



Queen Victoria Elementary
School Newsletter
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	Another busy month ahead here at QV
	with winter slowly approaching!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at our October *Meet the Educator* event. It was a strong success with many

families visiting classrooms, talking with staff and picking up a book or two! **Much appreciation and thank you** to our **School Council** for hosting a complimentary beverage and snack station for all our community members.

October's monthly character assembly allowed us to talk about the trait of "courage" which has been our focus this month. Some of our students from Ms. Vahrmeyster's classroom and student council, shared what courage meant to them:

"Courage enables people to stand up for what they believe in, overcome obstacles and take risks in the face of adversity".

“Standing up for what is right”
“Trying a new sport or activity”

"I shared courage when I first came to Queen Victoria and I was nervous to talk in a class but I did it anyway"

"I showed courage when I had to show my "Kata" in Karate in front of 50 people. I was very nervous, but I

felt so happy I did it"

Our trait next month is
month is
Responsibility.

– What does

responsibility mean
to your family? -

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November 2024
Upcoming Dates

Friday, November 1st
PA Day – no school on this day

Monday, November 4th - Friday, November 8th
Treaties Recognition Week

Tuesday, November 5th
Bus Safety Presentation

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3:00pm Coding Club

Tuesday, November 6th
All Day – Vision Screening for SK Students

Friday, November 8th
Indigenous Veterans Day

Pizza Sales Close
12:00 pm LockDown Drill

Monday, November 11th
Remembrance Day

Wednesday November 13th
Pizza Day

Transgender Awareness Week

Thursday, November 14th
Educational Assistant Appreciation Day

Friday, November 15th
Bernie Custis Secondary Grade 8 School Visit

Monday, November 18 – Friday, November

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Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Tuesday, November 19th
Progress Report Cards sent home

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Thursday, November 21st
Evening Parent-Teacher Interviews held

Friday, November 22nd
PA Day – Interview Day for Progress Reports

Wednesday, November 27th

Audition-Based Program of the Arts (ABPA)
info Session for Grade 8 students interested

Thursday, November 28th

Westmount High School Grade 8 Information
Night

Friday, November 29th

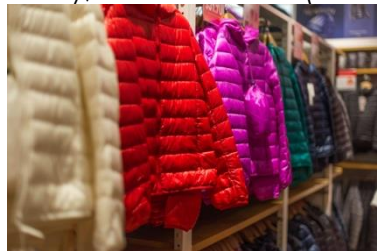
Sub day

Need Winter Clothing?

On the following dates, our Nutrition Room at QV will be set up with donated items (coats, boots, hats, mittens), which may be needed. If you are in the building for an interview, please come have a look:

Thursday, November 21st (evening)

Friday, November 22nd (9am-2pm)



A BIG shoutout to our Clothing Drive coordinator, Mrs. Groves – QV's very own Reading Specialist!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteering can be a great way to engage with your child's school, e.g. chaperoning field trips, food prep with the nutrition program or special events.

[tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDsb](https://www.volunteerhwdsb.com)

For most volunteer roles within the HWDsb you must have a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** with Hamilton Police. The fee for a VSC is \$25 and can be reimbursed by the school if cost is a barrier. Processing time is 30 days.

To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit:

<https://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

Dance! Dance! Dance!

Our second, Autumn Ball was a very fun event for students! Everyone was able to enjoy the talents of our guest DJ and Dance Host on October 31st in the gymnasium. It was a wonderful way to spend the day and burn some energy on Halloween Day!



Upcoming Interview Times and Progress Reports

Please be aware of the following:

- Tuesday, November 19th
Term 1 **Progress Reports** (Grades 1-8) or **Communication of Learning** (FDK) go home
- Caregiver Interviews
Thursday, November 21st - in the evening and / or
Friday, November 22 – on the PA Day

You will receive additional information shortly on how to "book" time to meet with your child's teachers on Monday, November 11th.

Happy Diwali to all QV families celebrating this festival of light!



Pizza and Sub Days

Pizza and Sub sandwich Days will be once a month in 2024-2025 . Payments through School Cash Online (SCO) close one week prior. Please see November dates above.

To register for SCO go to:

<https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration>

A Message from our Nutrition Helpers!

The Nutrition Room is a busy place this year. Many new volunteers have joined our team which enables us to provide our kids with lots of fresh food. We are always looking for new volunteers and have opportunities to help any day of the week at both 8:30am and 2:00pm. Email us for more info.

A big thanks to Cameron Kroetsch and the Ward 2 team for their grant of \$6000. This allowed us to get our program up and running almost as quickly as the school opened its doors.

You may start to see an option to donate on School Cash Online. It is completely voluntary. Donations of \$20 and over can be made through The Hamilton Foundation for Student Success and they will provide you with a receipt. Just tell them your donation is for Queen Victoria's Nutrition Program.

Nutrition Fact:

Did you know that popcorn is a whole grain food that is high in fiber and other important nutrients.

Lizz and Shannon

Nutrition Program Volunteer Chairs

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QV Extra-Curricular Activities:

Our **Volleyball teams** are busy playing games and representing our school. A couple of wins and a few losses – but always a positive attitude! Go Vipers! Once again a big thank you to the coaches Ms. Elder, Ms. Turk, Mr. May, Ms. Boyle, Ms. Zacharewicz and Mr. Sackfie. Go Vipers!



Our **Eco team** has made their first recycling collection to ensure we are doing our part at QV for the environment. Thank you to our star staff member, Madame Marcotte for leading this initiative.



The **Coding club** has been meeting at 3:00pm for a couple of weeks now with the help of Ms. Paquette. Students who have registered in grades 6-8 have been learning an "Introduction to Coding" and have had the opportunity to practice through the beginner friendly online platform – SCRATCH. Thank you to this programs sponsor, **United for Literacy**.

