



# Queen Mary Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Thank you for all the support as we have navigated through the various stages of the pandemic. The following points highlight some of the changes/routines/events families need to know about:

- Playground access before and after school will continue to be staff and students only. This keeps our kids safe. Parents are welcome to wait on the outside of the fence before and after school as your children enter and exit.
- Families are not required to self report covid cases. When cases are reported we will continue to post the information on our websites. Individual names will not be reported.
- As the HWDSB masking period ends, students and staff may continue to wear a mask if they wish. We respect individual choices.
- Lunches should continue to arrive with the students. There has been a significant decrease in the number of interruptions to classes as a result of the efforts of families to pack lunches. Please continue with this important initiative.
- School starts at 9 AM and finished at 3:20 PM. Although we welcome students at any time, being present on time and all day supports your child's learning and the learning of others by reducing interruptions during class time.
- Field trips are coming back and we will need volunteers. All volunteers will need a police check with vulnerable sector screening conducted within the last three years. In addition, there is a form to be signed as well as an offense declaration for the years between police checks. If you would like to volunteer for a trip, please make sure any documents are brought in before the trip.
- We are always able to help with funds for trips if needed; please call me for support. We never want to have anyone miss out on an opportunity to learn in different ways.
- EQAO is back on for students in grades 3 and 6. We always make this as stress free as possible with special treats and activities for our kids. This will take place between the end of May and beginning of June; details to come.
- Our nutrition program will continue to provide an opportunity for student leadership under the guidance of staff. This has proven to be very successful for our students.

Important dates:

- School Council meeting **Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please email me at [kemccror@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kemccror@hwdsb.on.ca) if you would like an invite to our virtual meeting.
- Pizza days will return Wednesday's beginning **Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The price is \$1.50 per slice.
- SK and Grade 8 Commencement (Grad) Photos/Retakes: **Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Save the Date: Open house and BBQ **Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Details will be announced closer to the date.
- Grade 8 Commencement Ceremony: **Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

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- Grade 8 Commencement breakfast: **Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Finally, I will be on a leave beginning April 4<sup>th</sup> for the next few weeks. Mr. Malcolmson will be stepping in as Principal while I am away. Mr. Ahmad will continue to be a familiar face for our students in the office and I am sure they will get to know Mr. Malcolmson quickly as well. I look forward to returning in late April/early May.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McCrory, Principal