



# THE QUEENSVILLE QUILL

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## Character Matters!

## September 2018



### Grandfather Teaching: Respect

To have honour for all of Creation. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

### Character Trait: 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.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Queensville Public School staff, we would like to welcome our students and their families to the 2018-2019 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 **Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Ms. Jennifer Kim is our new DECE and is going to be teaching our youngest learners in the kindergarten class; Mrs. Katie Wallace and Mrs. Debra Bechberger have also joined our teaching staff as homeroom teachers. 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 through our Board's four main priorities that were introduced in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. These priorities are designed to help all our students succeed this year and enrich their learning experiences.

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 **Mon., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

There are already many exciting things already happening at QPS including the start up of Cross-Country, 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. We are looking forward to working with you all this year!

Stephanie Gilbert  
Principal

Nina Keosongseng  
Vice-Principal

## September Calendar

10	Bus Safety Presentation Last Day to Order Pizza
13	Last Day to Order Subs
14	Last Day to Order Frozen Yogurt
18	Last Day to Order Milk
21	Terry Fox Run Bring in a Toonie for Terry
24	PA DAY
25-28	Book Fair
25	Lice Check \$1
26	Meet the Staff 5:30-7:00 pm



# A Message From Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

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

## Introducing Online Absence Reporting for Families with Edsby Accounts

Parents/guardians can now report student absences online.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. It is important that students, families and school staff work together to ensure regular attendance. However, if your child is going to be absent, it is important to let the school know as soon as possible for the safety and security of your child.

Reporting an absence online is now available through Edsby. If you have activated your Edsby account, you can login to Edsby ([yrdsb.edsby.com](http://yrdsb.edsby.com)) and report your child's absence online. Parents/guardians can use the "Report an Absence" feature in Edsby to notify the school of any absences. You can access an online video tutorial by clicking on the link below to learn more about how to do this. [Learn more about using Edsby to report an absence](#).

Families can still continue to report absences by phone.



York Region District School Board has partnered with Edsby to provide a secure platform for families to connect with what's happening at school and with your child's education. Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out over the next several year. Some of the features include: absence reporting, a news river with school events and information, appointment booking for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led Conference, program registration, extra-curricular groups and activities, access to your child's schedule and upcoming events. For our new families, more details regarding how to set up an Edsby account will be sent home in the near future.

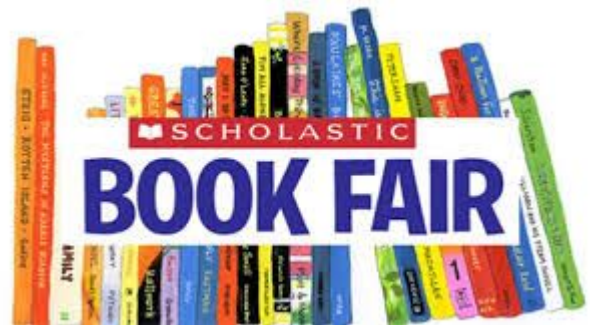


# Dates & Times to Keep in Mind



Our **Meet the Staff** event will be held on **Wed., September 26 at 5:30 pm.** School Council is generously providing **1 FREE** slice of pizza for each of our students that evening. Additional slices of pizza for other family members can be purchased online for \$2.00 per slice. All proceeds will go to support our School Council initiatives. Water will be provided at no cost for all participants. We hope to see you there!

Our School Day	
8:35	Supervision Begins
8:50	Morning Bell, Entry, Attendance
8:50-10:30	Learning Block
10:30-11:00	Nutrition Break/ Recess
11:00-12:40	Learning Block
12:40-1:40	Lunch/Recess
1:40-3:20	Learning Block
3:20	Dismissal



**The Book Fair is coming to our school!**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Book Fair helps to put great new books and resources back into our classrooms and our school library.

It will be open during school hours and during our Meet the Staff night.



# Important Transportation Information

On Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, our students learned about bus safety. We learned how to safely wait for a bus, load on and off and sit on the bus properly to keep safe. Please continue to review with your child(ren) how they can be safe when travelling by bus. Below is important information from our bus company for families.

## Parent Responsibilities

The following is a list of responsibilities for parents. The information will be listed on our website as a guide to ensure students safe travel to and from school.

- Parents should understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late.
- Parents and/or students should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times. During the first week of school it is recommended parents and/or students arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times.
- Parents should know their child/children's route number.
- Parents should know their child/children's bus stop location.
- Parents should know the school and bus company phone number in the event of an emergency.
- Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.





# SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER



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! Our tentative School Council Meetings will be at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons on: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>. **All are welcome!**

Hello Queensville Parents,

Sept. 7, 2018

Welcome everyone! We hope that the first week of school has gone smoothly.

We will be starting our Student Nutrition Program (snack bins) next week. This is a program that is designed to deliver nutritious meals or snacks to children to support learning and healthy development. It is funded through ministry grants, a PC Children's Charity grant, and donations from the community. The program is run by parent volunteers from the School Council. We have been running the program with great success for several years now and are excited to start again this year.

To supplement their snacks and lunches from home, each day, a serving of fruit or vegetables, dairy, and a grain product will be available to your child if they need. Bins are available in the classroom in the morning, and students are encouraged to help themselves to something when they are hungry.

Our goal is to ensure that all students have proper nutrition to allow for optimal learning.

We are asking for donation of cereal or granola bars at this time. Cereals that we use are Quaker Oatmeal Squares, Multi-grain Cheerios and Shreddies (Honey or Plain).

Kirkland brand- Soft and Chewy granola bars are also great!

Grain products that we serve need to have a whole grains as the first ingredient, have low sodium (less than 140mg) and low sugar (less than 8g) per 30g serving. All snack donations must be nut free.

You may also make a donation to this program by way of cash or cheque to the school, or a gift card.

Thank you so much for your support to this wonderful program.








If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Chaggares, (parent volunteer) at [jenchaggares@gmail.com](mailto:jenchaggares@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

QPS School Council



# LOOKING AHEAD AT SEPT.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Day 1 4	Day 2 5	Day 3 6	Day 4 7
Day 5 10  Bus Safety Presentation  Last day to order pizza	Day 1 11	Day 2 12	Day 3 13  Last day to order subs  	Day 4 14  Last day to order Frozen Yogurt
Day 5 17	Day 1 18  Last day to order milk	Day 2 19  	Day 3 20  	Day 4 21  
24  PA Day	Day 5 25  Lice Check \$1  B F	Day 1 26    Milk Delivery Begins Meet QPS staff 5:30-7:00  O A	Day 2 26    O I	Day 3 27    K R