

Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – April 2023

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is an integral part of education and human development. SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

SEL advances educational equity and excellence through authentic school and family-community partnerships to establish learning environments and experiences that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation. SEL can help address various forms of inequity and empower young people and adults to co-create thriving schools and contribute to safe, healthy, and just communities.

On behalf of QC, in partnership with Public School Branch (PSB) and Department of Education and Lifelong Learning (DELL) we continue to co-create, develop, and establish our SEL framework based around five main competencies: self-awareness, social awareness, responsible decision-making, self-management, and relationship skills. Along with supporting and talking about the main competencies, we want to continue to establish equitable and positive learning environments. The key settings to establish and foster youth choice, engagement, and family and community partnerships include four collaborative environments - in classrooms, across the school, families/caregivers, and within our learning community. Together, we will continue to develop our SEL framework for all QC Coyotes!

VOICE AND CHOICE INITIATIVE

During the 2022-2023 school year, we have been listening and offering opportunities to gather feedback from our students and staff to support our social and emotional learning environment here at QC. In collaboration with students and staff, we are making an adjustment to wearing hats and hoodies within our school during instructional learning time. Beginning in April and until the end of this school year, students can wear a hat and/or hoodie (hood) during the school day, along with a few exceptions - hats and hoodies will be removed during O'Canada, during specialist classes - Phys. Ed or Industrial Tech/Cooking classes, as it impedes vision and safety in these areas, and if we have a guest speaker, assembly in school or at a school-sanctioned event. We will review the adjustment in wearing a hat and/or hoodie before the end of June to see if it continues or other adjustments need to be discussed with students and staff. We were very impressed by the three-week trial period that our students and staff went through in March while we "piloted" wearing a hat and/or hoodie during the school day. We will continue to work together, collaborate, and advocate for student and staff voice and choice within our QC SEL developing framework. We are Coyotes!

GRADE SIX BAND TESTING (for incoming grade seven students)

In April our band program instructor, Mr. MacInnis will visit our feeder schools to promote our band program for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Band testing will take place at Queen Charlotte in the band room on the following dates:

- West Royalty and St. Jean – Monday, April 17, 3:30 to 4:15 PM.
- Spring Park and West Kent – Tuesday, April 18, 3:30 to 4:15 PM.

The alternate date for the listening test is April 20 from 3:15 to 4:00 at Queen Charlotte School. The alternate date is for students from all schools who were unable to attend the original testing dates. Please make every effort to attend on the primary testing date for your respective school.

EASTER SEALS CAMPAIGN

Our QC students and staff are excited to put together several fundraising activities to support our annual Easter Seals campaign. Student Council Executive and our HR class reps will be raising funds with the following school wide activities: "Freezies for Easter Seals", Theme Days, and donation options. We are excited to welcome our Easter Seal ambassadors on April 12.

LIBRARY

The library accepts donations of new or gently used teen/young adult fiction. If you're looking to do some spring cleaning, feel free to send in any books that might need a new home. If they can't be used in our library collection, they may be added to our 'Book for a Buck' spring fundraiser!

PAN CANADIAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program is an assessment that measures the knowledge and skills of Grade 8 Canadian students in three subjects: science, reading, and mathematics. This assessment was developed by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). PCAP 2023 will focus mainly on science. However, students will also respond to reading and mathematics questions. We will have two grade 8 classes completing PCAP 2023 on April 19 and 20 here at QC. When we have the updated lists from PCAP national for the classes that have been randomly selected, we will send along more information to the students and parents/guardians during April 11 to 14.

FRENCH WEEK

Queen Charlotte will be celebrating our French week from April 17 to 20. Our students will participate in a variety of activities centered around French culture and language. Vive la francophonie!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 – 8:35 A.M. Breakfast is free and everyone is welcome. Breakfast usually consists of granola bars, fruit, and juices. If any parents, students or teachers are interested in volunteering at our Breakfast Program, please contact Kim Muise at kmcdonald@edu.pe.ca.

ATHLETICS

Queen Charlotte had a great turnout at the PEISAA Wrestling Zones on April 3 at Birchwood Intermediate School. All QC wrestlers advanced to the Provincials on Saturday, April 15 at Birchwood Intermediate School. Madelyn Blair Downie finished third in her weight class for bantam girls and in Intermediate boys Carson McBride and Ben Doyle finished second in their respective weight classes. Isaac Landry, Ronan Lannigan, Marley Penney and Zander O’Meara received automatic golds and are also off to wrestle for the provincial wrestling titles next week. .

Badminton is underway at Queen Charlotte and four teams have been selected. Intermediate girls: Thi Pham, Helen Pham, Mihika Verma, Ellie Mullins, Ariel Wu, and Lehar Upreti.

Intermediate boys: Theo Plourde, Frankie McNutt, Eason Wang, Vincent Nguyen, Fadi Mayaleh, Henry Nguyen, and Seth Lawless.

Bantam girls: Lexie Singleton, Heloise Brugali, Ava Bradley, Samhita Dhanaselean, Julie Ghiz, Veronica Li, and Ruby Dorsey.

Bantam boys: Aiden Smith, Michael Cheng, Mackenzie Singleton, Matt Singleton, Nate Silvaggio, Kaiden Blackman, and Kayden Doan.

Best of luck to those athletes who qualify for zones. The doubles Zone meet will be held on April 17.

Intermediate boys will compete in zones at East Wiltshire Intermediate School; Intermediate girls will compete at Birchwood Intermediate School. Bantam boys at Stonepark Intermediate School and Bantam girls at Francios Buote School.

The singles Zone meet will take place on April 19 at East Wiltshire School. April 20 will be the singles finals with the location TBD.

PEISAA badminton provincial preliminaries for singles and doubles in all divisions will take place on Tuesday, April 25. The crossovers and finals will be Saturday, April 29.

The QC Phys Ed Department would like to thank the Murphy Community Center, UPEI Athletics and Recreation Department and Holland College Athletics for offering their space for our physical education classes while our gym was being restored after hurricane Fiona. We would also like to thank all the EA’s and bus drivers who were with us for every trip. We are so excited to spend the last few months of the school year back in our home gym at QC!

QC HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

Our next QC Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 PM in our school cafeteria. If you have any items to put forward for the agenda, please send them to our QC H & S Committee chair, Karma McCallum at shaitanee@hotmail.com

Dates to Remember:

April

- 06 Home & School meeting (6:00 PM)
- 07 Good Friday (no classes)
- 10 Easter Monday (no classes)
- 12 East Seals Tour visit
- 21 School Goals Day (no classes)

May

- 05 Area Association Day (no classes)
- 19 Professional Development Day (no classes)
- 22 Victoria Day (no classes)