

This Week at QJS June 6, 2021

**Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with
*Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness***

Moving Forward Together – Visit to CSS



At QJS, the end of the year is coming up quickly. Staff are working to help grade 9 students and families prepare for their move to Correlieu, and to help grade 7 students and families get ready for fall at QJS. We recognize times of transition have challenges for all. Please be sure to contact the school if you have questions or concerns.



As the end of the year approaches, PODs and Houses will be planning individually. Watch for information from classroom teachers.

June 7 NI Day and Learning for Teachers

QJS teachers spent time today working with Sandra Herbst, a Canadian Leader in Education, in a workshop titled: *Assessment in the Service of Learning: of Equity... of Hope...*



Her tireless efforts to increase student achievement earned a nomination for the Lieutenant Governor's Elementary School Classroom Teacher Award and the YMCA Women of Distinction Award. She has served as President of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents and as President of the Manitoba Affiliate of ASCD. Sandra is a coaching trainer, promoting the 'invisible skills' and cognitive awareness that strengthen educators' effectiveness.

Staff worked with Sandra to develop equity through pedagogy, identifying various effective instructional and assessment strategies to better engage and support students as learners. Exciting work, especially as we embark into our school wide POD structure (smaller learning groups) and school wide inclusion next year.



Recognition of the 215 Children found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

This week many students and classes focused conversations and learning, intended to help grow understanding and empathy for all affected by this discovery. We will continue to work with the community to find ways we can support.

PAC UPDATE

Next Virtual meeting – Wednesday, June 16 at 6:30

Executive.

Melissa Pollock – President
Kelly Olsen - Vice President
Tania Fucceneco – Treasurer
Nancy Lilienweiss – Secretary





**English can be hands on learning also!
Creating Dream Catchers, with the help of
Sheila Gilpin, in connection to English novel
study and learning about Indigenous ways.**



**Nuts & Scents
Free School**



Upcoming Dates

June 23 – Last day for students and support staff

June 29 – Report cards (and posted on the Parent Portal) ready for pick up for grade 8 and 9 students. We will have a table set up at the main doors for families to pick up hard copies of student report cards June 29, June 30, and July 5 – 9.

To pick up please call the office 250-747-2103.



NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER Information for Parents



Reminder: Appropriate Cell Phone Use at School

Please have a conversation with your child about the importance of safe and responsible use of the phone you let them use. Many classes have processes in place to help students learn to use their technology for educational purposes and teachers work with students to use phones as learning tools, however, phones are not required for academic learning at QJS.

Responsible use of cell phones continues to present challenges for some students. Young people are learning how to navigate the complex communication on social media and the on-line world. A reminder to parents/guardians, the person who owns the cell phone contract is responsible for the content on the phone.

SD 28 Electronic Devices Policy and PROCEDURES (excerpt) - The Board of Education believes that cell phones and other digital devices can play an important role in education and communication with permission from the supervising teacher. Students may carry electronic devices and may use them as follows:

- 1. Elementary Schools will set electronic device use rules for non-instructional times that support their individual school.**
- 2. At Junior and Secondary Schools, electronic devices may be used during non-instructional times provided this does not interfere with the operation of the school.**
- 3. Cell phones and other digital devices will not be used in change rooms or**

washrooms. Electronic devices will not be used to take pictures in change rooms or washrooms.

4. During instructional time, the use of electronic devices is for the purpose of student learning.

5. Cell phones must not be used during a school lockdown.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action. Cell phone and electronic device use is covered by the School and the District Code of Conduct.

****If you have concerns or would like support for your child please contact one of our counselors:**

Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca

Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca



Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.

We work with families and students to resolve issues.

**Contact us: Mrs. Simpson 250-255-6057,
Ms. Withey 250-991-2173,
Office 250-747-2103**

School safety is a shared responsibility that requires cooperation, collaboration and communication.

For more resources on bullying, what it is and what to do.

Check out: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

<http://www.sd28.bc.ca/content/bullying-concerns>

Absent or Away?

Let us know.

Call 250-747-2103, or

Email qjs@sd28.bc.ca

You are able to enter an absence on the form located on our website

<http://www.qjs.sd28.bc.ca/>

CLOSED CAMPUS

Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Students remain on campus unless a parent/guardian picks them up.

Picking up your child? Please call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know you are here to pick up your child. We will give your child a **permission slip to show staff we have recorded them absent at the office.**