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*Character
Matters!*

Grandfather Teaching: WISDOM

Gathering and using knowledge to help make good choices.

Character Trait: RESPONSIBILITY

We are responsible for our actions and follow through with our commitments.



Fall Calendar

OCT 23	OUTDOOR LEARNING TODAY
OCT 26	IEPs shared with parents
OCT 30	Autumn Celebration for Halloween BLACK AND ORANGE / CRAZY - SPOOKY HAIR DAY
NOV 2	Parents begin booking Interview appointments with teachers - EDSBY

Meet the Queensville Staff!

With the help of Ms Mitchell, our staff has created a welcome and Meet the Teacher video to help introduce parents to the staff at school this year. Please use the attachment to view this presentation. As a part of this presentation you will also find important information regarding the new Ontario Math Curriculum that has been created specifically as a guide for York Region parents. (Please tap the screen to play.) As always, contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you to all the families who donated generously to the Terry Fox Run (Marathon of Hope), now in its 40th year. We still encourage you to make donations online on our school fundraising page. This year we have raised over \$800. That's great news for our little school.
(www.terryfox.ca/QueensvillePSQueensville).

Our new School Council is working on creative ways to raise more funds for different programs and events this year. More information will be available from the Council in the coming weeks.





MATH AT HOME AND SCHOOL

Do you have **LEGO blocks** at home? What is the *tallest* Robot Monster that you can make using one head, one body and one set of legs?

What is the *shortest* one you can make using one head, one body and one set of legs? How about creating a monster with *2 heads and 4 legs*?

Here are some other fun ideas that can be quickly used at home to support our Math curriculum learning:

- ☐ cooking together (focus on counting, fractions, measuring, etc.)
- ☐ patterning with naturally found items outside (for example making patterns with leaves - different attributes such as colour and size)
- ☐ carving shapes on pumpkins (geometric properties of 2D shapes
i.e., name the shape, discuss how many sides, vertices, types of angles)
- ☐ sorting candy (healthy vs. not healthy, colour, kind of candy)
- ☐ graphing candy/gummies/rainbow goldfish crackers



[Mathies](#) houses Ontario Ministry of Education developed resources to support mathematics learning from Kindergarten to Grade 12

HEALTH AND SAFETY at HALLOWEEN

Please visit the York Region Public Health website or the Board Q&A for more information on our plan to continue safe and healthy learning at school. [York.ca/safeatschool](https://york.ca/safeatschool)

The provincial government recently updated their list of symptoms related to Covid protocols and decision making about children attending school. When assessing for the symptoms, you should focus on evaluating if they are new, worsening, or different from your child's baseline health status or usual state. Symptoms associated with known chronic health conditions or related to other known causes/conditions should not be considered unless new, different or worsening according to the examples in the MOH chart. After developing symptoms, in general, children should no longer have a fever and their symptoms improving to be able to return to school/child care. Mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g. runny nose or mild cough that may persist following infections) may be ongoing at time of return to school/child care if other symptoms have resolved. The full Ministry of Health update is attached to this newsletter. You are also encouraged to speak with a family health care professional.

This year based on the many COVID safety and sanitizing practices, and some of the recent concerns expressed by the provincial health professionals, we are making a change to what we would normally be doing to recognize Halloween. A separate letter to this affect was sent recently to all families. On Friday October 30, we are asking parents to consider alternatives to the usual costumes such as **wearing black and orange clothing** or **crazy hair day**. And we ask that parents not send students to school with any treats.

We do realize that students may still choose to wear a simple costume with a reminder that all of the expected Health regulations remain in place. On October 30 we will be sharing some fun fall-themed art activities so there will be something for everyone!



Our crossing guard is on duty each day before and after school during our regular bus times. Parents are asked to drop their child off on the west side of the street and then escort them to the crosswalk. Staff are always on duty when buses arrive and as students enter the school property.



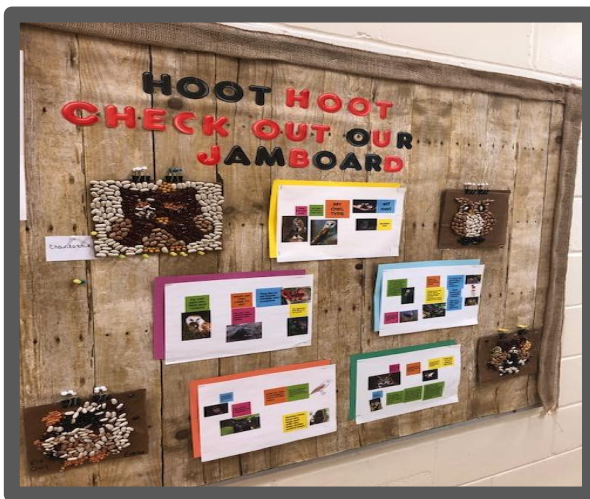
AROUND OUR SCHOOL...

Special days in September.



Creative work from Ms Vallance's class

Enjoying the fall colours in our school yard.



Keeping our social distance.





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Thank you to the parents who have been elected to our 2020-2021 School Council.

What a different world we now find ourselves in. We hope that all of you have settled easily into the new school year. The staff and administrators at our school are doing an amazing job keeping our students happy and safe and we truly appreciate all that they do. We have had two school council meetings already and have elected a new Executive. We are here to help facilitate a partnership with the school parents, staff, students and the community. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call us.

We will be working through this school year to raise funds that will go directly back to the school. Funds raised will support in-class learning, upgrade and purchase new technology, purchase sports equipment and whatever else may be needed this year. Because of COVID, fundraising will look a bit different this year. Normally, funds would be raised through Fresh From the Farm Sales, Raffle tickets and lunch programs like Pizza and Pasta. We are currently looking into creative, new COVID-friendly ways to fundraise. One idea that we hope to launch soon is a student Read-A-Thon. Stay tuned for more details on that. Thank you for your support and for being a part of the wonderful community at Queensville Public School.

**Our next VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING is on
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 5:30 pm**

Council Executive: Co-Chairs: Jennifer

Chaggares and Shannon Camenzuli

Treasurer: Edie Lohwy

Secretary: Monica Phillips

With the support of our School Council we continue to provide snacks for our morning meal program. **The Council is looking for your help. WE NEED a parent to assist with our SNACK program this year.** This task requires minimal time to do some shopping / sorting and organizing of each of our class snack bins. Please contact Jen Chaggares at 905-716-1980