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Character Matters!

MAY 2019



Grandfather Teaching: BRAVERY

The quality or state of having or showing mental or moral strength to face danger, fear, or difficulty.

Character Trait: COURAGE

Take responsibility. You are where you are in life because of the choices you make. It takes courage to try new things and also to admit when you are wrong.

ECO NEWS

All of our students participated in a school-wide yard clean last Tuesday! In honour of Earth Week, students took the initiative to keep our environment clean by picking up waste from the yard. Our Eco-Team has been working hard to do their part to help remind students and staff of ways to be Eco-Friendly! Please take the time to have discussions about ways you can help the environment and reduce waste, reuse and recycle at home.



A Note from Mr. Arnott

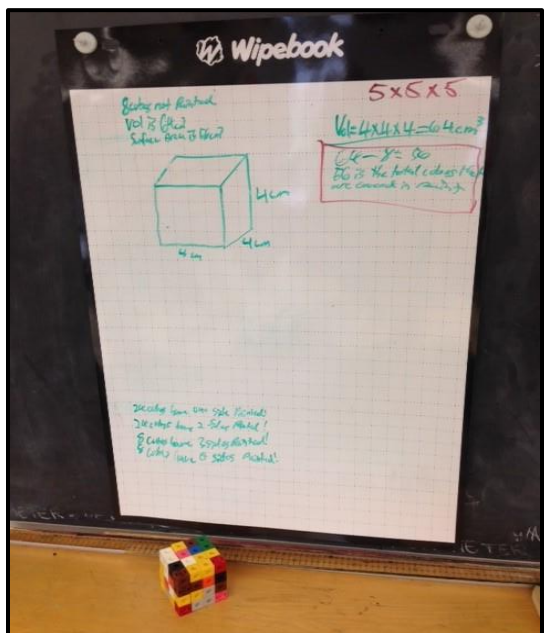
May looks like a very busy month at Queensville Public School. For a small school I am very impressed by the number of programs and special activities that are offered to your children. The staff are committed to making each day a rewarding learning experience and a positive environment that builds school spirit, well-being and student success. I hope you will be able to join us for some of the upcoming events this spring.

May Calendar

3	Reptile Presentations
6	School Council Meeting
7	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
8	Chess Tournament
9	Spring Concert / Talent Show
10	Welcome to Kindergarten for September
14	Track and Field (Grades 4-6)
20	Victoria Day HOLIDAY!
21	Grade 3 EQAO testing begins
28	Grade 6 EQAO testing this week



Our Math



QPS continues to promote problem solving in the classroom in a variety of different ways. The grade 5/6 students have engaged in a variety of open-ended tasks using our new Wipebooks (vertical non-permanent surfaces) to work on building our collaboration and communication skills in order to make our learning and thinking visible. Here is just one example of the types of math problem solving that is taking place in our Grade 5/6 class. Students were asked to engage in some math talk and try to determine how many parts (faces) of the cubes would be covered if painted.

Please find more information about math programs at

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>

Here is another suggested website that parents can use to help enrich math learning at home for students of all levels.

TVO mPower

<https://tvompower.com/>

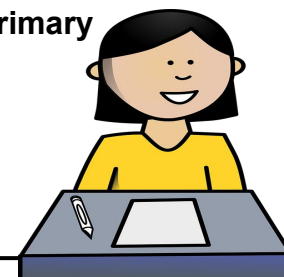
EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING

During the weeks of May 21-24 (Grade 3) and May 27-31 (Grade 6) our students will be taking part in the provincial assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and 6 students across the province in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the government of Ontario.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers program for in the classroom every day. At the time of testing we ask that parents try to avoid any appointments during the school day to maintain regular attendance and ensure that students writing the test are well rested and encouraged to do their best and show what they know. The administration of six one hour sections will be spread out across the week for both the Primary and Junior grades that participate.

For more information about EQAO you may wish to visit their website

www.eqao.com.





Around the School...



Scientists in the School visited with all of our classes on April 29th. We enjoyed lots of hands-on activities.



During Earth Week we went outside to explore our schoolyard environment and to help with a spring clean up of the play areas.



The QPS Dance-athon / Read-athon was a big success. All classes participated in the afternoon of fun. Thanks to you we raised over \$200.





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER



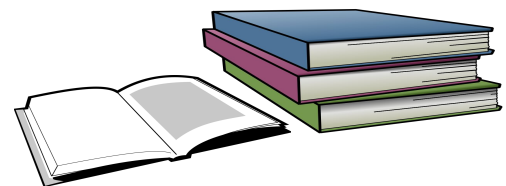
Greetings from the School Council:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Veseys Bulb fundraiser. We earned \$450.00! Our top seller was Chloe S. in Ms. Slessor's class. Congratulations!! She will receive a \$20 Chapters gift card. Our top selling classes were Ms. Slessor, Wallace and Bechberger's. Great work. The School Council will provide a yummy smoothie treat on Friday!

Our last fundraiser for the year will be a basket raffle on the night of the upcoming Spring Concert. These baskets will be put together by each class based on their chosen theme. More information will be shared with parents.

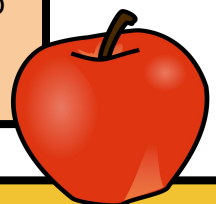
Save the Date! Monday, May 6th is the last meeting of the year at 5:30 in the staff room. All are welcome.

2018-2019 YEARBOOK: If you have any expertise, artistic talent or simply just a passion for collecting fond memories, perhaps you would like to help us with this year's Queensville PS yearbook. Please contact the school.



School Council is also looking for a lunch coordinator for next year. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact the school or Jen Chaggares.

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! And a special thanks to 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.





JUMPING INTO MAY

Jump Rope for Heart

The Jump Rope for Heart “kickoff” assembly will be held on May 7th. Students will be encouraged to get sponsors at home from family and friends in order to raise money and awareness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Our school event is scheduled for **Friday May 31st**. More information and sponsor sheets will be coming home next week after our assembly.

Boys Basketball Team

Congratulations to our Boys Basketball team. They will compete this week in the North Area junior basketball playoffs. The team members are: Austin, Rhys, Reece, Grady, Andrew, Spencer, Jack, Dimitri and Zach.



Track and Field: All of our students in Grades 4-6 will participate in the Annual Track and Field Meet on **Tuesday May 14th** at Dr. Denison High School in Newmarket.



The Meet will also involve students from Sharon P.S. Some of these athletes will then qualify to enter the Area Meet on June 13th.

Chess Team

Next week (May 8) we will be sending a team of avid chess enthusiasts to Bogart Public School for the annual area Chess Tournament. Good luck Team!



LOST AND FOUND... we have several items on display from our winter lost and found.

Please encourage your child to take a look in the front hallway or drop by the school if there is something you think is missing. It is always helpful to put names on all articles of clothing. That helps us at school.



QPS SPRING CONCERT !!!!

Please join us for our **SPRING CONCERT / Talent Show** on **May 9th** here at QPS. The Show will feature performances by each classroom and other special songs, dances, jokes from different individual students.

The **SHOW** begins promptly at **6:00** in our gym.