



# Queen Victoria Newsletter

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**February 2017**

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day Activities  
February 15<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Day  
February 16<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Go Home  
February 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Day (No School)  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Junior Author Visit; Intermediate Leadership Games Event; Pink Shirt Day  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sub Day  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade Five to Eight Ski Trip  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – PA Day (No School for Students)

“We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don’t take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn’t count unless you earn it fair and square.”

*Michelle Obama*

“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters”

*Albert Einstein*

“Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.”

*Thomas Jefferson*

## **Message from the Principal**

For the month of February, we will focus on Honesty. Honesty is being truthful, trustworthy and sincere in what we say and do. Honesty is more than just accurately reporting facts. Honesty also includes our actions. Honesty means saying and doing what is true.

Honest people:

1. Tell the truth.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Do not exaggerate the facts.
4. Admit when they are wrong.
5. Do not take things that don’t belong to them.

*Mr. Malcolmson*

## **Introduction of Our New Vice-Principal**

My name is Sue Pasian and I’m extremely happy to join the staff of Queen Victoria School as the new Vice-Principal. I come to Queen Victoria from having spent the past three years as the Early Learning Consultant for HWDSB. Prior to that, I have worked for 17 years in a variety of roles ranging from primary teacher to elementary curriculum consultant. I’m very passionate about education for all learners and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a high-quality and engaging school experience. As the mother of two girls ages 14 and 16, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child’s first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can make sure your child’s social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve your families in this role. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

*Ms. Pasian*

## **Reminders**

Parents and guardians are reminded that the driveway should not be used at entry and dismissal. We want the area safe for students to move around. Please stop or park on the street. There is no smoking on school property. Finally, please do not bring dogs onto the school property.



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## **Monthly Student Recognition Awards**

In January, we recognized students for demonstrating the trait of Empathy. Those recognized were:

*Hadil Kazmouz, Sendos Salem, Adrian Lopez, Gabriela Dereje, Toby McLeod, Desiree Kendry, Cynthia Langerak, Kaylee Villaneueva, Kyliegh Ritchie, Sadaf Askari, Aiden Phinn, Kayla Baldwin, Leigha Salgado-Martinez, Jayden Collins, Zoey Buffet, Ocean Gentle, Jacob Strome, Gwen Francis, Miria Phinn, Shaquan Bryan-Griffiths, Tyson Morgan, Esme Hamilton, Aminah Ahmed, Katelynn Addison, Ciarah, Andrea Del Rosario, Candice Madera, Nadine Chacinski, Summer Holly, Addison Horth, Miranda Cassidy, William Amaya Moline, Nazia Nusrat, Maurice Pinnock, Victoria Bivens, Elizabeth Peacock, Erica Michell, Moustafa Istileh, Lydia Landry, Lordina Pokuah-Marfo, Ethan Baesso, Jahnaiya Brown, Tiana Mayen, Junaid Ibsa, Belle Toneguzzi, Chloe Labbe, Ellie Lam, Jeremy Boyd*

Congratulations to all our winners!

## **Accommodation Review**

The many of the central and west Hamilton schools are undergoing an accommodation review. Information about this process has been posted previously and more information is available on the HWDSB website. The initial plan for Queen Victoria is that there may be no changes to our boundaries. However, as the final plan is developed, this may not be the case. As well, in planning for the long-term, the Chair of the Board has told us long-term improvements to the school and grounds are possible under this review. All parents are invited to attend our next Council meeting to find out more about this process.

## **Pink Shirt Day**

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a Pink Shirt Day. The day is held to recognize the need for everyone to stand up against bullying. In most situations, it is the by-standers who can do the most against bullying by letting those who bully know that it is not acceptable. Wearing pink reminds us all that we need to stand up against bullies.

## **School Council Invites You To Breakfast with the Principals**

On February 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 until 10:00, the School Council is holding a workshop for parents and guardians. The Principal and Vice-Principal will be available to answer questions about school and your child. Have questions about report cards? About EQAO? Here is your chance to find out more. Please complete the form below, cut it off and return it by February 6<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend.

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### **Student Council Workshop Return Form**

- I will be attending the workshop on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- I will need child care

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Name