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## Queensbury News

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### IMPORTANT NEWS

At our school, one of our most important goals is to create a strong sense of belonging for every student, and we do that by focusing on care and respect. Belonging means that every single one of us – students, staff, and families – feels like a valued part of our school community. It is about knowing that we are accepted for who we are, and it starts with how we treat each other. Care and respect are the foundation for building a positive, welcoming environment where everyone can learn and grow.

Caring for one another means we go beyond just being nice. It is about truly looking out for the well-being of others. It can be as simple as smiling at a classmate, saying ‘good morning’ to a staff member, helping someone who is struggling, or offering a kind word when someone needs it. When we show care, we let others know that they matter and that they are not alone. Care helps us build friendships and trust, and it makes our school feel like a safe and happy place to be.

Respect is just as important. Respect means treating others the way we want to be treated. It is about listening when someone is speaking, valuing different opinions, and understanding that we all have something unique to offer. We do not have to be the same to get along. In fact, our differences make our school stronger! Respecting each other’s ideas, backgrounds, and experiences is how we learn and grow together. Whether it is in the classroom, on the playground, or during after-school activities, showing respect helps everyone feel included and important.

When we practice care and respect daily, we create a community where everyone feels like they belong. That sense of belonging helps staff and students feel safe, confident, and excited to come to school. It encourages all of us to be our best selves because we know that we’re in a place where people care about us and where our contributions are valued. So let us remember that by showing care and respect, we can make our school a place where everyone feels proud to be part of the community. Together, we can build a school where every staff, student, and family knows they belong and where each person is supported to reach their full potential!

With care and respect,

Mr. Johal, Principal

Ms. Chambers, Vice Principal



We support an inclusive learning environment where everyone is welcome.

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### GUIDING BELIEFS

Education at Queensbury provides all children an equal opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to maximize their potential in intellectual, social, and physical development.

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### MISSION

We believe:

- in fostering an environment so that everyone feels welcome and included;
- everyone matters;
- every child should have the opportunity to succeed;
- teaching self-awareness and self-management is important for students, staff, and parents; and
- in collaborating with parents and community partners for the success of all learners.

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### SCHOOL PLAN

**Goal #1** – Enhance a sense of belonging.

**Goal #2** – Increase student engagement.

Please review for the complete [School Plan](#).

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### CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be mindful that all members of the Queensbury School Community are expected to be *Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful*.

Click [here](#) for the full Code of Conduct.

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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətał Nation, whose unceded traditional territory North Vancouver School District and Queensbury Elementary reside on. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

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## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND PARADE

On Thursday, October 31, students and staff will participate in a morning parade, and everyone is welcome to wear their costumes to school. However, there are a few guidelines for what is appropriate at school:

- No masks that fully cover the face—students must be able to see clearly;
- Be respectful and mindful of cultural attire;
- No gore, bleeding masks, or anything that may frighten younger children;
- No weapons of any kind, including decorative ones.

**Parents/guardians, please help us follow these rules and also keep in mind the following:**

- We are a peanut-free and nut-aware school, and some students and staff have severe allergies—please do not send candies containing nuts or peanuts;
- No sharing of candy or any food;
- Limit the amount of candy your child brings to school.

Participation in this event is optional. We thank Ms. Labee and Ms. Breg for organizing the parade!

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

The RCMP met with Mr. Johal to address traffic safety concerns and are aware of the challenges our school faces with unsafe drivers. Moving forward, the RCMP will have a more visible presence to ensure our school community stays safe and that drivers follow road rules. For those dropping off students, please do so quickly while staying in your vehicle, and use only the designated DROP OFF / PICK UP areas. The staff parking lot is not to be used for drop-offs. Please take a moment to review the important information [safe routes to school](#). We thank all of the drivers who continue to follow the rules of the road and support safe driving habits.

One specific concern is at the four-way stop at Moody Avenue and 19th Street. Our crossing guards have observed that while most drivers and cyclists are following the procedures, some are still not coming to a complete stop. The RCMP has asked that any incidents be reported to help keep everyone using the crosswalk safe. The school will continue to collaborate with the RCMP and the Queensbury PAC to promote traffic safety. With your cooperation, we aim to ensure everyone's safety.

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER UPDATE: TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday, September 20, staff and students took part in the Terry Fox Run at school, collecting "Toonies for Terry" in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Our fundraising goal was \$650, and we're thrilled to announce that we exceeded it, raising an impressive \$939! A big thank you to the Queensbury Community for contributing to such a meaningful cause. As a result, Mr. Johal and Ms. Chambers had to wear funny costumes, and on Friday, October 4, Mr. Johal dressed up as a hot dog while Ms. Chambers dressed up as a minion. Thank you again for supporting the Terry Fox Foundation!



Students and staff tie 'ribbons of hope' for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 18

Gr 6/7 Boys' Basketball Game at 3:30

### OCTOBER 21

Gr 6/7 Boys' Basketball Game at 3:30

### OCTOBER 22

Gr 6/7 Girls' Basketball Game at 3:30

### OCTOBER 23

Gr 1-7 Tree Planting at Greenwood Park

### OCTOBER 24

Cross Country Gr 4/5 at Loutet Park at 3:30  
Hot Lunch

### OCTOBER 25

Pro-D Day District wide – No School

### OCTOBER 30

Staff Collab Day – 1:50 pm dismissal  
Cross Country Gr 6/7 @ Loutet 3:30

### OCTOBER 31

Halloween

Diwali

Hot Lunch

### NOVEMBER 4

Grade 6s to Outdoor School  
Photo Retake Day

Please click [here](#) for the full calendar.