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Character

Matters!

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Grandfather Teaching: Fairness

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

Character Trait: Wisdom

To have wisdom is to know the difference between good and bad and to know the result of your actions.

NEW for QPS!

Online Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2019 begins January 18 for the 2019-20 school year.

This year, our school is excited to be one of the pilot schools in the Board offering online registration for Kindergarten.

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.

If you, or someone you know, is registering a child for Kindergarten at our school, you can access the online registration information at bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB. Please note that for this pilot, a laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended, rather than a mobile device.

Families are still welcome to register in person in the school office. Registration forms are available on the Board's website at www.yrdsb.ca.

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

January Calendar	
7	Back to School
10	Little Jammerz on Thursdays
17	Skating at EG Complex Co-Ed Volleyball Game vs. Sharon PS
18	PA Day Kindergarten Registration Begins
24	Crime Stoppers Presentation Gr. 4-6
29	Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament
31	Spirit Day: Jersey/Sports Day



Tobogganing and Sledding Safety

Tobogganing and sledding are fun, popular winter activities; however, every year hundreds of children are injured on toboggans. Here are some tips to keep your children safe:

- Parents should always actively supervise children at the toboggan/sled hill
- Dress children in warm layers of brightly coloured, waterproof clothes and boots. Use a neck warmer instead of a scarf and cover children's heads, ears and hands
- Teach children to toboggan/sled down the middle of hill and use the sides to walk to the top
- To prevent head injuries, children should always wear a hockey or ski helmet designed to protect the head in all directions in icy conditions
- Toboggans/sleds should be sturdy, easy to control and in good condition
- Remind children to sit on a toboggan/sled face forward and not lay on their stomachs; never allow children to sled head first
- Choose a hill with a gentle slope and enough room to stop. The hill should be free of hazards (such as trees and rocks) and be well lit to see any potential dangers as well as to be seen by others
- Remind children to never jump in front of toboggans/sleds going downhill
- Make sure only the recommended number of children ride the toboggan/sled

For more information, visit york.ca/injuryprevention

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.



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.

Skating Dates at the EG Complex are:

Thurs., Jan. 17th, Fri., Feb. 15th & Wed., Mar. 6th. Skating time is **1:30-2:30 pm**. Families are welcome to join us in the fun! Helmets are required for students.

Save the Dates!



Questioning in Math

Using effective questions when talking about math, supports the development of your child's mathematical reasoning. The use of questioning provides children with opportunities to share and clarify their ideas, draw conclusions, and explain and explore new strategies. With good intention, we often rush to provide our children all the information they need to solve a math problem. By giving your child this information too quickly, they may not think deeply about the problem or engage in [mathematical processes](#).

Here is a list of questions you can ask to support your child's mathematical thinking:

- How did you solve the problem? What did you do?
- What strategy did you use? How did you estimate what the answer could be?
- What would happen if ...? Tell me what is the same? What is different?
- How do you know? How did you know where ...?
- How did you know which ...? How did you know when ...?
- How do you know your/our answer is reasonable?
- Would this work every time? Can you/we think of any examples that don't work?
- Have you/we found all the possibilities? How do you/we know?
- What have you/we discovered about _____ while solving this problem?
- What have you/we learned?

Activities: Primary/Junior - Math Before Bed

On [Math Before Bed](#) there are a variety of images that promote mathematical thinking. Show your child an image and ask them "what do you notice? what are you wondering about?". This promotes mathematical thinking - and then you can have them investigate one of their wonderings and come up with a solution. What a great time to ask them the questions above to really uncover what they are thinking!!



From Salvage Design

mathbeforebed.com

What do you notice?
What do you wonder?

Junior/Intermediate - Would You Rather Math

On this site, there are a variety of scenarios that your child will be able to make a choice and use reasoning skills to justify their mathematical thinking.

Whichever option is chosen, justify your reasoning with math!


<http://www.wouldyourathermath.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](#)

Would you rather...

Roll two dice 10 times and...

Option A: Receive \$5.00 every time you get a double.	OR	Option B: Receive \$5.00 every time you get any 2 even numbers.
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Would You Rather...



Around the School...



Brittney, Kamryn, Kaylob, Mark, and Mrs. Davidson organized our Hat & Mitten Drive. A total of 48 items were donated. We are grateful for the donations from our school community. Thank you for your generosity.

