



Celebrating 100 years

THE QUEENSVILLE QUILL

100 YEARS

April 2021

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Est. 1826 current building 1921



Grandfather Teaching: *Truth.*

“Be true in everything that you do. Be true to yourself and true to your people. Always speak the truth.”

Character Trait: Integrity



*Character
Matters!*

“We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave.”

Principal's message - Visit our new website

YRDSB has refreshed its Board website to make it easier for families to find the important information they are looking for at www.yrdsb.ca.

The new website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region District School Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
- Enhanced search capabilities
- Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
- Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The new website also includes:

- A [Family Resources](#) that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- Updated [Online Student Tools](#) pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources to help with homework. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- An enhanced [newsroom](#) with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what's happening around our Board.

Easy access to information about [supports for students](#), [elementary school](#) and [secondary school](#) programs, [adult learning opportunities](#) and more.

Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

We hope that the website makes it easier for families to find and access the information you are looking for. When you visit the new website, please take the time to share your feedback, so we can continue to ensure our website meets the needs of the community we serve.



Queensville P.S. 100 years strong

Overview

Queensville Public School offers many opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, as well as a multitude of co-curricular activities in both athletics and the arts. We have a dedicated staff with a strong commitment to student well-being and achievement, and to creating an environment where everyone feels safe, welcome and respected.

Queensville enjoys a tradition of cooperation, support and mutual respect between home and school. This partnership is essential to the academic and social growth of our children, and the open communication between home and school. We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication, and fostering the relationship that exists between home and school.

History

Queensville P.S. is named after the community of Queensville. It is set in a rural-urban setting within East Gwillimbury. There have been four schools built within the community. The first was constructed in 1826 at the corner of Queensville Sideroad and Leslie Street. James Alyward was the first teacher in this 16 by 20 foot building. In 1855, a new school was built to house the average attendance of 50 students. Queensville got its first brick schoolhouse in September of 1909. This school was replaced in 1921 by the current school. In 1943, the school received hydro, steam heating, toilets, fountains, and basins.

Facilities

The current Queensville P.S. was officially opened in 1921. A port-a-pack with six classrooms was added in 1954. A separate gymnasium was constructed in 1996. The schoolyard is 8.9 acres in size with several areas containing play equipment. There is a baseball diamond and five soccer pitches. The schoolyard is surrounded by agricultural fields.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Online Kindergarten Registration for QPS! Kindergarten registration for September 2020 begins January 17th for the 2020-21 school year. Our school is offering online registration for Kindergarten. Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, 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. 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

Upcoming dates:

- ❑ **April 6 - School Council Meeting**
- ❑ **April 7 School Presentation / Night time presentation for parents**
- ❑ **April 12-16 SPRING BREAK !**
- ❑ **May 24 Victoria day**
- ❑ **May 31 PA Day**
- ❑ **June 29 Last Day**

Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members

Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual consultation sessions and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation.

The dates and times of the virtual consultations are:

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. o Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3150347517880291084>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. o Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via 647-497-9368 and entering Access Code 490-736-992.

Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. o Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3227105524126939660> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. o Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via 647-497-9389 and Access Code 149-846-166.

YRDSB has created a survey to gather community feedback into the process. The survey will be available for completion on the Board website April 7 - April 29, 2021.

YRDSB values community input and is working to increase transparency and understanding of its budget process. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca.

MESSAGE FROM OUR Principal ...

Masks at Queensville

To minimize and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our school and community by direction of the Ministry of Education and in consultation with Public Health wearing a mask at school both inside and outside at all times is mandatory for all students in Grades 1 through 12. Students may only remove masks at snack and at lunch when eating and for hydration when seated in class. Throughout the school year we have taught students about the importance of adhering to all COVID-19 PPE and safety protocols, taught them why each protocol has been put in place, and reinforced adherence to protocols. We know that children may ask questions and may resist following safety protocols and we have and will continue to respond in supportive ways.

At this time, the requirement for students to wear a mask at all times has been taught and reinforced for all students. Consequences for not following our masking protocol have not been necessary yet due to students following the protocol.





Aprils Celebrations ...

