



# The Queensville Quill

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

November will be a very busy and exciting month at Queensville Public School. Our staff have been working hard to create meaningful, curriculum based activities for our students in order to enhance and deepen their understanding of the learning that they are doing in class.

Progress Reports will be coming home on November 22, and you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher at a Student-Led conference on the evening of November 24 or the morning of November 25. We value your partnership in your child's education, and look forward to discussing his/her progress at this time. If you are unable to attend a meeting at one of the assigned times, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Members of our community are welcome to attend our Celebration Assembly at 1:45 on November 3, and our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11, at 10:50. Please remember to sign in at the office before coming to the gym.

As we start to see the first signs of colder weather coming, please remember to listen for inclement weather related school bus cancellations. If you decide to keep your children at home, please ensure that you report the absence to the school in the morning. We would also like to remind you that although schools will remain open, if you bring your child to school on an inclement weather day, you are responsible for picking them up at the end of the day. Please familiarize yourself with the information regarding inclement weather days on Page 2 of the newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Stephanie Gilbert  
Principal

Heather Stevens  
Vice-Principal



**This Month's Character Trait:**

**Honesty**

We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner.



## November Calendar



1	Mrs. Mitchell's Class to St. Marie Among the Hurons
3	Celebration Assembly - 1:45 p.m.
11	Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:50 a.m.
17	Michael Mitchell -2:00 p.m. @ Sharon P.S
22	Progress Reports go Home
24	Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
25	Teacher Conferences AM/PA Day - No School for Students
30	School Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.

**Don't forget to turn back the clocks on November 4th!**



## “Take Me Outside Day”

On October 26, we celebrated “Take Me Outside Day” at QPS.

Our students had an opportunity to experience learning in the outdoors as part of an initiative to encourage children to spend less time in front of screens, and more time in the outdoors.

QPS staff and students embraced this opportunity by engaging in a variety of collaborative activities and nature investigations!

Thank you to Mrs. Jebb and her team for organizing this amazing experience for us!



Student Transportation Services of York Region  
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Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1  
905-713-2535  
FAX: 905-713-2533  
Web site: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

### School Bus Cancellation Notice

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

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. 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.
- 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

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	107.1 FM

#### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

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

## November Eco-Theme: What's In? What's Out?

This month, staff and students are encouraged to “Rethink” their actions before disposing of an item. That is, **stop** and consider the impact every disposal action will have on the environment and the world around us. It is important to be well-informed about what goes in the Blue Box for recycling and what goes in the garbage bin for landfill. Putting items in the Blue Box that shouldn't be there can ruin an entire batch of recyclable material. To help staff and students recycle right, please refer to the **What Goes Where Waste list** for standard Blue Box materials on the following page.

Thank you to Mrs. Robinson and our Eco-Team members for helping to remind all of us at QPS about “What's In” and “What's Out”!

# REDUCE Reuse Recycle

## BLUE BOX

### Most Common Items:

Aluminum foil, plates, trays  
Bakery trays & clamshells (plastic)  
Books (paperback & hardcover with cover removed)  
Bottles (glass and plastic)  
Boxboard  
Bristol board  
Brown paper bags  
Cans (food and drink)  
Cardboard boxes (flattened)  
Coffee cups (including lids) <sup>5</sup>  
Construction Paper  
Drink boxes (no straws)  
Envelopes (white and manila)  
File folders  
Flyers  
Gable top containers (e.g. milk, juice, soup)  
Kraft paper  
Magazines  
Margarine tubs (and lids)  
Metal cans & containers  
Microwaveable plastic food trays (#1 & #5)  
Milk cartons  
Newspapers  
Office paper, pads and post-it/sticky notes  
Packaging (paper)  
Paper cups (including lid) <sup>5</sup>  
Paper milk or juice cartons  
Paper towel rolls  
Papers (not shredded)  
Pizza boxes  
Plastic bottles (#1 to #7)  
Plastic trays <sup>2</sup>  
Plastic tubs & lids (#1 to #7)  
Pop cans  
Posters  
Reports  
Rigid plastic bottles <sup>2</sup> and rigid plastic tubs <sup>2</sup>  
Sandwich boxes (disposable)  
Take-out food containers <sup>2</sup> (empty and clean)  
Telephone books  
Tetra paks  
Tin cans  
Toilet paper rolls  
Trays (plastic <sup>2</sup> or aluminum)  
Water bottles  
Wide mouth containers <sup>2</sup> (e.g. yoghurt tubs)  
Writing paper  
Yoghurt tubs

