

## Principal's Final 2021-22 Message!

Dear Queen Elizabeth School Community!

We made it through another successful year! As we wind down the 2021-22 School Year I wanted to take an opportunity to share some of our recent activities and important reminders for this year and next.

### **Important Reminders:**

#### **Our Final Week of 2021-22 – Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – QE School Expansion Information Session. From 4:00 – 6:30 PM we will hold an Open House in the school gym for public stakeholders to meet School District staff and the project architects from KMBR, view the architectural renderings, ask questions and provide input on this exciting new project for our school community! Opportunities for input will include .... What amenities would you like to see? Do you support adding a second exit to Howes Street at the proposed front parking lot to improve traffic flow? Other Questions? Comments? Feedback?

We hope to See you there!

To assist in our preparation for the event, we would appreciate you indicating your intention to join us. Please [click here](#).

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – The last day of school for students. Students dismiss at 2 PM. For those families who have older QMS siblings picking up their elementary siblings please ensure you make alternate arrangements to have your child picked up at 2PM, as QMS dismisses at 3 PM on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Class Placements for 2022-23 School Year**

Class Placements have been made for the 2022-23 School Year. In early June each year, Teachers complete class placement cards for each of their students. On these cards they document Student Achievement Levels, Strengths, Needs and Friendships and use these cards to promote students into next year's classes. The cards serve as a way for teachers to sort and *visualize* classes and strive for optimal class size and composition. In late June teachers review their placements and make any needed changes or adjustments. Forming classes for the coming year is a very important step in our year end process to ensure a smooth start up in September and teachers engage in the task very thoughtfully and collaboratively.

A reminder that September 6<sup>th</sup>, students attend school for one hour (9:00 to 10:00 AM) and return to their 2021-22 classrooms. We use this day to account for all returning students in advance of our first full day on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon of September 6<sup>th</sup> we will communicate 2022-23 class placements to all Grade 1-4 families by Division, and students will arrive to their new classroom lineups on the morning of September 7<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that Kindergarten students do not attend school in the first week but follow our gradual intake schedule. Further details and reminders will be sent to all families in late August regarding September start up.

And finally a huge thank you to all our families for a wonderful 2021-22 school year. This Spring we saw a return to so many of the activities that staff, students and parents look forward to and it has been such a pleasure to see the smiles and enthusiasm on everyone's faces.

Fire Truck Day was a hit, and although duty called and an emergency took the truck away for the first hour we were able to fit all the students in with a little creativity and a modified schedule. Thank you so much to our hard working community partners for making this day so special for our students.



Our Choir performed an evening performance this past week at the Queensborough Community Centre bandshell. A huge thank you to Ms Mellor for your hours of work organizing and providing opportunities for students to perform at student assemblies, Music Monday at the high school and outdoor concerts for the community. To the Grade 3/4 choir students ... you sang beautifully and should be very proud of your accomplishments. We look forward to next year.

Outdoor Learning and Bee Keeping were highlights in our Primary Classrooms this Spring. Not a day went by that students weren't growing, exploring, digging and creating in our school garden. Thank you so much to the PAC, Carly Ballarin, Alveole and YOU for making our Bee Hive project a reality this year. And particular thanks to the Gerack's, our community partners,

who live across Salter street and hosted our hive for the remainder of this year. Please continue to look for updates on the BUZZ at our [MY HIVE SITE](#) as we near the honey harvest this summer.



From our QE Family to yours – Have a Fantastic Summer!

P. Manville