

The Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter

ACT OF GENEROSITY - HAITI

Students and staff at Queen Charlotte have raised a total of \$1300 to help the Haitian relief effort. These funds will be matched by the federal government. Thanks to everyone for a great effort to help those in need.

HOME AND SCHOOL February 14 - 20 is National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. The Canadian Home and School Federation sponsors the appreciation week and encourages parents and communities throughout Canada to recognize the important personal and professional contributions of teachers and school staff to children's lives and education. Everyone is encouraged to show appreciation in their own way such as a written note to a staff member. On behalf of the school community, the Queen Charlotte Home and School Association will host a noon luncheon for teachers and staff on Thursday, February 18. If you are able to help with the luncheon, please contact Joanne Dunne at 368-8860 or joanne@dunnegroup.ca.

Several parents have volunteered to work with a committee developing the courtyard into a green space for staff and students. Watch for details! The next meeting of the Queen Charlotte Home and School will be on April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to extend congratulations to Rebecca MacLeod on the birth of her new baby, Mallory Joy who was born on January 11.

"A" BOYS BASKETBALL

Queen Charlotte will conduct an "A" Boys basketball program in February. All interested boys are invited to participate in the program at our gym on the following Saturday dates from 11:00 - 12:30: February 6, 13, 20, 27. A release form must be completed before playing.

NOON SKATES

Queen Charlotte students are invited to participate in our Wednesday noontide skate program at Simmons Sport Arena. We will have skates on the following dates: February 3, 10, 17 & 24 and March 3.

LATE OR ABSENT STUDENTS

If students are going to be late for school, please send a note with your child. If your child will be absent for the day, you can e-mail the homeroom teacher or call the main office.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

There will be a parent information meeting for incoming grade seven students on Tuesday, February 2 (storm date: February 16) at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Registration for grade seven French immersion will take place during the week of February 22 - 26. Please register your child at his/her elementary school.

ISLANDER DAY There will not be any classes for students on Monday, February 15.

DANCE

The next dance will take place on Thursday, February 25 from 7:00 - 9:30. The cost is \$5 and the theme is jungle.

WELCOME We want to welcome Donna Greggory our new OJT from the Holland College Human Services Program. Also, we would like to welcome Doug McKinney who is a pre-service teacher from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. McKinney will be working with Mr. Pendergast in the grade seven.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, February 4 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Friday, February 5 from 9:00 - 11:30 and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.. A new format is being introduced this semester and there will not be any set appointments. Parents will be able to visit with the homeroom teacher as well as other subject/specialist teachers.

New Format:

- No prearranged interviews.
- Interviews will be with individual subject teachers and not just the home room teacher.
- Interviews will vary in length but on average will be three to five minutes. Arrangements can be made with the teacher to meet at a later date for anyone who requires more time.
- Teachers will be stationed in the cafeteria and gymnasium area in alphabetical order by last name:
 - A to F Cafeteria
 - G to M Gymnasium 'A'
 - N to W Gymnasium 'B'
- Teacher names and subjects will be clearly indicated in the cafeteria and gym. We will also have several peer helpers available to assist parents find their child's teachers.
- For your convenience, please make sure you know what homeroom your child is in (eg: 7a, 8b, 9d, etc.) and even better, please bring a list of teachers whom you would like to meet.
- Parents are also asked to introduce themselves and to indicate the name of their child when meeting each teacher.
- Language interpreters, for those parents who require them, will be available on Friday morning and afternoon only and will be available on a first-come first-serve basis.
- After the interviews on February 4 and 5, parents who could not attend, are asked to please contact the subject teacher to setup an interview time.
- After interviews, the opinions of staff and parents will be obtained through a web survey to assess the success, benefits, and pitfalls of this new format and a decision will be made from this information to decide what format to use in the future.