1

Indigenous Spirituality

Thundering Moon (local Oneida)

Thunder renews the earth in the spring and keeps the big dangerous animals (e.g. dinosaurs, snakes) underground. Also thunder controls the wind so it does not get too strong and destroy homes...as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.

1 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month (Canada)

In Canada, April is Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month and is an opportunity to reflect on the root causes of these tragedies, so that we may prevent them from happening again.

Christianity

1 Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W)

Celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus.

2 Holy (Good) Friday (W)

Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion.

3 Holy Saturday (W)

The final day of Lent, of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is a day of vigil in preparation for Easter. The day culminates with the Easter Vigil in many Churches during which the Easter Candle, the Light of Christ, leads a congregation through song and prayer to celebrate the Resurrection.

Judaism

3 Seventh Day of Pesah (Last observed day for Reform Jews.)

Pesah commemorates the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. It is the first of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Shavuot and Sukkot).

In Israel and among Reform Jews, Pesah is celebrated for seven days: eve + the first day + the seventh (last) day are non-working. For Orthodox and Conservative Jews outside Israel, Pesah is celebrated for eight days: eve + first and second days + seventh (second last) and eighth (last) days are non-working.

4 Easter (W)

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost.

Judaism

4 Eighth (Last) Day of Pesah

(Last observed day for Orthodox and Conservative Jews.) Pesah commemorates the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. It is the first of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Shavuot and Sukkot).

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Christianity

5 Easter Monday (W)

Judaism

7 Eve of Yom HaShoah Observance begins at sundown.

Bahá'í Faith

8 Jalál Jalál (Glory) is the second Bahá'í month

Judaism

8 Yom HaShoah

Held in memory of the six million Jews who died as victims of Nazi atrocities (World War II).

Buddhism

Buddha's Birth date

Anniversary of the historical Buddha's birth. (Mahāyāna) (Japan, North America) New Moon

8

12 New Moon

(02:32 UTC) The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

Buddhism

13 Saka New Year

Observed over two days, the Saka calendar's New Year's Day is a religious and cultural celebration for Sinhalese, Indians, Burmese, Kampucheans, Laotians and Thais (Thai Water Festival). (Theravāda)

Islam

13 First of Ramaḍān

Ramaḍān is the month of fasting (ending with 'Īd al-Fiṭr on May 13 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. It is a time of self-examination and religious devotion. An observant would not be expected to refrain from work; however, special consideration for worship may be requested. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin April 13.) (Dates based on lunar observations in North America.)

Hinduism

13 Ramayana Week begins

Begins nine days before Ramanavmi, the birth day of Lord Rama. Fasting during this period is considered highly auspicious.

13 Navvarsha

New Year's Day. Bikrami Samvat 2078 begins.

14 International Day of Pink

This day is dedicated to the cause against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia, Transphobia, and Transmisogyny around the world. You can celebrate diversity by wearing a pink t-shirt and participating in activities in your workplaces, schools, and communities.

Hinduism

14 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year)

The first day of the solar year, Vaisakhi celebrates the harvest. It is especially important in North India. Vaisakhi, as a Hindu festival, is celebrated in several different ways across different countries.

Sikhism

14 Vaisakhi

Vaisakhi is important for Sikhs because on this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system from Sikhism. Thus he reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. Guru Gobind Singh Ji also created the Khalsa Panth, the Fellowship of the Pure. Khalsa brothers are given the name Singh (lion), and sisters are named Kaur (lioness or princess).

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20 First Day of the Festival of Riḍván

Bahá'í Faith

First Day of the Festival of Riḍván.

Festival of Riḍván, termed by Bahá'u'lláh the 'Most Great Festival' and the 'King of Festivals,' commemorates the 12 days that Bahá'u'lláh spent in the garden of Riḍván outside Baghdad. The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's public declaration of His mission to His family and closest followers. The first, the ninth, and the twelfth days of Riḍván are Bahá'í Holy Days on which work is suspended.

Hinduism

21 Ramanavami

Celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu. During the previous eight days, Hindus read the Ramayana, a Hindu epic, which tells the story of Rama.

Christianity

24 Lazarus Saturday (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Commemorates the raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus (John 11:1-45).

