




What's Happening at Queen Elizabeth Elementary

Week of October 9-13

<p>MONDAY, October 9, 2023</p> <p>Thanksgiving!</p>  <p>Reminder that October 9 is a holiday and there is no school on Monday. This is a great time to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives.</p>	 <p>Fall has officially arrived.</p>
<p>TUESDAY, October 10, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A warm welcome to Sarah Phelan as Principal for Queen Elizabeth Elementary School. Sarah comes to us from FW Howay Elementary. 	
<p>WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JSYK- Last week the first Fire Drill was cancelled, it will be rescheduled. 	<p>WHAT'S COMING UP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 9: Thanksgiving (no school) October 16: Book Fair Week October 18-19: Parent/Teacher Interviews-Early Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m. Oct. 19 Great Shake Out October 20: Provincial Professional Development Day (no school for students) October 25: Earthquake Drill October 26: Collaboration Day- Early Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m. October 27: Pumpkin Run October 27: PAC Pizza Day Lunch for Students
<p>THURSDAY, October 12, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a Terrific Thursday 	
<p>FRIDAY, October 13, 2023</p> <p>Please mark your calendars as next week there is lots happening at QE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Fair- looking for volunteers- see below. Parent Teacher Interviews- look for information from your child's teacher. Provincial Professional Day- no school 	

Bookfair Volunteers Needed

QE's Book Fair is coming up the week of October 16-19. Money raised goes towards library books and Maker Space items. Jobs include setup, takedown, cashiering and assisting students. You are welcome to have your child with you when volunteering.

Please complete the volunteer form and submit by October 10 if you can help out. Thank you for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/eCC4VX2rkc>

If you have any questions, please contact the librarian at rtoor@sd40.bc.ca

Pizza Lunch Day:

The PAC are excited to bring Pizza Lunch Days back to Queen Elizabeth Elementary. The first Pizza Lunch is on October 27, the same day as the Pumpkin Run.

Look for information coming your way soon on how to order. Cost for two slices will be \$4.50.

School Cash Online

Please ensure you have a school cash online account set up and ready. We use this account to process all payments to the school for planners, field trips, graduation hoodies, etc. **Perhaps more importantly we use this system to complete school permissions for technology use, walking field trips and media and photo use.** Your child will not be able to participate in these activities until these permissions are completed. You will find the School Cash Online on the school website and on the link below:

<https://queenelizabethschool.ca/register-now-for-school-cash-online/>

Student Verification Information:

If you have not done so already, can you please complete the Student Verification sheet that was sent home for families to update contact information and return it by the end of the week. Having up to date contact information is very important. Much appreciated.

Pumpkin Run: Students from K-4 will be participating in the Pumpkin Run on October 27. The route remains the same as the Terry Fox Run. Come cheer your child on and join in the fun.



Times for each grades' run are listed below:

9:30 Kindergarten 11:00 Grade 1/2 11:45 Grade 3/4

Save-On kindly donates the pumpkins of which we are very appreciative. After the run in the afternoon, classes are asked to provide the names of two lucky draw winners who will venture into the Garden Pumpkin Patch and select the pumpkin of their choice.

Traffic: Please help us keep our students safe.

As we are now in October and weather is changing, we want to remind families of Traffic Safety in and around the school. **30 km/h School Zone** markings are up and around our school. They serve as a visual reminder to slow down, particularly on Salter as it is a busy pedestrian area at drop off (8:50 AM) and pick up (3:00 PM).

Drop off parking is limited in front of the school, and this is purposeful. We do not want more cars in front of the school, and we ask that you leave early, park further away on Salter or other side streets and walk the short distance to your class lineups each day.

Staff Parking Lot – We ask that you please do not park in the staff lot at drop off and pick up times unless using you must use the handicapped zone. These spots are needed for our staff, especially as our school is growing.

Please be reminded that there is a clearly posted NO STOPPING zone at the junction of Carter and Salter Street. This is our most challenging area, as the road narrows here and any vehicles parked in the no stopping zone impedes two-way traffic. This results in delays and unsafe conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Walking School Bus: Kids commute is designed to create a safe and enjoyable way for children to travel to and from school. It involves a group of students walking together under the supervision of dedicated adult walk leaders, creating a “walking bus route” children can join and walk to and from school together.

The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) has launched this new program. Kid Commute, a Walking School Bus initiative (WSB). This initiative is made possible by funding from TransLink; provided as part of their regional Youth Travel Strategy. The program is being delivered by SCY in partnership with the city of New Westminister and the New Westminister School District. Qayqayt, Queensborough Middle and QE Elementary are the pilot schools.

