



The Queensville Quill

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December 2017 Edition

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December's Grandfather Teaching and Character Trait: *Empathy (Love)*

We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others to "stand in their shoes". We demonstrate appreciation and concern for their feelings. We try to understand issues from their perspectives even though we may not agree with them personally.

Character Matters!

To Truly love is to care for others unconditionally,
Knowing when people are weak is when they need it most.



December Calendar



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| 4 | School Council Meeting 5:30 pm |
| 9 | Elf Day at Sharon Public School |
| 12 | Jr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament |
| 14 | Jr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament |
| 20 | Celebration Assembly 9:30 am |
| 22 | Spirit Day - Tie Day |
| Dec.25 Jan. 5 | <i>Christmas/Winter Break</i> |

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

Lorelea Carruthers



January 2018



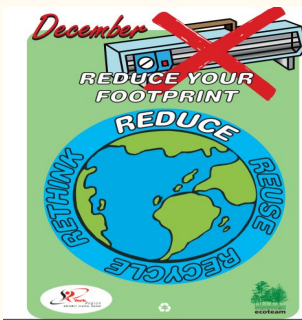
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| 8 | Happy New Year! Welcome Back! |
| 18 | Whole School Skating at EG Sports Complex |
| 19 | PA Day |
| 26 | Spirit Day! Wear your favourite Jersey! |

Teams, Clubs and More...

Healthy Schools and Eco-Team Unite!

Our students began to see many connections between the work they were doing with Eco-Team and Healthy Schools, and have therefore combined to form one Wellness Team! Supported by the passions of Mrs. Jebb and Mrs. Robinson, these students are working hard to keep us healthy with regular reminders about how we treat the environment inside and outside of our bodies!

This month, each class will be decorating their classroom doors in order to demonstrate healthy eating habits....in an environmentally healthy way of course!! We look forward to sharing some of the ideas that our students come up with over the next few weeks!



Welcome to OverDrive!!!

Read books anytime, anywhere on your phone, tablet or computer by following these steps:

- please go to the OverDrive website:
<http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>
- sign in with your child's student number.
PLEASE NOTE: You will need to add a zero to your child's student number to login (0xxxxxxxxx)
- select a book to borrow
- go to the checkout page (under your account)
From there, click on the Read or Listen button to open the book in your browser.
- Enjoy! :)

Please note that borrowed titles will automatically return at the end of the lending period.

Junior Volleyball Teams

Our Junior Girls and Junior Boys volleyball teams are hard at work practicing for their upcoming tournaments on December 12 (boys) and 14 (girls). Details about the times of games, and locations are coming soon!

Huge thanks to Mrs. Kenny for sharing her time and talent coaching our students!

Go Cougars Go!





Around our School.....

Grade 5s and 6s Engage in an Equity Inquiry

Inclusivity

This picture represents inclusivity because it has different holidays for different Religions and cultures.



Our school includes everyone no matter what their beliefs are.

This also represents inclusivity because we are learning about different cultures and beliefs and how they are all different and not everyone's the same.

At QPS our focus on **Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health** encourages our students to develop a growth mindset, recognize that failure is part of learning, and to understand the value of trying something new.



Grade 1 and 2 Students engage in STEM experiments with paper

#ourimaginationshelpuscreate



Working collaboratively to create catapults. Asking important questions and using a growth mindset to find the answers.

#modernlearningpromotescreativity



Learning about treaties and designing peace beads while patterning in the outdoors....

#WOWMathisfun #wearealltreatypeople





Inclement Weather Days

On occasion transportation service cancellations due to inclement weather conditions may be required.

A decision to cancel school bus transportation will be **region-wide** meaning **all buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Schools will remain open.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that **school bus charters will not operate when regular home to school service is cancelled.**

If busses are cancelled in the morning, then they are cancelled in the afternoon as well. Please remember that if you decide to bring your child to school in the morning, you must also arrange to pick them up after school.

Please note that if buses are cancelled, all extra-curricular activities are cancelled for that day as well. Sub lunches, pasta lunches and pizza lunches will not be served on days that the buses are cancelled, and will be provided the following day.



School Council Corner:



Please join us for our next School Council Meeting on February 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the staffroom. *All are welcome!*

We have had a busy fall, full of fundraising initiatives!

- Fresh from the Farm
- Chapter's Night
- Gift Basket Raffle
- Poinsettia Sale
- Hot Lunch Program
- Yogurt and Milk



These important events help us support Student Achievement and Well-Being by providing funding towards Healthy Schools, Arts Programs, Busing for Field Trips, Technology Refresh and More!

Thank you for YOUR support! We couldn't do it without you!

2017/2018 School Council Meeting Dates:

Please join us in the **Staff Room** at
5:30 p.m. on the following Mondays:

February 5
April 9
May 7 (tentative)

New members welcome!



If you are interested in becoming part of school council, or volunteering in the school, please contact the school office at 905-478-4191.

ZONES OF REGULATION



All Zones of Regulation materials were written and created by: Leah Kuypers, MA Ed. OTR/L

We are excited to announce that we have been introducing the “Zones of Regulation” to our students at QPS over the last few months.

