



The Queensville Quill

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Queensville Public School staff, we would like to welcome our students and their families to the 2017-2018 school year! We are very excited about starting the new school year, and we know that staff and students are eager to get back to school to see those they have missed over the summer. The start of a new school year is always exciting! We look forward to meeting you all at our "Meet the Staff" evening on **Tuesday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m.** More details regarding this event are included in the newsletter.

We are fortunate to have three new staff members at QPS this year. Mrs. Allison Slessor is going to be teaching our youngest learners in the FDK class, Mrs. Rachel Vallance is joining our team as our ASD Community Class teacher, and Mrs. Anne-Marie Scheffel is bringing us her skills as a Child and Youth Worker. Please join us in welcoming these three staff members to the Queensville Community.

Our goal is to create a school environment where our students are challenged and supported socially and academically, and where parents and students feel included, welcome, safe and secure. We will continue our focus on Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health as we work to help all students develop the skills they will need to be contributing members of a changing society.

Partnerships with parents are very important to us. Parents are invited to get involved in the school by volunteering or becoming part of our School Council. The first meeting for our School Council this year will be on **Monday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Learning Commons. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend our School Council meeting. If you are unable to attend meetings, you are still welcome to be involved through volunteering for lunch programs, snack programs, reading programs etc. Please visit our School Council display at our Meet the Staff evening on **September 19**.

There are already many exciting things already happening at QPS including Cross-Country practice, Three-Pitch practice, student leadership opportunities, students getting to know one another and their teachers, and lots of important classroom learning!!

We hope that all students, parents and teachers have a positive and productive school year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to working with you all this year!

Stephanie Gilbert
Principal

Heather Stevens
Vice-Principal



From our Trustee, Lorelea Carruthers

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



September Calendar



18-22	Book Fair
19	Meet the Staff
25	PA Day
28	Terry Fox Run
26-30	Safety Week
29	Picture Day

Meet the Staff Night

Please join us at **5:30 pm** on **Tuesday, September 19** to meet our staff!

We will have the staff and community gather together in the back of the school from **5:30-6:15**, and then visit the classrooms from **6:15-7:00**.

School Council will be providing water and one slice of free pizza for each student in the school.

We are offering extra slices of pizza for family members at a cost of \$2.00 per slice. An order form will be coming home with your child shortly.

Please note that The Book Fair will be open in the Learning Commons for the entire evening, from **5:30-7:00**. A representative from the EG Library will also be available if you wish to sign up for a Library card at any point during the evening.

Hope to see you there!



Medication

Please remember that students are not allowed to carry medication at school. Epi Pens and puffers are the only exception due to life-threatening reasons. If your child requires medication on a daily basis, you need to fill in a form entitled '**Administration of Medication**'. The office staff will keep the medication locked in the office and administer during the lunch break. All medications must be in a bottle from the pharmacy clearly stating the child's name and dosage.

Two Epi-Pens are required at school and for all school outings. One Epi-Pen must be carried on the students person at all times.

Confidentiality

Parents/Guardians, please note that activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, age, grade, etc., and while notices will be sent for most events, parents are welcome to discuss any restrictions they require with the school principal. The *Consent to Post Student Information on the Internet* form is in the School Start-Up Package.

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!



Visitors and Volunteers in Our Schools



For the safety of our students and staff, **ALL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS** must report to the office and sign-in. If you are picking up your child from school early please wait at the Office while a staff member calls your child from class. Visitors and volunteers working in the school must wear a visitor's or volunteer's badge which is available at the office when you sign-in.

All volunteers must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening Form (Criminal Background Check) through the York Region Police specifically for the YRDSB (or an Annual Offence Declaration Form if you are a returning volunteer that has a VSS form on file with the school).

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!

Lunchtime Procedures



According to the York Region District School Board Policy 335.0, "Students are encouraged to go home for lunch wherever the length of the lunch hour and distance makes it practical." The exercise and the break from the school are viewed by the school as beneficial to students.

At Queensville Public School, students will need to be signed out by an authorized adult. Please inform the office of individuals who may sign your child out at lunch. Students must have prior written permission from a parent/guardian to leave school property during the lunch hour.

It is recognized that many of our students need to have lunch at school regularly and others on an occasional basis. To accommodate these needs, the school has School Assistants who supervise the students during this time. We also have students from our Grade 5/6 class who have volunteered to be Lunch Monitors in our younger classes.

Students are reminded of appropriate lunchtime behaviour including speaking to Lunch Assistants, and each other with respect, displaying proper manners, using an indoor voice, and staying in their seats while eating.

For students who leave school property at lunchtime, it is expected that they will go home for lunch and return to school before the end of lunch recess, they will be ready in class on time, and they will not bring food into the school to be finished in class after instructional time begins again.

