



# THE QUEENSVILLE QUILL

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## Character Matters!

## December 2018



### Grandfather Teaching: Love

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

### Character Trait: Empathy

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

## Dressing for Winter Play @ QPS!

**December to March** are the coldest months in Canada. Here are tips to keep your child warm and comfortable while they are at school:

- Dress in 3 layers: inner layer to keep moisture away from skin; middle layer to retain body heat; outer wind breaking layer
- Let your child put on their own outerwear at home so they are able to do this at school
- Pack extra dry clothes (e.g. socks and mitts) and remind your child to change as soon as clothing gets wet
- Wear a hat to cover the ears and head
- Try a neck warmer without loose ends that covers the chin and face
- Wear mittens to keep fingers together instead of gloves with fingers
- Wear boots big enough for wool socks and room for toes
- Stay active in the cold – make snow angels and build snow castles to keep warm
- Learn about staying warm and safe and [extreme cold](#) facts

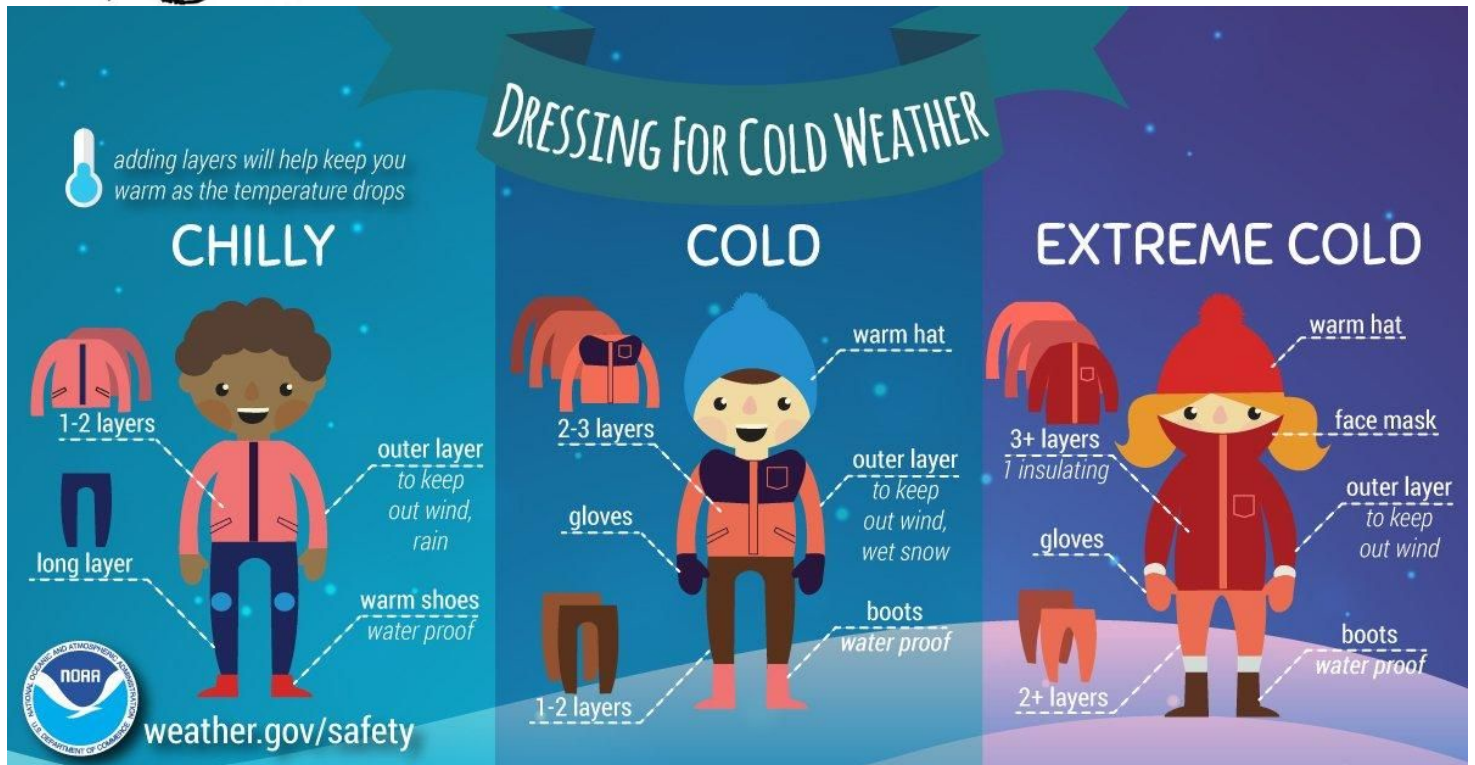


## December Calendar

3	School Council Mtg 5:30 pm
6	Little Jammerz Begins
19	Character Assembly 9:15 am
21	Last Day of School before the holidays



# Dressing For Winter Play



# Save the Dates!

## Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.



# Problem Solving in Math

## Promoting a Growth Mindset

“In a **growth mindset**, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment,” (Dweck, 2013)

