



École Quarterway

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Welcome back ! Bienvenue à tous !

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the one and only newsletter you will receive this year in this format. The rest will be quick snapshots of the highlights of the previous week. These will be sent out by email on Friday afternoons.

Welcome to another school year at École Quarterway, whether you are a returning family or are joining us for the first time. We aim to provide you and your children with a wonderful educational experience over your time here. As we start another year, it is my hope that all of us; school staff, parents and students, will make the most of our time together. I would encourage parents to make the effort to get to know your child's teacher(s) and to get involved with activities around the school. We have a fantastic PAC who could always use more members to inform decisions and to participate in activities. Also, feel free to contact teachers and administration about educational issues regarding your children. Quarterway has a well-deserved reputation for being a great school. We hope to make it even better this year again. Welcome and all the best for another school year.

Mike Lundine

NUT ALLERGIES

We have several students in the building who are allergic to a variety of nuts. These students are anaphylactic and we treat these cases with the utmost care and diligence. If your child shares a classroom with a child with allergies, please read notices sent home and follow the guidelines set out by the teacher. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

WELCOME LATE IMMERSION STUDENTS

We would like to extend a special welcome to our 26 new Late Immersion students in division 17. We are so proud of you for making this leap and we know you will soon fall in love with École Quarterway if you haven't already. 😊

SCHOOL GOAL 2017/2018

Coming Soon. Our school goal will be based on staff collaboration around assessments, data and the needs of our kids.

QUARTERWAY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 for the annual open house. It is a time to meet your child's teacher and to hear about the various programs offered at École Quarterway. Please keep in mind, this is not an evening to discuss your child's progress but that we would be happy to sit and meet with you at any time by appointment to do so.

NEW STAFF TO THE SCHOOL

Welcome to the new staff at Quarterway School. We are very happy to include them as part of our teaching community.

Claude Therrien	Grade 2/3/5/6
Louise-Andree Soucy	Grade 6/7
Sherilene Chycoski	Music
Ilse Hill	School Counselor
Sandy Posnikoff	CYCSW

PARENT/ PUPIL HANDBOOK

The 2017 /2018 Parent Pupil Handbook can now be found on our [school website](#). Please take time to review the Handbook. Many of the answers to your questions regarding our school policies can be found there. Any feedback would be welcomed. If you need clarification on any of the items, please feel free to contact Mr. Lundine.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is especially important that you review and discuss with your child the [Code of Conduct and School Climate Matrix](#). These important documents are the result of a collective effort of parents and teachers to define the behavior expectations necessary to assure a positive and safe learning and teaching environment for all. You will find our behavior matrix on page 4 of this newsletter. Stay tuned for our brand new Code of Conduct coming very soon.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

There are times when we all appreciate an extra pair of hands in the classroom. In order to best serve the students' learning and to help teachers plan for volunteers when needed. – **A REMINDER!!!**– As we are a growing school and have the city's largest elementary population, we are asking that all visits to the classroom be arranged in advance. Also, we require that every visitor stop at the office for a visitor's badge. Each of our 417 students needs to know that the halls are safe and that volunteers and visitors have been to the office.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be uploaded to our website every Friday afternoon. We would like all of our newsletters to go home electronically this year. If you would like the newsletter sent directly to your email, please subscribe to our [list serve](#) through the [website](#) right away. You can unsubscribe any time you'd like. We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send home from school. Hard copies of the newsletters will be handed out to families who choose not to receive an electronic copy. If you want **ONLY** a paper version of notices and newsletters, please leave a message in the office with your child's name and teacher and we will make sure to get you a copy each week.

TERRY FOX WALK - Friday, September 29

Your children will be told about Terry Fox and his goals and what the 'Run' signifies. Parents are welcome to bring a donation and join us on our walk in support of cancer research. Children may also make a donation through the school. The walking route will begin at 10:30 after a brief assembly at the front door and continue through our community. We are looking for parents who would like to volunteer as crossing guards and supervisors. A sign up letter will follow.

LIBRARY

The École Quarterway library features books, magazines, readers in both French and English. Parents and students are welcome to borrow materials. Weekly book exchange will be starting as soon as the students' library numbers are received, hopefully next week. I strongly recommend that you learn your child or children's library day(s) and get in the habit of helping them to return their library books weekly.

PHOTO DAY

September 19th is photo day. Order forms will be going home prior to the day. If you do not like the pictures, you will be able to get a retake on October 2nd.

