

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AT QUEENSBURY!



## Orientation

This year, more than ever, we are looking forward to welcoming small groups of students, at prescribed times as emailed.

It is important to attend this orientation as it allows for students to be introduced to their new school and surroundings. Due to the complexities of scheduling orientation for all Kindergarten students, we thank parents in advance for your flexibility in meeting at your child's assigned times (as per your email):

## School "nerves"

The first few days of school can be difficult for both students and parents, especially our newest learners entering Kindergarten. Nervousness when beginning something new is very common at any age! Stay calm and reassure your child that everything will be great!

Anxiety Canada has produced an informative and engaging video. Click [HERE](#) for tips from their



## A Message from the Office

Dear Families,

We are pleased to welcome you to Queensbury and begin by thanking the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Skwxwu7mesh Nation and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose traditional territory our school and the North Vancouver School District resides. We value this opportunity to learn, share, and grow on this traditional territory. We are ready and excited to meet your child in September!

At Queensbury, we strive to provide a safe, caring, engaging, and inclusive learning environment for all learners. We do this with a focus on recognizing and valuing the diversity of the school community and that every member of our community has a place

## We are the Queensbury Wolves

The Wolf Symbol represents loyalty, strong family ties, good communication, education, understanding, and intelligence. Of all land animals, the Wolf is a very social and communicative creature, he uses body movement, touch, and sound. The Wolf Symbol has an important cultural significance to first Nations in North America.

## We believe....

At Queensbury we believe that all members of our community should feel safe, welcomed and valued.

***We are:***

***"respectful, responsible,  
resourceful"***

## A message from our PAC President

On behalf of all the parents at Queensbury, I would like to welcome you to our school! We look forward to getting to know you in the upcoming year and adding your voice to our school community. Please view our website [CLICK HERE](#).

(or [queensburypac.com](http://queensburypac.com))

See you soon!

Janice Phillips

and a story. We recognize that, in order for a student to experience success, they must feel safe, both physically and emotionally, as well as valued for being themselves. We also recognize that every student has a responsibility for contributing to our learning environment in ensuring that others feel safe and valued.

As your child transitions into the school setting, we encourage you to visit the NVSD website for Social Emotional Learning resources, click [HERE](#)

Please visit our school website [HERE](#) to view helpful resources like our Kindergarten readiness flyer. Information regarding Kindergarten Gradual Entry will be shared by email.

Looking forward to seeing you in May!



Randy Holman, Principal  
and Helen Chambers, Vice  
Principal

## Queensbury is a Second Step School

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### What Is Second Step? (<https://www.secondstep.org>)

It's a difference you can feel the moment you step through the doors to a Second Step school: a sense of safety and respect grounded in the social-emotional health and well-being of the entire school community. Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to encourage children to thrive. More than just a classroom curriculum, Second Step's holistic approach helps create a more empathetic society by providing education professionals, families, and the larger community with tools to enable them to take an active role in the social-emotional growth and safety of today's children.

## Information and quick links for your information

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[Vancouver Coastal Health](#)

[Ministry of Education Kindergarten Video](#)

[Canada Food Guide](#)

[NVSD Kindergarten Orientation Video](#)

[Canadian 24hour Movement Guidelines](#)

[Supporting the transition to Kindergarten at home](#)

[BC Curriculum](#)

[Hollyburn Family Services](#)

[North Vancouver City Library](#)