Before your child can learn mathematics, he or she needs to believe in his or her ability to do so. That’s where you come in. You can be your child’s 1<sup>st</sup> role model for learning. When you engage with your child in a supportive, relaxed atmosphere, your child will enjoy exploring the world of mathematics.

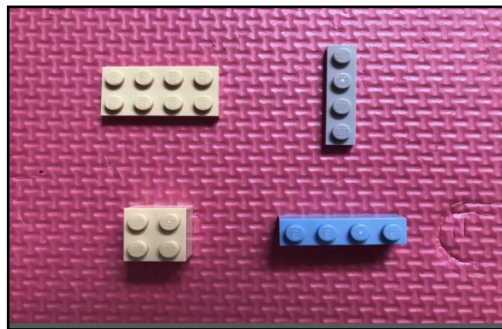
***Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6***

### Activities:

**Primary/Junior/Intermediate**

**Which One Doesn’t Belong** is a great activity that promotes mathematical thinking because there are many “right” answers - it all depends on their reasoning.

Show your child this picture:



Ask them, “which one doesn’t belong? Why?” For additional images, check out: <http://wodb.ca>

Another great way to get your child talking about math is using images and questions from **Estimation 180**. This website has a series of images and encourages children to think about answers that are too high, too low and just right (Goldilock estimates).

**How many total cheese balls in the six containers?**

For additional images and prompts, please see:

<http://www.esteemation180.com/>



To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



# Around the School...



## Lest We Forget

Our classes presented their decorated wreaths at our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Thank you, families, for joining us as we honored those who served and continue to serve our country.



Students are learning to build shelters during outdoor education time.



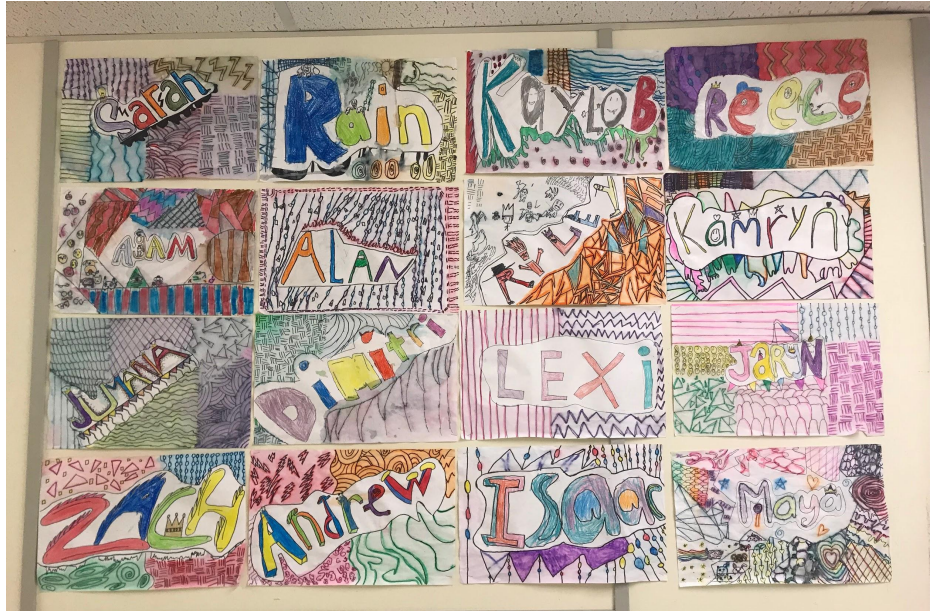
Our Learning Commons is a great place to tinker, construct and program technology. Students enjoy modern learning with Makey Makey and Bee Bots.





