



Queen Mary Cardinal

February 2019

From the Principal's Desk

January was certainly a cold one! Despite the snowy weather, we really want to thank our K-2 parents who came out for our Snuggle Up and Read event. We had more than 50 families join us to learn about reading with your child as well as participating in our classroom activities. We are so grateful for the effort. As we welcome February, let's hope for a little love from Mother Nature and things warm up a little. Indoor recess can be tough for everyone.

Our character focus for February is **DEPENDABILITY**. This month we honour **love, truth, honesty, and wisdom**. Please help your child further develop by talking about it and recognizing when your child demonstrates this trait.

We've got a fantastic school here and we love to share the learning and events that make our school the best place to be. Please follow us on Twitter (@QueenMary_HWDSB & @teach_mcc) to share the love about the #GreatThingsHappenHere at QM.



Thank you to the Kiwanis Club for the donation to start our breakfast program. We will be serving cereal and other foods to students before the start of the day in 1N4. Our other nutrition program will also continue to run daily. Our thanks to all the volunteers who manage these two programs and keep our students nourished. Donations for our nutrition programs are always appreciated.

Supervision on our playground starts at 8:45 AM.

For safety, students are not to be dropped off or walking to school before this time.



Important Message to Parents

If a student will be late, ill or absent for any reason, parents are asked to call the Office at **905-547-0321** before 9:00 a.m. and ensure their child has a note to support the late arrival. Timely communication, helps us know that your child is safe.

Upcoming Dates

Please cut out this calendar for future reference.

Feb. 4	Kindergarten registration begins
Feb 8	Civvies Day
Feb. 11	Day 100! Celebrate 100 school days Pac Meeting 5:30 PM
F 11-14	Vision Clinic
Feb 12	Report Cards sent home
Feb 13	Gr 6 Warplane Heritage Museum Trip
Feb 14	Valentines Activities & Cake Raffle
Feb 18	Family Day
Feb 19	Grad Photos
Feb 22	Dress Up day
Feb 28	Chruchill Option Sheet Day

Welcome Mrs. Audette to our front office. Mrs. Audet will be replacing Mrs. Cooper for the remainder of the year. We are expecting Mrs. Cooper to return to us next school year.

Volunteering @QM



There are many opportunities to get involved at Queen Mary. Ask us about a letter to help with police checks. Whether helping with our nutrition programs, attending Parent Council meetings, attending field trips, or assisting in our classrooms, there's something for everyone. We love our volunteers! Thanks for all you do to make our school even better.

Bug Busters

Need Help With Head Lice? Visit our Bug Buster Clinics to...

- Get checked for head lice
- Receive free head lice shampoo
- Speak with a Public Health Nurse about head lice

Caregivers must bring their children to be checked to receive treatment. Bus tickets available, if needed.

Locations:
Eva Rockwell Centre
460 Wentworth St. N.
Tues. 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club
45 Ellis Ave.
Thurs. 3:30-5:30 p.m.



Please remember to be respectful of staff and students when posting on social media platforms. We need to respect the privacy of all our individuals and families in our QM community by not posting individual names or pictures of children other than your own. If you have questions or concerns they should be directed to the teacher and/or school administration. Asking questions and seeking clarification leads to better understanding of issues and helps us to remain focused on the "#GreatThingsHappenHere" at QM. Follow us on Twitter @QueenMary_HWDSB.

Indoor Shoes

With the snow, slush, and rain falling we are asking for students to have indoor and outdoor footwear to help keep our classrooms clean. We have some extra running shoes and boots available for students if needed. Please ask Mrs. W in 1N1 for details.

Valuables/Lost and Found Expensive and valuable items such as electronic devices, jewellery, and larger sums of money, skateboards/rollerblades and scooters are brought to school at your own risk. Valuables (i.e. jewellery and glasses) are generally turned in to school office if they are found. Clothing items are placed in the lost and found box in front foyer.

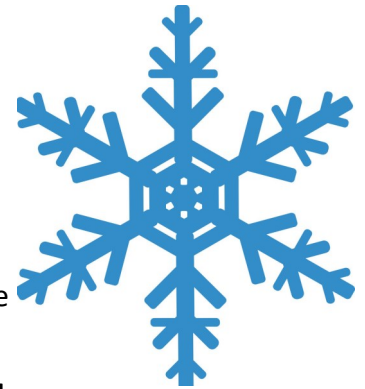
Milk Program: Our milk program continues. Tickets are available in the office for **\$7.00 per card for 10 tickets**. Milk will be given to the students NB #2. There will also be cash sales **daily for \$.75** per milk.

Pizza Sales: Cheeses pizza is for sale every Tuesday for \$1.50 /slice. No pre-orders needed.



Important Reminders From the Office

Winter Conditions: Playground salting and shoveling: Our caretakers will keep a clear path to our main entrance when there is snow or ice. Our playground is not cleared which can lead to slippery conditions. The gate at the corner of Roxborough and Province will be locked in the winter for safety reasons. When our playground is very icy, we may have nutrition breaks inside for safety. Canadian winters mean that at times there may be small patches of ice, please encourage your children to stay off the ice to avoid slips and falls.



Snowballs: Throwing and kicking snow is not permitted at school. Although this starts out as fun, it is often quickly escalated to fights and injuries. Please review this expectation with your child.

Lates: We know that sometimes things don't go as planned, but we've seen an increase in students arriving late. When a child arrives late they have often missed the start of the lesson in class and can feel confused and disconnected to the rest of the class. Please help us avoid unnecessary disruptions by arriving on time.

Dogs and Pets: No dogs or other pets on school property: To support the safety and well-being of all, there are no dogs allowed on school grounds between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Allergies: Please no bananas or nuts or latex, we have students and staff with allergies.

Bikes and Scooters, Boards and Blades need to be stored properly in designated areas (i.e. racks or lockers). If you choose to bring your bike, scooter, blades or board, you are responsible for the care and well-being of it. They are not allowed to be used on school property or in our building. It is strongly recommended that a proper helmet be worn for your child's safety.