



QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Wetaskiwin, Alberta

August / September 2023

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at Queen Elizabeth School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

We are looking forward to continuing a productive partnership with you to ensure that your children, our students, can achieve their highest potential.

We recognize that for our children to be successful in school, they will need support from both home and school. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

As partners with you, we share the responsibility for our children's success, and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Complete all homework assignments/projects given by teachers, and regularly review learning in preparation for summative assignments (tests/quizzes)
- Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of your child's school life

- Inform you if they need additional support in any area or subject
- Know that you expect them to succeed in school

In our younger grades, we also ask for your added support in reading daily with your child in order to develop a love of reading and to improve literacy skills.

Please consider joining our School Council which meets monthly to provide advice and input to school administration on school initiatives and events.

Our School Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year is available on our website under the *For Parents* section, and I encourage you to read through it to be familiar with our school culture, and to review the handbook with your child, as it is important that you are aware of our standards of appropriate conduct and citizenship that create a safe, productive and fun learning environment for our students.

Please check our school website for our updated calendar of events and follow us on instagram @qeroyals.

The wonderful staff of Queen Elizabeth School and I feel privileged to be a part of this school community. We thank you for your support, and look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Mr. Chris Kirwan
Principal

Specific School Policies

A Safe Learning Environment

Queen Elizabeth School is a safe learning environment for everyone. Students will be dealt with accordingly for: bringing anything illegal, or any object or substance that does not belong in an educational environment, to school; uttering threats, showing aggressive behaviour or in any way not contributing to a positive safe learning environment.

Doors Open and Start Time

Outside supervision begins at 8:36 AM. Please do not drop students off before this time as they will be unsupervised.

The instructional day begins at 8:54 AM. Students arriving after 9:00 AM are considered late and must sign in at the front office before going to class.

Bus Lane Parking

Please be aware of signage along the west side of the school indicating there is no parking from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM except for buses. This includes Early Education dropoff and pickup at mid-day.

Dress Code, Hats and Hoods

Students are to please dress appropriately for school. Clothing with images of alcohol, drugs or illicit substances are considered inappropriate.

We are a hat free school for safety and security reasons. Students are expected to take their hat off when they enter the building. Once a student leaves the building for recess or at the end of the day, they may wear a hat.

Hoods are considered a form of hat and are not to be worn while inside the school.

The exception to hats and hoods is for special occasions or theme days which will be advertised.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are to be kept in a student's locker, backpack or pocket and not to be brought out during instructional time. Parents/Guardians, please do not contact your child during class time via text message. You are able to leave a message at the school office. Cell phones that are being used inappropriately will result in a warning from staff, confiscation for the period, or confiscation by the office. Repeated issues with cell phones will be dealt with by school administration and parents/guardians.

Student Citizenship and Behaviour Expectations

At Queen Elizabeth School, it is our shared belief that students have the *right* to learn in a safe and supportive environment, and the *responsibility* to help to create it.

Students help to create this environment when they follow our *one school expectation*:

Students will treat self, others, and school with dignity and respect.

Permission Forms

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and Queen Elizabeth School will be issuing permission forms and documents needing parent signatures digitally through PowerSchool Student and Parent. If you do not have an account, please contact the office.

School Messenger and Home-School Communication

School Messenger

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and Queen Elizabeth School use *School Messenger* to communicate district-wide and school-wide information about events, school closures, safety alerts and more via text and email to parents and guardians. Please opt in if you haven't already in the past by scanning the QR code below, or texting "yes" to 978338.



Home-School Communication

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, *please* address them quickly and appropriately, communicating your concerns calmly and clearly.

The first step in addressing a question or concern you may have is to speak with your child's teacher. The classroom teacher will be able to provide the most accurate information and make suggestions on how to improve or fix an issue. Please do not hesitate to phone or email your child's teacher.

If you do not feel your concern has been addressed by your child's classroom teacher, please contact school administration (Principal or Vice-Principal). They will ask whether or not you have spoken with your child's teacher. If necessary a meeting may be set up with the student, teacher, and an administrator to discuss your concern.

2023-2024 Queen Elizabeth Staff

Early Education

Chelsea Vandersluis - Teacher
Kim Clarke - Teacher
Jenny Harlton - Teacher
Anna Hayden - Educational Assistant
Sheila Perry - Educational Assistant
Amal Abil Mona - Educational Assistant
Angie Ganley - Educational Assistant
Cathie Loe - Educational Assistant
Samira Fares - Educational Assistant

ECS - 8

Melissa Robins - Kindergarten (ECS)/Literacy Coach
Sarah Denman - Grade 1
Jennifer Brulotte - Grade 2/3
Amanda Reich - Grade 4/5
Dawn MacLeod - Grade 5/6
William Stengel - Grades 7, 7/8, 8
Ryley Gallant - Grades 7, 7/8, 8
Jennifer Day - Grades 7, 7/8, 8
Megan Hemsing - Physical Education/STEM
Kathy Leith - Educational Assistant
Sandra Rollheiser - Educational Assistant
Diane Lamberights - Educational Assistant
Jamie Osborne - Educational Assistant
Andrea Rabel - Educational Assistant

Career and Technology Foundations (Gr. 6-8)

Ryan Schuman - Industrial Arts
Kirsten Janelle - Foods
Marshall Tindall - Band/Art
William Stengel - Technology
Megan Hemsing - Sports Performance

Administrative Assistants

Gabrielle Richards
Samantha Blatz

Student Support

Rochelle Minde - Indigenous Support

Marlies Leeuw - Family School Liaison (Grades K-8)

Brandee Fossen - Family School Liaison (Early Education)

Cassandra Jager - Vice-Principal/Inclusion Coach

Chris Kirwan - Principal

Contact Us

On the web: www.queene.ca

By Phone: 780.352.2281

By Email: Through "Contact Us" on the website