Using the “Zones” approach teaches students how to express how they are feeling and how to regulate their emotions and behaviour using common language with staff, each other and School Assistants. You may even hear your child using the language of the Zones at home!

It is a non-threatening and effective way to help students gain awareness of how they are feeling, and to begin to rely on themselves to develop a “toolkit” of strategies that can help provide insight into events that trigger certain feelings and behaviours, calming strategies and problem solving skills.

If you have any questions about the Zones of Regulation, feel free to read more about it at <http://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html> or contact the school.

The ZONES of Regulation®

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| <p>BLUE ZONE</p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p> | <p>GREEN ZONE</p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p> | <p>YELLOW ZONE</p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p> | <p>RED ZONE</p> <p>Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control</p> |

Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

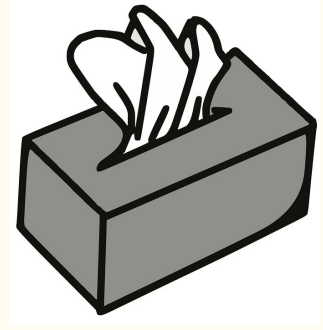
- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu



As cold and flu season are upon us, we continue to be diligent with cleaning, sanitizing, and reminding students of the importance of handwashing. Here are a few reminders from Public Health to help us all try and stay healthy:

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:

- Headache · Chills · Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit) · Muscle aches and fatigue · Runny nose · Sneezing · Sore throat · Watery eyes · Loss of appetite · Nausea and vomiting · Diarrhea

If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider. Many viruses are commonly active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils.

For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links:

<http://bit.ly/YRflufacts>

<http://bit.ly/YRnorovirus>

Adventure Day

Scanlon Creek Nature Centre
PA Day Camp (ages 6-12 years)

PROGRAM DATES AND FEES

- Friday November 17th, 2017
- Friday November 24th, 2017
- Friday January 26th, 2018
- Friday February 2nd, 2018

HOURS: 9 am - 4 pm* FEE: \$45 per day

*Extended camp hours available until 5 pm sharp:
\$10 per participant per day

CONNECT WITH NATURE through a
variety of activities:

- Shelter and Fire Building
- Pirate Treasure Hunt
- Snowshoeing/Kicksledding
- Olympic Themed Winter Games
- Orienteering
- Arts and Crafts

LOCATION

Scanlon Creek Nature Centre
2450 9th Line, Bradford

To register visit www.LSRCA.on.ca/education
Send inquiries to education@LSRCA.on.ca

Let the adventure begin!



Join us for an
exciting **PA Day**
full of exploration,
fun and adventure!

Register Now

Thinking Ahead to the 2018/2019 School Year

Per the French Immersion Procedure, Corporate Communications will select and communicate the dates of information sessions and the French Immersion registration period. The sample newsletter insert below will be updated each year to reflect the dates for that year and will be sent to all schools to be inserted in school newsletters

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Kindergarten Registration for students born in 2014 begins at 8:00 on Friday, January 19, 2018

~Please bring proof of Birthdate and Residence~



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

To: School Principals, Vice Principals

From: Joe Guchardi, Manager, STSYR

RE: School Bus Cancellation Notice

On occasion service cancellation due to inclement weather conditions may be required.

To ensure all education partners (staff, parents and students) understand how they can be informed of any service cancellation, please take the appropriate steps to distribute the attached **School Bus Cancellation Notice**.

Suggestions for sharing the information include but are not limited to:

- Sending copies home with students;
- Sending copies home in Report Card envelopes;
- Including notice in school newsletters and/or websites.

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Student Transportation Services thanks you for your efforts to distribute this information.



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School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

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| 590 AM | 640 AM | 680 AM | 860 AM | 1010 AM | 1050 AM |
| 1540 AM | 1580 AM | 88.5 FM | 89.9 FM | 92.5 FM | 93.1 FM |
| 94.9 FM | 95.9 FM | 97.3 FM | 98.1 FM | 99.1 FM | 99.9 FM |
| 101.1 FM | 102.1 FM | 104.5 FM | 100.7 FM | 105.9 | 107.1 FM |

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

QPS - December 2017 Calendar

| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Sub Day  Boys Jr. Volleyball vs. Glen Cedar at Glen Cedar - After School | 7 Pizza Day  Girls Jr. Volleyball vs. Glen Cedar - Home Game - After School | 8  | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Jr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament | 13 Sub Day  | 14 Jr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament Pizza Day  | 15  | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Sub Day  Celebration Assembly and Sing-a-long @ 9:30 a.m. | 21 Pizza Day  Sing-a-long @ 9:30 a.m. | 22  Spirit Day is Tie Day Sing-a-long @ 9:30 a.m. | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Christmas/Winter Break - Monday December 25- Friday January 5, 2018 | | | | | | |

Please remember to send your child/children dressed to be comfortable outdoors for recess (15 minutes) and lunch recess (40 minutes) every day, and for occasional outdoor learning experiences that may last for up to 40 minutes.

