



Queen Victoria Elementary School Council Newsletter

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June 2024

Upcoming Dates

Friday, June 7th

PA Day – No School

Tuesday, June 18th

Volunteer Appreciation @12:30

QV Talent Show @ 1:10

Monday, June 24th

Grade 8 Graduation

Thursday June 27th

Last Day of School

June 28 – September 2nd

SUMMER BREAK – No School

Tuesday September 3rd

First Day Back To School

School Council Executive

Co-Chairs:

Kate Melville & Qais Rasulee

Treasurer: Shannon Mattarocci

Secretary: Natalie Fleming

Nutrition Committee Chair:

Lizz Andrykew

What is School Council?

Under the Education Act Regulation 612, school boards in Ontario are required to establish a School Council for each school within the board. The purpose of the School Council is “through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.”

[-HWDSB School Council Handbook](#)

From your School Council: Affordable/Free Summer Recreation & Day Camps in Hamilton

City of Hamilton Recreation is offering several registered and drop-in summer programs for kids including swimming lessons. **Registration opens on June 4th and/or 5th**, depending on the location.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/recreation/programs/registered-programs>

This summer **Freeplay** is running Jr. Wolves: half-day ball-hockey and basketball camps, run in partnership with community halls.

These sport-specific camps are geared for kids ages 9-12 who are at an introductory or intermediate level with the sport.

More information at: <https://www.freeplayforkids.com/camps>

Each camp week has space for 30 kids: 20 spots are at a low-cost price open to anyone, and 10 spots are under a "Contribute What You Can" model for those currently registered in a Free to Play school program or Wolves Athletic Team.*

*If you are currently registered in a Free to Play school program and are interested in registering for summer camp, please email support@freeplayforkids.com

Free Summer Activities

Hamilton Public Library’s Summer Reading Club starts June 10

<https://www.hpl.ca/articles/summer-reading-club-2024>

Gage Park Greenhouse for rainy days

<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/parks-green-space/gage-park-tropical-greenhouse>

Guide to “Natural Playgrounds” near Burlington and Hamilton

<https://activeparents.ca/natural-playgrounds-near-burlington-and-hamilton/>

Bike the Waterfront Trail

<https://waterfronttrail.org/places/communities/hamilton/>

Confederation Beach Park

<https://conservationhamilton.ca/conservation-areas/confederation-park/>

Closest Outdoor Swimming Pools are Inch Park and Victoria Park

<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/recreation/locations/outdoor-wading-pools>

<p>Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>Ongoing Fundraiser: Mabel's Labels</p>
<p>Volunteering can be a great way to engage with your child's school, e.g. helping with chaperoning field trips, food prep with the nutrition program or school special events.</p> <p>hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/get-involved/volunteers-in-schools/ OR tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB</p> <p>For most volunteer roles within the HWDSB you must have a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) with Hamilton Police on file with the school office. Police check fees can be reimbursed if cost is a barrier. The turnaround time for a volunteer police check is 4-6 weeks.</p> <p>To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit:</p> <p>https://www.policiesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/</p>	<p>Are you in need of name labels (or stamps, or bag tags) for clothing, shoes, water bottles, sports uniforms, camp supplies, etc.? We will be sending home fundraiser information for Mabel's Labels in June. Ordering is done online and delivered directly to your home address (no sorting or hassles). We earn about 20% of sales. Mabel's Labels is an ongoing 'passive fundraiser' (no deadline, order whenever you'd like, as many times as you'd like!) All Mabel's Labels proceeds will go to supporting QV Grade 8 Graduation Celebrations, beginning in 2025.</p> <p>Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com then search for "Queen Victoria Elementary School Council, HWDSB (Hamilton).</p> <p>Know a Barber, Hair Stylist or MUA?</p> <p>Are there any barbers, hair stylists or makeup artists in our community who might be willing to come to our school library on Monday, June 24th around 11am to help our graduating grade 8 students look their best? If so, please reach out to the school office!</p> <p>Updates from School Nutrition Program</p> <p>Thank you to our volunteers who come in to help prep and serve a nutritious snack to our students every day! If you'd like to volunteer for the nutrition program and have your VSC, please email QueenVicNutritionProgram@gmail.com</p> <p>Oakrun Farms and Aspire Bakeries in Ancaster, thank you for continuing to provide bagels and English muffins. If you know (or are!) a local food business who could help support our program, please email QueenVicNutritionProgram@gmail.com</p> <p>Thank you to those Queen Victoria Elementary School families who are able to donate to the school nutrition program. Donations are entirely voluntary.</p> <p>Donations of \$20 or more and/or monthly donations can be made through the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HFSS), and charitable receipts will be provided.</p> <p>To donate online: hwdsb.on.ca/foundation/donate/ OR tinyurl.com/HamFdnSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose Donation frequency: One Time or Monthly <p>Type Queen Victoria Elementary School Nutrition Program in Comments Section.</p>
<p>Pizza and Sub Days</p>	
<p>Pizza and Sub Sandwich Days will be once or twice a month in 2024. Payments through School Cash Online(SCO) close one week prior.</p> <p>To register for School Cash Online go to: hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Registration</p>	