



Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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October 2024

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, October 3rd
First Day of new classes due to reorganization

Friday, October 4th
QV Fire Drill #2

Tuesday, October 8th
Safe Schools Assembly Gr. 4 – 8

Thursday, October 10th
Cross Country Meet - Christies Conservation Area

Friday, October 11th
Hold and Secure Drill

Monday, October 14th
Thanksgiving (no school)

Wednesday, October 16th
Pizza Day

Meet the Teacher Event
Thursday, October 17th
5:00pm-6:30pm

Wednesday, October 23rd
Picture Day

Thursday, October 24th
School Council Meeting- 6pm-7pm

Friday, October 25th
Fire Drill #3

Friday, October 25th
Sub-Day

Thursday, October 31st
Autumn Ball for Students

Friday, November 1st
PA Day – No School

Fall is Here!

It has been a wonderful September at QV. We've had a great start with all our classes settling into routines and determining expectations for excellence. Our teachers have been working diligently to know their students, and much of this has been completing assessments to determine where their individual plan for learning should begin. Our school re-organization will mean that all this important information is being passed onto the receiving teacher who will continue programming according to the needs of their class. The first day of reorganized classes will be Thursday, October 3rd.

We would like to say thank you to staff who are moving on to different opportunities: Mrs. Zarrinkoob, Ms. Habros, Mr. Nutall, Ms. Rogers. We wish you the best of luck!

Our school Character Trait in September was "acceptance". We showcased all our learning in our school assembly where students talked about what acceptance meant to them in creative ways. October's character trait is "courage". We challenge students to think about what "courage" at school may look like and encourage families to have these discussions at home!



As a school, we are committed to answer the call of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) by building positive connections and relationships with Indigenous communities, parents and families.

Students have been learning about the tragic legacy of residential schools, the missing children, the families left behind and the survivors of these institutions. We are exploring the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and histories of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. On September 30, many staff and students wore an Orange Shirt in support of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteering can be a great way to engage with your child's school, e.g. chaperoning field trips, food prep with the nutrition program or special events.

tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB

For most volunteer roles within the HWDSB you must have a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** with Hamilton Police. The fee for a VSC is \$25 and can be reimbursed by the school if cost is a barrier. Processing time is 30 days.

To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit:

<https://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

Pizza and Sub Days

Pizza and Sub sandwich Days will be once a month in 2024-2025 . Payments through School Cash Online (SCO) close one week prior. Please see October dates above.

To register for SCO go to:

<https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration>

A Message from the Office

If your child arrives after our 8:30 start time, please remember to check in at the office. This will prevent the safe arrival system from calling you to report the absence. Thank you for your cooperation.



Morning Drop off:

We encourage all students to be on time and prepared to learn each morning. Our school begins at 8:30am. Students engage in valuable learning during the first hour of school in literacy and it is an important time to come together as a class to set the days routines and events.

We remind all students to enter on their grade appropriate playground (Charlton Street / Walnut Street playgrounds) and avoid using the front door.



members safe.

We also send a friendly reminder to avoid stopping, or parking in the laneway each morning and at pick up – **Please see city signage** as these are no stopping zones. Drop off parking is available on Forest / Ferguson Avenue. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep all community

QV Extra-Curricular Activities:

Thank you to our teachers Mr. Diggon, Mrs. Imani and Ms. DeShane and Ms. Finance, as they coach the QV Cross Country team during Nutrition Breaks. The students have enjoyed getting out for a run! We wish them the best of luck at the Cross-Country Meet on Thursday, October 10th at Christies Conservation Area.



Volleyball is in full swing. Our coaches Ms. Elder, Ms. Turk, Mr, May, Ms. Boyle, Ms. Zacharewicz and Mr. Sackfie have completed try-outs, and they have their teams! Go Vipers!



Leadership Opportunities at QV



We applaud our positive student leaders here at QV! We currently have in place our Lunchroom Monitors which are helping our teachers in the K classrooms as well as, our terrific tech team assisting with tech setup for our assemblies! Let's not forget about our Intermediate leaders who are front and center at our assemblies to deliver important QV celebrations and our dynamic morning announcement duo! Your leadership is important to us!

School Council 2024

We are excited to announce our executive council members.

Chair: Mr. Jamie Stinson

Treasurer: Mrs. Patricia Godfrey

Secretary: Mr. Trevor Stephenson

We look forward to families joining us at the next council meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2024 from 6:00pm – 7:00 pm.

For any questions, please reach out to the Council through their email: queenvictoriaSC@hwdsb.on.ca