Thank you to the QPS School Council for providing each student in Grade 1-6 with an Agenda Planner! We appreciate your understanding and support of the importance of home-school communication.



Character Matters!

Respect

We respect ourselves and treat others with courtesy, dignity, and positive regard. We honour the rights of others. We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us.

September's Trait: **Respect**

QPS Staff 2017-2018

S. Gilbert	Principal
H. Stevens	Vice-Principal
L. Mammone	Administrative Assistant
D. Petroff (Mr. Derek)	Lead Caretaker
D. Jebb	Learning Commons Reading Recovery
A. Slessor	FDK
G. Robinson	Gr. 1/2
S. Milak	Gr. 3/4
A. Mitchell	Gr. 5/6
R. Vallance	Community Class
C.A. Davidson	Special Education Resource Teacher
G. Kenny	Physical Health and Education
A. Amiri~(C. Smyth)	DECE
D. Segouin	ADH
L. Ash	ADH
A.M. Scheffel	CYW

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 or on Twitter @yrdsb.

The School Day

8:35 Outdoor Supervision Begins
8:50 Morning Bell, Entry and Attendance
8:50-10:30 - First Learning Block
10:30-11:00 Nutrition Break/Recess
11:00-12:40 - Second Learning Block
12:40 - 1:40 Lunch/Recess
1:40-3:20 - Third Learning Block
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.**



Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your child's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. The provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680 are:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation.
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation.
- Students are not guaranteed space on school busses where a sibling is eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca.

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your child's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Students are not permitted to ride any bus, other than the bus they are assigned to.

Elementary PA Days:

Monday, September 25, 2017
Friday, October 20, 2017
Friday, November 24, 2017
Friday, January 19, 2018
Friday, February 2, 2018
Friday, June 4, 2018
Friday, June 29, 2018

School Year Calendar 2017/2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	Monday, September 4, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Christmas/Winter Break	Monday, December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018 incl.
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16, 2018 incl.
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018

School Council Corner:



Please join us for our first council meeting on **October 2 at 5:30 p.m.** in the staffroom. *All are welcome!*



Snack Baskets Program 2017

- **Every morning snack baskets are filled with a variety of healthy food and then taken to the classrooms. If you are able to volunteer one morning a week loading the bins please contact the office as soon as possible. It only takes between 10-15 minutes to load up the baskets.**
- Our goal is to give students the opportunity to be fueled to function better. The Snack Basket Program is specifically designed to provide **all** students with access to nutritious breakfast options, daily. It does not single out or target individual students, and encourages modeling healthy eating. Since the program began, we have had positive feedback from students and staff. Our students:
 - Have increased their intake of fruits/vegetables daily
 - Are better able to concentrate
 - Have improved behaviour in the classroom
 - Participated by helping to distribute bins and maintain the program, increasing volunteerism
- **Should you be interested in contributing to the program either through volunteering or making a donation to the program, please contact the office.**

2017/2018 Meeting Dates:

Please join us in the Staff Room at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

October 2
November 6
December 5
February 5
April 9
May 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!!





September 2017 Calendar For QPS



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5 Welcome Back! 	6	7 Three-Pitch Practice Begins	8	9
10	11 Cross Country Practice Begins	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Book Fair! 	19 Meet the Staff 5:30-7:00 	20 Sub Day 	21 Pizza Day 	22 Last Day of Book Fair 	23
24	25 PA Day	26 Safety Week Bus Safety Visit	27 Fire Safety Sub Day 	28 Community Safety Terry Fox Run Pizza Day 	29 Internet Safety Picture Day! 	30



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September 5, 2017

Dear York Region District School Board families,

As you may be aware, York Region District School Board is currently recruiting for a Director of Education. The responsibility of selecting a Director is one of the most important tasks of the Board of Trustees.

The Board has engaged the services of Phelpsgroup, a leading Canadian executive search firm, to gather your input into the qualities and characteristics of the Board's new Director of Education.

Your input is critical and will inform both the job description and evaluation criteria used in the recruitment process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](#) (also accessible through the Board website www.yrdsb.ca). The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Phelpsgroup and held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Responses received by **September 17, 2017** will be considered in the initial development of the Director of Education job description and candidate profile. Responses received after this date and prior to **October 1, 2017** will be shared with trustees for their information.

If you require the survey in print format or translated into one of the Region's top 12 most spoken languages, please contact the Board at 905-727-0222 extension 2217 or email trustee.services@yrdsb.ca.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Sincerely,

Loralea Carruthers

Chair
York Region District School Board

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 continuing to use the “Zones of Regulation” to help students learn to Self-Regulate..

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®

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