We thank everyone for their flexibility in moving to this format for this set of interviews

STAFF CHANGES

Beginning Monday, February 1, Karen Cooper returned to a French Immersion assignment replacing Buffy Forbes-Currie who is now on leave and awaiting the arrival of her baby. Amy MacNeill replaces Karen Cooper in taking over the position left when Mrs. Reardon went on maternity leave in January.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE HOCKEY SKILLS ACADEMY vs K-ROCK

A big thanks goes out to everyone involved in the game vs K-Rock. We raised almost \$900 for the program and the students had a blast. K-Rock gave the kids memories that they will never forget - pie in the face, sun screen, mini sticks just to name a few. Special thanks to K-Rock, Trevor MacNeill, Ted Nabuurs, Chris MacKinnon, Parker Grimmer, Jonathan Cairns, Stephen White and Dean Campbell for all their support and effort during the evening.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Club runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 8:35 a.m.. Breakfast is free to all! Anyone interested in volunteering at the Breakfast Club should contact the school or Sue at lynnandsue@pei.eastlink.ca.

OUR WEBSITE

www.edu.pe.ca/queencharlotte We are using our website as a means of communicating with students, parents and the school community at large. Links include: daily announcements, access to the newsletter, an up-to-date school calendar, contact information, as well as other important school information. Please keep this in mind when looking for information about our school.

FOOTPRINTS

We have been finding a lot of students making a good impression and doing good deeds. The following students received a footprints card of thanks, a small gift from McDonald's and have been recognized for contributing to make Queen Charlotte a better place for the month of January:

Cody McPhee	D'Arcy Bell
Jonny Haddad	Tyler Pineau
Emily Hennessey	Braden Coffin
Bailey Carr	Jun Yi
Jason Ruan	Jason Cui
Stephen Poirier	Linden Robinson
Matthew Wilton	Angelina Tweel
Mark Zaken	Zac Elsinga
Corey Ford	Riley MacLean

SKI NIGHTS There are a few evenings booked for our students to enjoy ski or snow board nights at Brookvale Provincial Ski Park. Our first date was cancelled due to poor snow conditions so those students who have already paid will have the option of attending on February 10. If there are a few spaces left, an announcement will be made for more students to sign up. Students will also have the opportunity to go on February 24 and March 10. Parent chaperones are more than welcome and necessary for these evenings to be a success. For more information contact Ms. Heusdens at the school.

OTTAWA/QUEBEC GRADE NINE TRIP

There will be an important meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. for parents and guardians of students traveling on the grade nine trip to Québec and Ottawa.

Please note the final payment for the trip is due on Friday, February 19. We will be sending an email out prior to the meeting informing you of the amount.

As usual, we will post notes about items discussed during the meeting on the school website under the grade nine trip info link. Hope to see you all there!

TRIP FUND RAISER

Tickets will be sold during parent-teacher interviews for a "Samsung Instinct" (pre-paid phone valued at \$279) for the grade nine Ottawa/Quebec trip. Tickets are \$1 each and the winning ticket will be drawn for on February 12. Thanks to the Tingman family for their generous donation for the raffle prize.

CANWEST SPELLING CONTEST Congratulations to Conor Dever (7G) for being the last speller in the Canwest Canspell Spelling Bee. Special recognition goes to Frankie Walsh who participated in a marathon playoff session that resulted in Connor being selected to represent Queen Charlotte.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CONTEST

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded prizes for their entries in the 2009 Royal Canadian Legion Branch One Contest:

Black & White Poster

First: Jose Nemer Gonzales
Second: Dani MacDonald
Third: Caitlin Francis

Color Poster

First: Amy Ziyas
Second: Anne Park
Third: Madison Lewis

Essay

First: Andrew Cameron
Second: Emily Cann
Third: Clare Casey

Poem

First: Emily Cann
Second: Hannah Gibson
Third: Colton West

More information is available at:
charlottetownlegion.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 2 School Development Day (no classes)
- 2 French Immersion parent information meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)
- 5 Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
- 10 Ski night at Brookvale
- 15 Island Day (no classes)
- 22 Late French Immersion registration (register at elementary schools)
- 24 Ski night at Brookvale
- 25 School dance

March

- 4 Grade nine immunizations
- 10 Ski night at Brookvale
- 15-19 March break



