



Queensdale Elementary School

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Queensdale Newsletter October 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The Queensdale staff and I are so happy to be back and we are all looking forward to a wonderful school year with your children. We have many events and activities planned for the 2023/2024 school year to engage students and connect with families. Please join us on **Thursday, October 5th from 4:30 –6:00 pm** on our back playground to Meet our Staff. It's important for us as a school to communicate with families in a number of ways. Please subscribe to our school website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queensdale/> and School Messenger. The school office will also be sending out newsletters on a regular basis to keep families informed of school events.

Looking forward to connecting with you at the Meet the Staff Event. See you soon!

Sincerely,

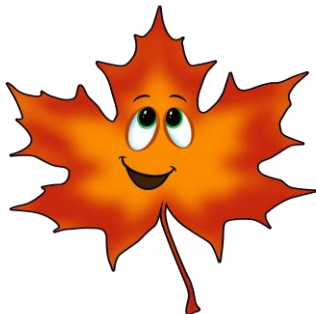
Stacey Johnson

Date	Activity
Oct 2	National Custodial Worker's Day
Oct 4	Parent Council Meeting 6pm Library
Oct 5	Meet the Staff 4:30pm-6:00pm blacktop
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School!
Oct 11	Kindergarten Trip to Brantwood Farm
Oct 11	First Pizza Day
Oct 13	Cross Country Meet Gr 3-8 Christie's
Oct 17	Early Childhood Educator Day
Oct 18	Movie Night – Parent Council
Oct 19	School Photos
Oct 20	PA Day – No School!
Oct 26	Parent Council Meeting 6pm Library
Oct 31	Happy Halloween!

Terry Fox Run

Thank you so much for all of your help and support for the Terry Fox run this year. We are proud to say we have beat the Queensdale record (for the second year in a row) and raised a total of:

\$883.35



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School Council Message:

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2023-2024 school year. School Councils meet on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the Principal. Please see upcoming meeting dates on our School Council page on the Queensdale website <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queensdale/>. School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education and we look forward to working together. If you are interested in helping with the School Council in other ways (helping with events/activities), please contact the Chair at 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.

Parking Lot

The streets in our community are busy before and after school. 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 at Queensdale. 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. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

Crossing Guards

A big thank you to our wonderful crossing guards Amy and Fred. Amy safely supports students crossing Upper James at Queensdale and Fred safely supports students crossing at Inverness and Elcho. Please remind your children that this is the safest place to cross.


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 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.



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Volunteers

Queensdale School welcomes volunteers into our school. Thank you to those who had the opportunity to volunteer at our school last year. A reminder to returning volunteers to please sign the annual offence declaration if your Vulnerable Sector Screener has been completed in the last 3 years. If your Vulnerable Sector Screener is expired, you will need to request a new one before volunteering. Please call the school office to confirm.

If you are new to our school community and interested in volunteering, please complete a Volunteer Information Package (it can be emailed to you or picked up at the school office). Please note a Vulnerable Sector Screener is required as part of the package. Contact the school office or your child's teacher for the necessary forms.

We need volunteers to support many aspects of our school community including trips and special events. Presently, our Library Learning Commons is looking for volunteers to reshelve books. Please contact Ms. McKechnie at dlmckech@hwdsb.on.ca for more information.

Sports and Events

Our sport teams are up and running already at Queensdale. Thank you to Mr. Grechuk and Ms. Pyke for their commitment to these teams to our Baseball Teams who played on the following dates. All teams had a great time and played well.

Sr Boys Baseball-Wednesday, September 20
Jr Boys Baseball- Tuesday, September 26
Sr. Girls Baseball-Wednesday, September 27

Ms. McKechnie, Ms. Novosad, Ms. Morin and Ms. Murray started Cross Country practices on Day 4 during Nutrition Break and Day 5 before school at 8 am for students in Grades 3-8. We are looking forward to cheering on all runners at the **Cross Country Meet on October 13th**.

Ms. Blanchette has started a Show Choir for our students in Grades 6-8. They will be practicing at Nutrition Breaks.

Upcoming Fundraisers



This year, Queensdale's **eco-team** will work towards becoming a certified eco-school! Becoming an eco-school will help students develop a greater understanding of the school's current environmental practices and take action to be more environmentally sustainable. The eco-team's first initiative is to promote walking to school. October is international walk to school month. Therefore, the eco-team would love to see as many students as possible, walk to school instead of getting a drive. Celebrate "Walktober" and enjoy the health and well-being benefits of walking while spending time outdoors during this beautiful time of year!