



Queensdale Elementary School

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Queensdale Newsletter April 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Queensdale Families,
I am thrilled to join the Queensdale community as Acting Principal. A big thank you to the staff and students for the warm welcome. I look forward to meeting all Queensdale families over the next few months. Although this is my first experience as a Principal, I have worked in HWDSB for over 20 years as a Vice-Principal, Reading Specialist, Learning Resource Teacher and Classroom Teacher. I feel very fortunate to have been placed at this amazing school for my first experience as a Principal!

We will continue to share a monthly school newsletter to keep families informed of what is happening in and around Queensdale school for our students. Please ensure we have your most current email address on file at the office as we will distribute the newsletter via School Messenger. It will also be posted to our School website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queensdale/>.

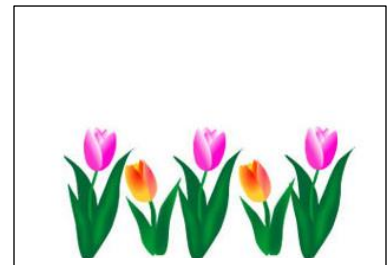
Looking forward to connecting with you soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stacey Johnson




Date	Activity
Apr 2	World Autism Awareness Day
Apr 4	Pizza Day
Apr 6	Popcorn Sales
Apr 7	Good Friday – No School
Apr 10	Easter Monday – No School
Apr 12	International Day of Pink School Council meeting 6-8pm
Apr 21	Eid-ul-Fitr
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 27	Office Administrator's Day Movie Night – more info to follow

Hello
Spring!



School Website

Please subscribe to our website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queensdale> and click the

subscribe button  You will receive updates on all Queensdale news and happenings. Please note there is a Translate button on the website which can translate items on the webpage into many different languages.

From the office:

A gentle reminder to please call ahead if you are picking up your child(ren) early. Early pick up is for emergencies only in order to avoid unnecessary movement around the school. There has been an increase in the number of students entering the school late in the morning. This causes congestion and unnecessary interruptions. Please ensure that children arrive on time between 8:35 am – 8:50 am on the back playground. Please arrive on time to school.



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Parent Council Message:

Spring is in the air and it's nice to see the sun after a grey winter! Council has been busy behind the scenes with community events and activities for both students and parents.

In March, we hosted the first Wellness Fair Parent/Caregiver event at the school on a Saturday morning. Unfortunately, there was a weather advisory that morning and the turnout for this event was poor, but the presenters were amazing! Funds for a parent event of this type are applied for annually, and council will look to host another similar event next year!

Council also hosted another Family Movie Night which was a lot of fun, and the next one is in the works! Council is also working towards the Fun Fair. This long-standing tradition in the community is a fun evening for families that council is excited to bring back this year: Save the date for Thursday June 1st!

As always, parents are invited and encouraged to join our meetings - no commitment required! Next meeting is on Wednesday April 12th at 6:00pm. Child-minding available by request to queensdalesc@hwdsb.on.ca

School Cash Online

Queensdale school has some exciting upcoming events, trips and fundraisers planned for the 2022-2023 school year. In an effort to reduce the amount of cash and checks received by our school, we are asking our parents/guardians to sign up for School Cash Online. This is a safe, easy and convenient way to purchase items online for upcoming school events, trips for your child's class and fundraisers such as popcorn sales and pizza day. It takes less than five minutes to register.

Please register for [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com) today as we will continue to post important items! Please contact the office for instructions on how to get started.

School Messenger

School Messenger is our school's absence reporting system and has been used across our Board for quite a few years now. By now, majority of our families should be connected and using this program daily in order to communicate an absence, late arrival or early departure to the school.

[SchoolMessenger | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.schoolmessenger.com)

School Fundraisers

Popcorn – sales continue every Friday until the end of May. Still available on SCO for purchase.

Pizza Day – continues every Tuesday until the end of May. Still available on SCO for purchase.

Spirit Wear t-shirts – are on order and should arrive within the next couple of weeks for those who pre-ordered.

School Year Calendar Consultation

Each year the proposed school year calendar for the following school year goes to public consultation. This consultation is required by the Ministry of Education and traditionally has consisted of an online survey.

This year the online survey will be available from Tuesday, March 28 through Friday, April 14. The online survey will be complemented with an EngageHWDSB platform. The link to participate in the HWDSB draft 2023-2024 school year calendar consultation can be found at

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/2023-24-draft-calendar-consultation/>