

# This Week At QJS      October 23, 2020

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

## EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION

~ THE NEW SCHOOL BECOMING A REALITY



**TUESDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**An EPIC moment!**

**It has officially begun; the first sod has been turned for the new school.**

**Students who represented our school at the ceremony were:**

<b>Dice Clement</b>	<b>Aja Bedard</b>	<b>Owen Rowsell</b>
<b>Danielle Paul</b>	<b>Daneeta Aulakh</b>	<b>Preston Kirsh</b>



Now we become a construction zone. Please contact us any time you have questions or concerns. We will all be working together as the school is built.

It will be exciting to see the progress over the next few months.



**Tues. Oct. 27 + Wed. Oct. 28**

**Early Release Days and  
Parent Teacher Interviews**  
*~everything looks different these days*

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE - Busses Arrive 11:45

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Duration
8:28-9:03	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	35 minutes
9:08-9:43	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	35 minutes
9:48-10:23	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	35 minutes
10:28-11:03	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	35 minutes
11:08-11:40	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	32 minutes

**Due to COVID-19 and limiting numbers of people in the building, we will NOT be running Parent-Teacher face-to-face interviews.**

Teachers may send home a mid-term report on progress so far. This might look like student work samples and self-assessments, a progress checklist or print out.



You may also contact your teacher by Email or Phone to arrange for further conversations about your child's success so far. Teachers are open to communicate with you throughout the year. In a few cases the team is able to arrange a video conference (Google MEET). We know success happens when we work together.

### Health & Safety Reminders:

Daily Health Check: students should not be coming to school if feeling unwell

Please remind your children:

- Sanitize hands every time you enter/leave a space
- Masks on when in halls
  - not able to physical distance + mixed cohorts
- 1 person at a time in bathrooms
- Avoid hallways whenever possible
  - enter and exit via nearest door
- Avoid close contact with others



**We are 5 weeks free from any exposures; a relief to all!**

**We continue to be as careful as possible in our school, to keep everyone safe. Please continue to help your children understand the importance of safety procedures and following directions of the adults who are trying to keep us all safe.**

## **Contest Question?**

**How many masks do you think we have given out at QJS since September 10th?**

**Answer: since the start of school we have given out over 800 masks.**

**The BC Government provided enough for 2 for each child for the year. They are an important step in our defense any time we cannot maintain our 2 meter (6 feet) distance!**

**Please help your child create a routine for keeping their mask clean and handy each day. We will continue to provide a mask when necessary but these additional costs and garbage add up.**



**Stay Safe and Be Seen**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**Friday Oct 30  
Reminders for  
school: No replica  
weapons or costume  
masks (medical masks  
only for school)**

## Learning Robotics ~ Taking our Bots for a Walk!



**SAYING OUR GOODBYES...** this week we officially said good bye to a few key staff members. We appreciate the ways they have helped both students and staff grow and learn at QJS.

**Retiring:** Clair Brown (Education Assistant), Lisa Wild (Education Assistant), and Leanne Couldwell (Financial Secretary)

**We also say adieu to Suzanne Bolin (Past Principal QJS) who is moving on to be our new Director of Instruction: Curriculum Development at DAO.**



**We wish you all the best, and as you can see the QJS Gremlins go with them as a reminder that “*they maybe can’t escape quite so easily*” ☺**

**Cold Weather Arriving ~ What are our plans?**



**Morning Options:**

**Need to eat?**

**Gr 8 GYM:** cohorts may sit in the gym on their designated bench while they eat or drink.

**Gr 9 CAFÉ:** cohorts may sit in their designated area in the CAFÉ while they eat or drink.

**Students may be in the school (masks on in hallways and common spaces and visiting calmly) until classes begin or outside until the bell rings.**

**Lunch Options:**

**Cafeteria – in section with Learning Cohort to eat or visit. Mask back on once finished eating due to the lack of extra ventilation in the room. \***

**Outside – to play and visit without masks maintaining physical distance**

**Library – Scheduled by Learning Cohort – one cohort /day**

Grade 8 Lunch Time 10:47-11:30		Grade 9 Lunch Time 11:40-12:23	
Monday	POD 1	Monday	House 1 (Cohort 1)
Tuesday	POD 2	Tuesday	House 1 (Cohort 2)
Wednesday	POD 3	Wednesday	House 2 (Cohort 1)
Thursday	POD 4	Thursday	House 2 (Cohort 2)
Friday	Closed – booked for special events	Friday	Closed – booked for special events

**We are working of creating other spaces for students at lunch and will keep you posted as we are able.**



**~Volleyball starting soon we had our first meeting and, with special safety routines in place, students will begin training soon. It is not too late for your child to sign up. GR 9 Girls see Mr. Sull; GR 8 Girls + Boys see Mr. Tarling if you are interested.**

## Questions, comments or concerns?

Please, always contact us. We want to work with you and your family to create a great learning experience for our students. Problems we don't know about rarely get solved, makes sense right? When we work together we work to create the best possible plans.

## Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

**October 23- PRO-D day- No school for students**

**October 24- BC Provincial Election (Be sure to VOTE)**

**October 27 and 28- EARLY DISMISSAL**

**November 11 Remembrance Day- No school for students**

**November 27 Non Instruction Day- No school for students**