PAC

The PAC would like to welcome you all back. Our first meeting will be Thursday September 14th at 6:30pm in the school library. It would be great to see you all there....especially those of you who are new to our community! A reminder that the kids cannot wear **GREEN** on photo day.

We are hosting a "**Meet and Greet BBQ**" prior to the *Meet the Teacher* Open House September 21st at 5:30. Come get a hamburger for the whole family and get acquainted with the rest of the Quarterway Community.

Also, we are pleased to have Gary Anaka presenting a "How the brain works best" workshop in the school library Thursday October 5th from 7-8:30pm. Please mark your calendars and come join us for an informative evening. We are looking forward to a fun year!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY IS SEPTEMBER 29TH

We will be participating in Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept. 29 to honour the survivors of the Indian Residential School System and remember those who did not. The reason we wear orange is based on the real life story of Phyllis, a survivor of St. Joseph's Mission School in Williams Lake, BC, whose brand new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day when she was just a little girl. Please wear orange on Friday, September 29th!

E.R.A.S.E. BULLYING

Please visit www.erasebullying.ca to learn more about this amazing resource for kids and for parents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our Community Board in main hallway for information about dance, sports and more!! Please refer to our parking lot notice board for updates as well as our [school calendar](#) online.

TOUCH FOOTBALL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

It was great to see all those students sign up on Thursday! Grade 6/7 girls will practice Wednesdays after school and play their games Thursdays after school. Grade 7 boys will practice Tuesdays at Big Recess and play games Wednesdays after school.

CROSSING GUARD

We are looking for responsible grade 5s to sign up for crossing guard duty. If your child is interested, there will be a sign-up meeting Monday at 11:45 in the library. Students who sign up for crossing guard must be able to get to school by 8:20 and stay after the bell until 2:55.

Quarterway Climate Matrix

	Learning Environments	Hallways	Inside Recess	Playground	Assemblies	Field trips	Parking Lot
RESPONSIBLE	<p>Be on time</p> <p>Be ready to learn</p> <p>Help others keep areas tidy</p> <p>Eat only at your desk</p>	<p>Stay in line</p> <p>Stay quiet</p> <p>Move in an orderly way</p> <p>Keep to the right</p> <p>Follow your teacher</p>	<p>Choose a constructive activity</p> <p>Remind others to be respectful and appropriate</p> <p>Use washroom by yourself</p>	<p>Listen for the bell</p> <p>Return quickly to the school at the bell</p> <p>Dress appropriately</p> <p>Be ready to enter</p>	<p>Be attentive</p> <p>Leave all of your belongings in your classroom</p> <p>Use the washroom before the assembly</p>	<p>Stay with the group</p> <p>Be prepared and attentive</p> <p>Dress appropriately</p>	<p>Keep your belongings with you or near a wall</p> <p>Leave time to get to your door</p>
RESPECTFUL	<p>Take turns</p> <p>Respect others' personal space</p> <p>Stay on task</p> <p>Listen actively</p> <p>Respect school property</p>	<p>Respect line-ups</p> <p>Respect small groups and classes working</p> <p>Keep hands at your sides</p> <p>Keep to the side</p>	<p>Respect your classmates' personal space, property and privacy</p> <p>Stay in your classroom</p>	<p>Wait in line quietly</p> <p>Respect other's personal space</p> <p>Use appropriate language</p> <p>Be inclusive</p>	<p>Listen with your whole body</p> <p>Keep your hands to yourself</p> <p>Applaud politely</p> <p>Stay seated</p>	<p>Listen to the presenter</p> <p>Raise your hand</p> <p>Ask relevant and thoughtful questions</p>	<p>Respect your natural environment</p> <p>Arrive on time</p> <p>Keep traffic flowing</p>
SAFE	<p>Know and follow classroom rules</p> <p>Keep your hands to yourself</p> <p>Be aware of others' health concerns</p>	<p>Walk on the right</p> <p>Move slowly</p> <p>Watch where you are going</p> <p>Allow younger classes to move past you</p>	<p>Move safely and carefully in your class and in the halls</p> <p>Use quiet, inside toys</p> <p>Feet stay on the ground</p>	<p>Leave foreign objects on the ground</p> <p>Inform duties of dangerous materials</p> <p>Inform duties of visitors</p>	<p>Walk in and out of the gym</p> <p>Listen for instructions</p>	<p>Check in and out with your teacher</p> <p>Stay with your group</p> <p>Follow the rules of the site you are visiting.</p>	<p>Walk</p> <p>No Wheels</p> <p>Look <u>all</u> ways</p> <p>Feet stay on the ground</p> <p>Stay in sight of a duty</p>