### Other Items:

Aerosol cans (empty)  
Calendars  
Cards (paper only)  
Cereal boxes  
Cookie tins  
Egg cartons/flats (moulded pulp/plastic)  
Frozen food boxes  
Frozen juice containers <sup>1</sup>  
Gift wrap (paper)  
Glossy flyers  
Greeting cards  
Household cleaning product containers <sup>3</sup> (empty)  
Ice cream tubs  
Index cards  
Javex /bleach bottles (empty)  
Jugs and jars (plastic and glass)  
Paint cans (empty, lids off)  
Plastic detergent bottles  
Plastic pails (up to 1 gallon) <sup>6</sup>  
Plastic plant pots <sup>6</sup>  
Plastic plant trays <sup>2 & 4</sup>  
Polycoat containers  
Shoe boxes



- <sup>1</sup> Metal ends must be removed
- <sup>2</sup> Must not be styrofoam and must have a recycling symbol
- <sup>3</sup> No petroleum based containers, pesticide containers, or containers with fuel
- <sup>4</sup> Must be no larger than 30cm wide and 30cm long and must have a recycling symbol
- <sup>5</sup> Paper coffee cups only (i.e. no waxed pop cups)
- <sup>6</sup> Must be no larger than 9" diameter and must have recycling symbol

## GARBAGE

### Most Common Items:

Foam trays  
Foil pouches/packets, e.g. juice pouches  
Plastic bags  
Plastic lids from jars (with threads)  
Plastic packaging (formed #1 to #3)  
Plastic wrap  
Styrofoam  
Waxed paper cups

### Other Items:

Artificial flowers and plants  
Baby wipes  
Balloons  
Broken dishes  
Bubble-wrap packaging  
Butter wrapping  
Carbon paper  
Ceramics  
Cereal box liners  
Cigarette packages and ashes  
Cookie bags  
Cork  
Hardware  
Matches  
Medicine bottles (empty)  
Metal bake ware  
Milk bags  
Mirrors  
Overhead transparencies  
Potato chip bags  
Rubber  
Rubber gloves  
Sandpaper  
Scissors  
Scouring pads  
Styrofoam egg cartons  
Twist ties  
Vitamin bottles  
Waxed cardboard





The East Gwillimbury Youth & Community Initiatives Fund is a fund established with the proceeds raised through the Annual Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament

**Youth Funding Assistance:**  
Funding is available to families in need of financial assistance to help out with fees associated with extra-curricular activities.  
(Funding is available for youth under 19 years of age)

**Elite Athlete Funding Assistance:**  
Financial assistance is available to those who participate in national sporting events.

For more information and to access the funding applications please visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca) or

contact:  
Gina Casey  
[gcasey@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:gcasey@eastgwillimbury.ca)  
905-478-4282 ext 1276



## At QPS We Care About Our Community

We would like to thank Mrs. Davidson and her students for organizing the Fall Food Drive earlier this month. QPS showed great community spirit by donating over 150 items to the new Holland Landing Food Pantry.

Mrs. Mitchell's class brought in the largest number of food items per student, and won an extra PHYS ED. class!

Thank you for caring for our community Queensville!



## School Lunch Assistants Needed

We are currently looking for "on call" lunch assistants. If you have a flexible schedule and enjoy working with children, this is the position for you.

### Benefits:

- Earn \$12.11 per hour
- Work on an on-call basis during the lunch hour.
- Meet new friends and staff.
- Contribute to a vibrant school community.

If you are interested, please contact the office for a registration package.

*Thank you for your interest!*

## QPS Staff 2016-2017

S. Gilbert	Principal
H. Stevens	Vice-Principal
L. Mammone	Administrative Assistant
D. Petroff (Mr. Derek)	Lead Caretaker
D. Jebb	FDK
G. Robinson	Gr. 1/2
S. Milak	Gr. 3/4
A. Mitchell	Gr. 5/6
W. Combaluzier	Community Class
C.A. Davidson	Special Education Resource Teacher
G. Kenny	Physical Health and Education
F. Cormier	Learning Commons, Literacy Teacher
A. Amiri	DECE
D. Segouin	ADH
L. Ash	ADH
N. Knupp-Croucher	Special Education Assistant

Please be sure to let your child's teacher know your preferred time/date for Student-Led Conferences by returning the form to school by **Friday, November 11.**

### COMMUNICATION HOME

Parents/guardians are our most important partners in educating children. Early communication between home and school is an important step in assuring that your child gets off to a positive start in his/her educational year.

The Queensville Quill Newsletter will be posted on our website monthly. The full year calendar is updated regularly on the school website.

Classroom teachers will also be sending home regular newsletters to keep you informed about your child's program and special events. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school to speak with staff or to arrange a meeting.

In addition, you can follow us on Twitter @QueensvillePS, and find Board news and updates at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or on Twitter @yrdsb.

