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February's Grandfather Teaching and Character Trait: Wisdom and Initiative

We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told, by listening with clarity and a sound mind. We take the first step toward a goal.

Character Matters!



February Calendar



1	Black History Month Begins
2	PA Day - No School for Students
5	School Council Meeting 5:30
7	Magician Scott Boyd Visits ~11:00 am
14	Valentine's Day - Wear PINK Today Friendship Rotations
15	<i>Term 1 Reports Go Home</i>
16	<i>Skating at EG Sports Complex 1:30-2:30</i>
19	<i>Family Day- No School</i>
23	Spirit Day - Canada/Olympics Day
28	Celebration Assembly

Message From Our Trustee - Lorelea Carruthers

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

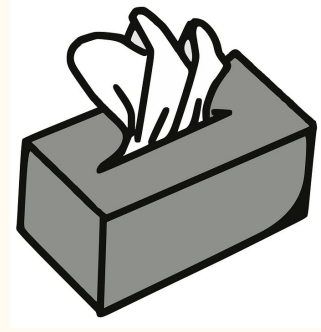
Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.





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 using 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>



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



A Note From Mrs. Stevens

Dear QPS Families,

Thank you all for making my time at QPS such a wonderful experience! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the amazing staff, students and parents at this very special school. The parent involvement here helps to drive and support so much of what we do. From preparing snacks for our breakfast bins, making pasta on Friday afternoons, delivering subs and yogurt, volunteering in classrooms and being part of School Council to helping support curriculum implementation, you are an integral part of the school, and we appreciate all that you do! I have loved watching the mural paper in the front hall grow with your hopes and dreams for your children this year, and I know that our staff will continue to work to make this a safe, inclusive and dynamic learning environment for all students! I welcome Mrs. Keosongseng to the Queensville team, and I know you will all enjoy working together to continue the incredible work that happens here every day!

I hope our paths will cross again.

Fondly,

Heather Stevens



Around our School.....

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.



We build, we count, we build some more. Making math real in the Learning Commons

February is Black History Month. We will celebrate the many contributions of the Black community over the course of the month.



Inquiry at work... "Is that Big Foot's feet?" - FDK Student at QPS

Orff Instruments have arrived! We are also practicing drumming and learning about the notes on the treble clef. Be prepared for some beautiful music!

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®

<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>

School Council Corner:



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

**The success of our School Council initiatives rely heavily on the amazing volunteers and support from our Community.
Thank you to all of you for all you do!**

School Council proudly presents: Magician Scott Boyd

On Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m, Magician Scott Boyd will be coming to Queensville P.S. to perform for our students!

**This presentation is free of charge. Popcorn will be available for \$1.00 per bag.
(Donations to support school council initiatives are welcome)**

[https://www.scottboydmagic.com/learn-magic.](https://www.scottboydmagic.com/learn-magic)

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)

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have many opportunities (Sub lunches, Pizza lunches, Milk program etc.) for parents/guardians interested in volunteering at the school. If you have some time that you would like to spend with us, we welcome you to contact us!!


















QPS Calendar

February 2018



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 National Sweater Day 	2 PA Day - No School For Students	3
4	5 Welcome Mrs. Keonsongseng School Council 5:30	6	7 Magician 11:00 Winter Walk Day 	8 	9 	10
11	12	13	14  <i>Happy Friendship Day!</i> 	15 Reports go home 	16 Winter Walk Day  Skating at EG SportsComplex 1:30-2:30	17
18	19 Family Day No School	20	21 	22 	23  Spirit Day Canada/ Olympics Day	24
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