



# Queensdale Elementary School

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## Queensdale Newsletter May 2023

### Principal's Message

It was wonderful welcoming so many families to our **Open House** at Queensdale last Thursday. The children were excited to show off their classrooms and all their hard work. It was great to meet so many of you and to connect students to their families. Thank you for introducing yourself to me and saying hello.

The **Book Fair** was also a loved event at Open House for students and their families. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair as it brings new books for our students to enjoy in their classrooms and the library. We appreciate the support of Ms. McKechnie and various parent volunteers who helped to run the Book Fair.

Our **Recess Guardians** (Grades 4 and 5 students) have been working hard during Nutrition Breaks to bring new games and activities to the playground for students. The Recess Guardians execute and monitor games for students in Grades 1-3. We appreciate their work with the support of Ms. Murray to make our playground a safe and inclusive space for all students.

With only 8 weeks left of school, we have many exciting events taking place in May and June. Sport tournaments such as badminton and soccer as well as Track and Field and Chess events will be happening. EQAO will be occurring at the beginning of June and Grade 8 Commencement closer to the end of June. Various classrooms are planning trips and events are being brought into the classrooms with the support of School Council funds.

I am looking forward to enjoying all the exciting events in May and June at Queensdale.


Sincerely,  
Mrs. Stacey Johnson

Date	Activity
May 4	Open House
May 3-10	Book Fair in the Library
May 10	Kindergarten Orientation 3:30-4:30pm
May 10	School Council 6-8pm
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday – No School
June 1	School Council Fun Fair 4:30-7:30pm
June 2	PA Day – No School
Jun 5-7	Grade 8 Overnight Trip – Canterbury Hills
Jun 5-9	EQAO for Grades 3 & 6
June 22	Grade 8 Commencement
June 28	Last day of school for students



### 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:

Over the last month, parent volunteers on the Queensdale School Council hosted another Family Movie Night for families. Volunteers also assisted the school with their attention to drop offs/pickups and student safety, offering maps and alternative drop off locations to parents during the parking blitz. The council is working towards finishing the year with a bang, as preparations are well underway for the Fun Fair.

Currently, the council has an excess of funds to be spent from previous years. Some funding has been put towards various activities and special guests at the school (such as a Magic Show, Scientists in the Classroom, and programmable robots for kindergarten classes), and the remaining is yet to be allocated. This is an on-going initiative, with the goal of approving spending of these funds so all students will benefit from this before the end of the year.

We would love to invite all parents to attend our next council meeting on May 10th in the Library at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Child-minding can be made available by request - email council at [queensdalesc@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:queensdalesc@hwdsb.on.ca).

## School Property After Hours

As the weather has been getting warmer, we have seen an increase in students using the school property after school hours. Recently, it has been reported that students from our community have been climbing on the roof of the school and throwing rocks after hours. This is dangerous! We want all students to be safe. Please have a conversation with your children if they play at the school after hours and have them report any unsafe behaviour to an adult. Thank you for your support with this.

## 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)

## Parking Enforcement

You may have noticed the Parking Enforcement team on the streets around the school during the week of April 17-21. With so many of our students walking to school we want to make sure they can do so safely. Ensuring the safety of our families and students is our number one priority. In order to keep everyone safe, we respectfully ask families to refrain from parking in the west lot closest to the Kindergarten classrooms and to observe the posted signs on the streets around the school.