# Around the School...

Beautiful name art created by our Gr. 5/6 students.



Our Kindergarten friends learned about symmetry as they completed their portraits. Take a look at their cute and friendly faces!

Can you guess who's who from our Gr. 1 self portraits?





# SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation can make a difference! Our tentative School Council Meetings will be at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons on: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>. **All are welcome!**

## School Council Elections: December 3<sup>rd</sup>

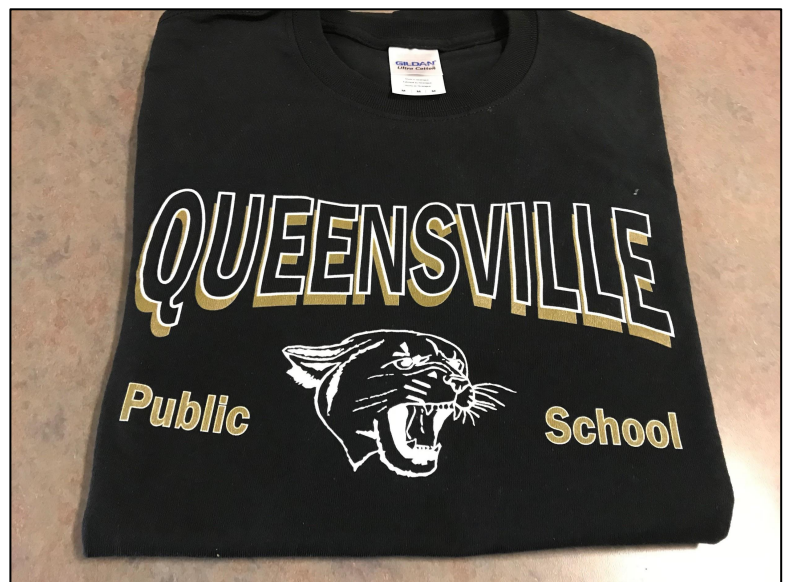


We continue to welcome nut free granola bars, cereal, gift cards, and/or fresh fruit donations for our morning snack program. Thank you for your support! Thank you, parents, for volunteering your time to shop for and then to wash and prepare our fresh fruits so they can be served to our students in the mornings.












## Coming Soon!

**QPS Spirit Wear!** Show your school spirit by wearing cozy QPS clothing. We have t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, ball caps and toques available for ordering. For clothing, it is suggested to order up one size. Orders can be placed on [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)





# LOOKING AHEAD AT DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1 3  School Council Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm	Day 2 4	Day 3 5  	Day 4 6  Little Jammerz 	Day 5 7  
Day 1 10	Day 2 11	Day 3 12  	Day 4 13  Little Jammerz 	Day 5 14  
Day 1 17	Day 2 18	Day 3 19  Character Assembly 	Day 4 20  Little Jammerz 	Day 5 21  Last Day of School 
<h2>Have a safe and wonderful holiday, see you on January 7, 2019!</h2>				