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*Character
Matters!*

Grandfather Teaching: BRAVERY

Doing something right even if it is hard to do.

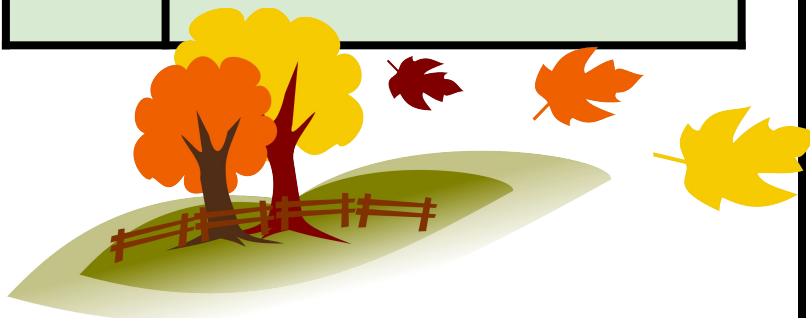
Character Trait: PERSEVERANCE

We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.



Fall Calendar

SEP 29	Terry Fox Run
SEP 29	School Council Meeting (virtual)
SEP 30	ORANGE SHIRT DAY
OCT 5	Meet the Staff (video presentation)
OCT 12	Happy THANKSGIVING
OCT 23	Outdoor Learning Day



Welcome Back Everyone!

It is so nice to see our students back in school. Staff have been planning and preparing for an exciting year. A great deal of time has been spent over the last couple of weeks especially, welcoming students and helping to establish new routines as part of our safe learning environment. Several things have changed as we adapt to the COVID 19 protocols and we thank parents for their cooperation and understanding. This newsletter is shorter than usual but we will continue to provide information to parents about the school this fall.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. Our **Terry Fox Run** is on **Tuesday, September 29th**. We expect to have separate cohort participation outside in our school yard that day. We will not be collecting any cash donations this year however a letter will be emailed to parents, encouraging them to make donations online on our school fundraising page. Thank you everyone.

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MATH AT HOME AND SCHOOL

This year the Ministry of Education has introduced a new Math curriculum in our elementary schools.
http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/min_math_strategy.html

Friday, September 25th is Math Storytelling Day at QPS. This is a day to appreciate all the ways math enhances our daily lives. The Friday will give us a great opportunity to get our students excited about math through stories and games. Math stories can include logic, patterns, puzzles, riddles, jokes and fun with numbers. Some teachers may also be creating math picture books.

Here are some nice math-related activities to try with your child at home :

Paper Folding

1. Fold your paper into a triangle that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is a triangle.
2. Fold your paper into a square that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is a square.
3. Fold your paper into an isosceles triangle that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is an isosceles triangle.

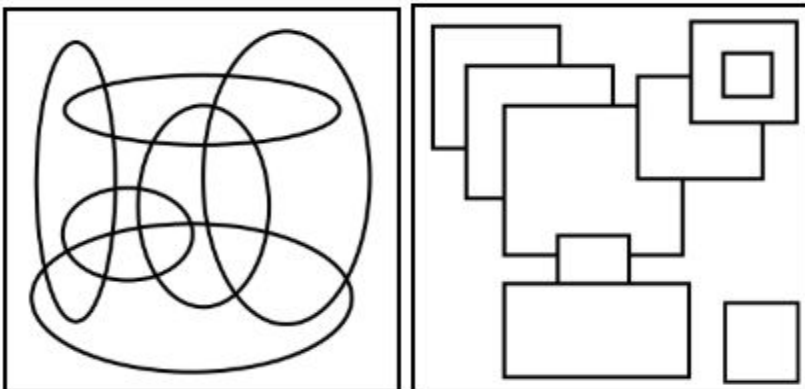
Boaler, Jo. Mindsets Mathematics: Visualizing and Investigating Big Ideas: Grade 4, 2017

Painting by Numbers by nrich <https://nrich.maths.org/7020&part=>

With painting by numbers, a line drawing is split into regions which are to be painted according to the rules that:

- 1) No two regions of the same colour can share a border
- 2) Two regions of the same colour are allowed to meet at a point.

Consider these two images, one made from intersecting ellipses and one made from overlapping rectangles (include the outer square boundaries in the image).



What is the smallest number of colours needed to colour these pictures according to the colouring rules? Prove your results clearly.

For more information on this task:
<https://nrich.maths.org/7020&part=>



COVID PREVENTION ROUTINES

Correct handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection. Each day our classes take regular washroom breaks as a cohort to exercise proper handwashing:

Students are reminded to:

- Sneeze into the bend of your arm rather than into hands
- Wash hands before preparing or eating food
- Wash hands after using the bathroom, nose blowing, sneezing and playing outdoors
- Sanitize hands each time they return to the classroom



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a personal mask while in the school building. Grade 4 to 6 students must wear a mask throughout the day. Recess and lunch breaks will allow students to remove their masks to eat and to get some fresh air when outside playing; once again in their classroom cohort. The students then wash their hands or use the hand sanitizer each time they move in and outside.

Since the beginning of the school year, all students have been assigned a personal work space (desk) in each classroom and a designated bus seat during the ride to and from school every day if they require transportation.

All students are asked to keep personal belongings either in their desk or their backpacks. We ask that parents limit the number of items they send to school each day: lunches, snacks, etc should all return home at the end of the day. For now, they do not require indoor shoes. The school will have to restrict parents from visiting and dropping off lunches or other items. Visits to the school are by appointment only.

Until further notice there will be no field trips, assemblies or other large group gatherings with either students or parents that are typical at the beginning of the school year. We are planning a special virtual Meet the Staff event and our first School Council meeting.

Please visit the York Region Public Health website or the Board Q and A section for more information on our plan to continue safe and healthy learning at school.

[York.ca/safeatschool](https://york.ca/safeatschool)



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 on duty as students enter the school property.



AROUND OUR SCHOOL...

All students are reminded to practise safe physical distancing.



Mr. Derek and Ms. Jebb created a colourful autumn display in our front hallway.

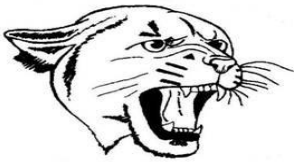


On September 29, we participate and recognize a true Canadian Hero: Terry Fox.



Our morning meal continues thanks to our School Council shoppers.





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Despite some of the limitations of COVID 19 the school will still team up with our parent community through the 2020/21 School Council. 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! This Fall we are planning our meetings virtually including of course, our annual elections as part of the first Council Meeting. **All are welcome to nominate or put your name forward to be a member of the 2020/2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL.** Please see the attached nomination form and return it to the school via email before the first meeting on September 29th ...thank you.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 @ 5:30 pm



With the continued support of our School Council we are still able to provide snacks for our morning meal program. They include: yogurt tubes, apple sauce, cereal bars and various crackers (all school safe and securely packaged and delivered to the classroom in paper sandwich bags).