### The School Day

**8:35 Outdoor Supervision Begins**  
**8:50 Morning Bell, Entry and Attendance**  
**8:50-9:40: Period 1**  
**9:40-10:30: Period 2**  
**10:30-10:50: Period 3**  
**10:50-11:20 Nutrition Break/Recess**  
**Period 4 11:20-12:00**  
**Period 5 12:00-12:40**  
**12:40 – 1:40 Lunch/Recess**  
**Period 6 1:40-2:20**  
**Period 7 2:20-3:00**  
**Period 8 3:00-3:20**  
**Dismissal 3:20**

## Protecting Student Privacy Under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

At times throughout the school year, your child's first name and last initial, image, or other information may be shared beyond the classroom and the school. This may happen, for example, during special events that attract media attention, in class and school newsletters, on websites and in displays for events such as assemblies, seasonal celebrations, or other occasions.

**If you wish to exclude your child(ren) please contact school Administration in writing so that alternate arrangements can be made.**

\*\*\*NOTE: Parents/Guardians personally recording school events and then publicly posting them on social media do not respect the privacy rights of all parents, staff, and students whose images they share without their knowledge and/or permission. These photographs and video clips cannot be controlled by the York Region District School Board nor can it prevent their further distribution or use. **Please exercise caution when showcasing your child—protect the privacy of other individuals and do not publicly display images of any other person without permission.**

## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Every morning we contact the parents of students who are absent from school and for whom we have had no prior notification.

If you know that your child is going to be absent for a medical appointment etc., please contact the school by note or phone call the day before. This reduces the number of calls we have to make to parents (often interrupting them at work).

If your child becomes ill overnight, please leave a message on the school voicemail system which is accessible 24 hrs a day. Thank you for your diligence!

### Elementary PA Days:

Friday, November 25, 2016  
Friday, January 20, 2017  
Friday, February 3, 2017  
Friday, June 2, 2017  
Friday, June 30, 2017

## School Year Calendar 2016/2017

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	Monday, September 5, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2016
Christmas/Winter Break	Monday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017 incl.
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17, 2017 incl.
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017



## Learning Commons/MakerSpace News

### Items needed for MakerSpace



If you have any small, non-functioning electronics that you are going to get rid of please consider donating them to the QPS Learning Commons MakerSpace! We can use them for investigating, questioning and lots more great learning!

We would also appreciate any extra **AA batteries** that you may have!



**Our MakerSpace is growing!**  
Thanks to the grant from the **EG Charity Golf Tournament**, we have recently purchased **Ozobots, WeDo 2.0, VR Goggles, Dash Robot** and more! Ask your children about their adventures in the **MakerSpace**.

### Follow us on Twitter:

**@QueensvillePSLC** to see some of the exciting learning adventures we are having in our MakerSpace and Learning Commons!



# 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 will be introducing the “Zones of Regulation” to our students at QPS over the next few weeks.

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®

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

## School Council Corner:



Please join us for our council meeting on **November 30** at **5:00 p.m.** in the staffroom. *All are welcome!*

Thank you for your support of our first fundraiser of the year. Our Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser sold over \$1650.00 of produce, and made over \$620.00 profit to support School Council initiatives. ***Our top selling class was Mr. Milak's class.***

Keep an eye out for QPS Spirit Wear that we will be selling in the next few weeks!

**SAVE THE DATE:** On November 15 we will be hosting QPS Night and basket raffle at Chapters in Newmarket from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from sales will go to the school. If you wish to make a donation to the raffle basket, please drop it off at the school!

### **2016/2017 Meeting Dates:**

*Please join us in the Staff Room at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:*

September 28  
October 26  
November 30  
February 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7

### **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 ~ November 2016

◀ October 2016

December 2016 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Mrs. Mitchell's Class to St. Marie Among the Hurons	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>  Celebration Assembly 1:50 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:50 a.m.  Lest We Forget.	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> QPS Night at Chapters	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>  <b>Red and White Day</b> Trip to Sharon P.S. – Michael Mitchell 1:40 p.m.-3:10 p.m.	<b>18</b> <i>Spirit Day</i> -Wear Your PJs To school!  <i>Pajama Day</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Report Cards Go Home	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>  Interview Night	<b>25</b> PA Day for Students Interview Morning	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>Notes:</b>		

# Bounce Back & Thrive!



Are you a parent or caregiver of children eight years of age and under?

## Join York Region Public Health's **FREE Program for Parents!**

**Attend in-person sessions that are led by registered nurses and learn to:**

- “Bounce back” from every day stress and hard times
- Relieve stress and calmly solve problems and conflicts
- Help your children handle disappointment, anger and frustration
- Help your children feel good about themselves, confident and hopeful for the future

For more information about **Bounce Back & Thrive!** contact York Region Health Connection at **1-800-361-5653**, TTY **1-866-252-9933** or email us at [HC@york.ca](mailto:HC@york.ca)

Registration is available online at [york.ca/bbt](http://york.ca/bbt)



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