 20-24th. It was such a great week for everyone at the school. Our staff organized DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) on the Monday, Read my Shirt on Wednesday and Dress as your Favourite Character on Friday. We had guest readers from the Board Office and NWPD throughout the week. It was lots of fun and we look forward to next year. A big thank you to the staff members that organized this event!

A big thank you to Mr. Pattern (ADST District Facilitator) and Qayqayt Big Buddies for helping our Grade 1's to build benches for our school as well as a Buddy Bench which we will put outside for students to use. They are fantastic!

We had a school closure in January. It was not safe for anyone to make their way to school on that day and we really appreciated all of our parents being so prepared for the possibility of a school closure due to severe weather conditions on this day. We are hoping that the severe weather is behind us and that sunnier days are ahead.

We are hosting the Education Policy and Planning meeting at our school on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in our library where we will make a short presentation to the board about our school. The Board of Education would love to have you come and join us for this meeting/presentation.

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

Karen Catherwood

Principal

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.**

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

PAC Value Village Fundraiser

The PAC had a mix up with Value Village and they are working with a new system for the donation collection and as such, their date has been rescheduled to February 25th. Collection will be from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

This gives everyone more time to collect and get others to collect. The PAC apologizes for the inconvenience to those that are already holding stuff and hope you can store just a bit longer.

Thank you for your support and your patience!

Qayqayt PAC

NWSS Musical Theatre Program
Presents a school's out production

Beauty and the Beast

February 26-29, 2020

Massey Theatre

Tickets: Adults \$20 | Students/Seniors
\$15 (plus surcharge)

www.masseytheatre.com

is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*-
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

Pink Shirt Day is February 26th, but everyday should be Pink Shirt Day!

What is the MDI? The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grade 4 and Grade 7. It asks them how they think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. Both the [Grade 4 questionnaire](#) and the [Grade 7 questionnaire](#) include questions related to the five areas of development that are strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement.

The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a questionnaire developed by Dr. Dan Offord and Dr. Magdalena Janus at the [Offord Centre for Child Studies](#) at McMaster University. The [questionnaire](#) has 104 questions and measures five core areas of early child development that are known to be good predictors of adult health, education and social outcomes.

To find out more about the MDI and EDI please click on the links below.

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/edi/>

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>

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.

Novel Coronavirus Update:

The B.C. Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced on January 28 that the first case of novel coronavirus has been confirmed in B.C. The latest official updates are located on the BC Centre for Disease Control website (<http://www.bccdc.ca/>).

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!**



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, February 12th, 2019

@

7:00pm

In the Qayqayt Library

PAC Movie Night
February 19th

School Newsletters

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

Canadian Parents for French

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



Our school goal is focused upon communicating student learning; as a parent/guardian your perspective is important. If you could please take a few moments to fill out our attached survey, it will help guide our next steps in working toward our School Learning Plan. The survey will be open until Friday.

<https://forms.gle/1sN5MA8iGEnCBfmDA>

Upcoming Events in March

- March 9-13- Lacrosse for all classes during gym periods
- March 11- PAC mtg @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 13- Report Cards Home
- March 16-27- Spring Break
- March 30- First day back after Spring Break

February

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2	3	4 Education Policy and Planning mtg @ 6:00 p.m. Qayqayt Library	5	6	7 Last day to complete survey- School Learning Plan	8
9	10	11	12 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	13 Red/Pink/White Day!	14 Professional Development Day- no school for students	15
16	17 Family Day (no school)	18	19 PAC Movie Night – Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.- movie @ 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25 VV Fundraiser Pick up day!	26 Pink Shirt Day May Day Assembly- Grade 3-5	27	28 Jump Rope for Heart	29



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Check us out on the web!

<https://qayqaytschool.ca>

Follow us on Twitter:

@QayqaytElem

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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