Christianity

25 Palm Sunday (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Jainism

25 Mahavira Jayanti

Celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira (Great Hero), the 24th Tirthankara (and the last of this time cycle).

Christianity

26 Holy Week begins (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Holy Week begins in the Eastern Churches the day after Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Friday (April 26 - 30).

Buddhism

26 Theravāda New Year

New Year festival for Theravāda Buddhists (primarily located in Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Laos), celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April.

Hinduism

27 Hanuman Jayanti

Celebrates the birth of the god Hanuman, a loyal devotee to Lord Rama. Celebrants mark Hanuman's birth by reciting the sacred text, Hanuman Chalisa, performing special pujas (prayer rituals), processing through the streets and adorning costumes to imitate the deity.

Bahá'í Faith

27 Jamál

Jamál (Beauty) is the third Bahá'í month

Full Moon

27 Full Moon (Supermoon)

(03:33 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Full Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Full Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. This is also the first of three supermoons for 2021. The Moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Bahá'í Faith

28 Ninth Day of Riḍván

The 9th Day of Riḍván is when Bahá'u'lláh's family joined Him at the garden of Riḍván in Baghdad. Baha'i's suspend work on this day.

Buddhism

28 Nichiren Foundation Day

Anniversary of the foundation of the Nichiren Sect in 1253. (Mahāyāna - Nichiren)

Christianity

29 Holy Thursday (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus.

Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)

30 Ghambar Maidyozarem begins

Ghambar Maidyozarem (April 30 - May 4) celebrates the creation of sky and the harvesting of the winter crop Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity

30 Holy Friday (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity

Winter HEALTH AND SAFETY



COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION

Throughout York Region there are 60 Community Safety Zones. These zones require special attention because school children are present. That's why large signs are posted, flashing lights and yellow markings provide warning, and fines for speeding are much higher.

Every school located on a Regional road is designated as a Community Safety Zone - including the section of Leslie Street to the north and south of Queensville Public School.

Drivers, please slow down to keep communities safe, and allow students, teachers, crossing guards, bus drivers and staff to feel comfortable.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
york.ca/trafficsafety


York Region

School Council corner:

Dear Queensville Public School Families,

We hope you are all doing well and have enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have had in March. Spring is here and with it the hope that better days are ahead. Thank you to everyone, staff, parents and students for keeping Queensville PS safe and able to continue with in-person learning.

We have some exciting things coming up!

Next week, on Wednesday, April 7th we are hosting a guest speaker, Scott Ste. Marie, who will give a presentation on Social Media and Mental Health. Scott will speak to the students in grades 4-6 during the school day and again to parents and caregivers in the evening at 7:00 pm. The presentation will be delivered over google meets. An invitation to the presentation will be emailed shortly. We hope you will enjoy this.

PARENT YOUTUBE LINK (GOES LIVE AT EXACTLY 7PM): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pesbgj4NsCU>

Stay tuned for details on the "Read-a-thon" fundraiser coming soon. Students will be asked to read as many books as they can and families and friends can sponsor them. Funds raised will go directly back to the school to support curriculum and technology upgrades.

Take care and Stay Safe.

Sincerely, Your QPS Council.

Social Media and Mental Health Workshop

Students will gain a deeper understanding of the impact social media use has on their emotional wellbeing and how to use it safely. Scott shares his honest experience being a YouTuber, showing students the reality behind these platforms and inviting them to think critically about how they treat others online and what content they consume. Students are immediately engaged as Scott shows background analytics to his own videos and how he personally has to *manage his own screen-time and prioritizes what is truly important offline*

Presenter: Scott Ste Marie

Scott has dedicated his life to destigmatizing and challenging mainstream thinking about mental illness while reaching millions of people around the world. As a mental health speaker, Scott invites his audience to redefine happiness as being content with the entire spectrum of human emotion. He pulls upon expertise from his lived experience but also his many years of experience at Twitter, AdParlor, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the Schizophrenia Society of Canada.

What Students Learn

- Understanding digital footprints and behaviour tracking online
- How to use our device to make a positive difference in the world
- The reality behind Social Media Influencers
- How social media and screen time impact emotional health and wellbeing

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