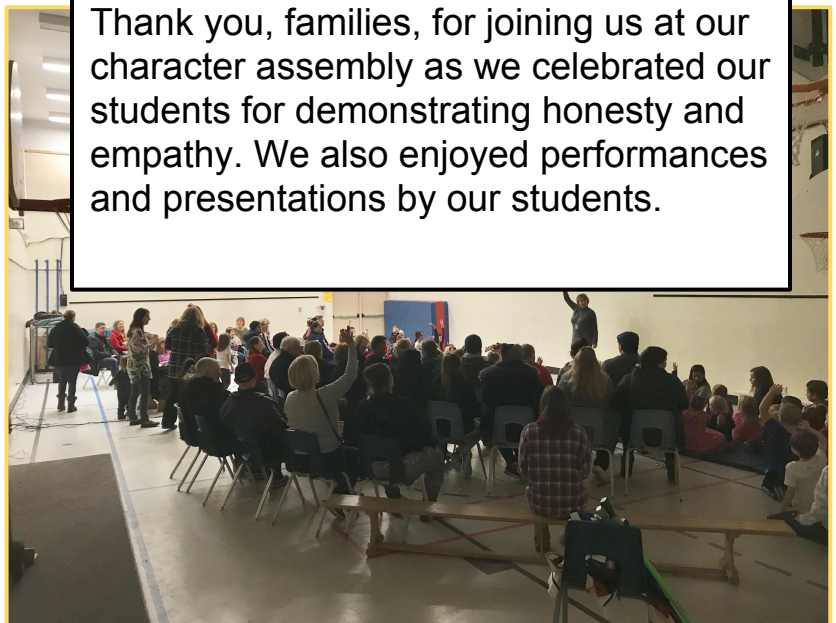


Our Grade 3/4 students enjoyed a day at LEGOLAND where they used their imagination with educational play and participated in hands-on learning throughout the curriculum.



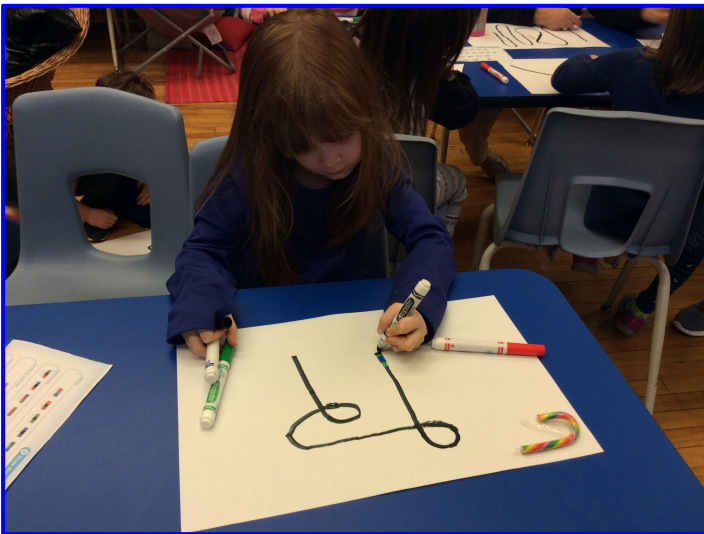
Our students enjoyed intramural floor hockey during the lunch hour, led by Mrs. Bechberger and Mr. Raddar.

Thank you, families, for joining us at our character assembly as we celebrated our students for demonstrating honesty and empathy. We also enjoyed performances and presentations by our students.





Around the School...



We're busy in the Learning Commons! We're learning to code and create pathways for our Ozobots.



Our Kindergarten students enjoyed making shelters during outdoor learning time.





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: Feb. 4th, Apr. 1st, May 6th. **All are welcome!**



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.

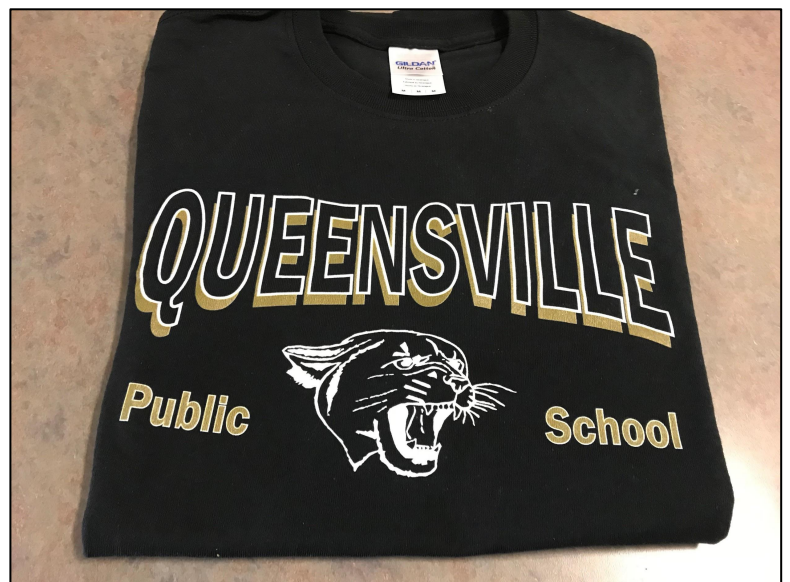


Thank you for your support with the QPS Spirit Wear purchases. We look forward to seeing our students in their QPS gear.
















SKATE SWAP

Skating days are ahead of us. If you have a pair of skates that no longer fit, you can send them to school and trade them in for a different pair.





LOOKING AHEAD AT JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1 7 Welcome Back!	Day 2 8	Day 3 9 	Day 4 10 Little Jammerz 	Day 5 11 
Day 1 14 Games Club	Day 2 15	Day 3 16 Chess Club  	Day 4 17 Skating at EG Complex 1:30-2:30 QPS vs. SPS Volleyball Game 	Day 5 18 PA DAY No School for Students Kindergarten Registration Begins
Day 5 21 Chess Club 	Day 1 22 Games Club	Day 2 23 	Day 3 24 Crime Stoppers Presentation Gr. 4-6 Little Jammerz 	Day 4 25 
Day 5 28 Chess Club 	Day 1 29 Games Club Volleyball Area Tournament	Day 2 30 	Day 3 31  Spirit Day: Sports Day/Jersey Day	