



Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, December 3rd

International Day of Persons with Disability
3pm QV Coding Club

Friday, December 6th

Pizza day Sales Close

Wednesday, December 11th

Pizza Day

Tuesday, December 17th

Winter Sing Along / Character Trait Assembly

Thursday, December 19th

QV Winter Concert for Parents and Community
11:10 am – 12:30 pm

Friday, December 20th

Sub Day

Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

Winter Break – No School
Return Monday, January 6th, 2025



Artist: Mrs. Shannon, our talented FDK Teacher

Staff Shoutouts: Thank you to our amazing Mrs. Groves and her team of helpers, including Ms. Turk, Ms. Marlow, Ms. Murdock and Ms. Harper. Your hard work sorting and assembling clothing

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we move into chilly December, we have several exciting updates and events to share with our school community.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who participated in our recent parent-teacher interviews. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss each student's progress and collaborate on ways to support their learning journey. We appreciate the commitment and involvement of our parents, which makes a significant difference in our students' success.

THE DECEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT IS CARING


Character Trait: Caring
Caring is a character trait that refers to a person's ability to empathize and sympathize with others, and to act compassionately towards them. A caring person is kind, considerate, and attentive to the needs and feelings of others, and is willing to provide support and assistance when needed. This trait is often associated with warmth, generosity, and a desire to help others, and can be expressed in a variety of ways, such as through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or simply by being present and attentive.

*What does
"Caring" look
like in your
family?*

Congratulations to our Volleyball team for their consistent performances this season. This outstanding group of girls demonstrated hard work, dedication, and teamwork and represented our school community at Queen Victoria remarkably. Thank you to the wonderful coaches Mr. May, Mr. Sackie and Ms Zacharewicz for their dedication to the team.

Basketball tryouts at QV have begun for Intermediate boys. Best of luck!

Our students have the opportunity to join in on the Positive Space club at QV. This is a safe space for 2SLGBTQIA+ and their allies meeting on Day 2/NB2 12:30-1:10. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for overseeing this group!

<p>items was much appreciated by our community. We had a wonderful turnout and many families were supported.</p>	<p><u>Changing Weather</u> It is that time of year when the weather can be very unpredictable. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for cold temperatures and snowy conditions. Mitts, hats, coats, boots, etc. If your child needs these items, we may be able to support. Please ask at the office.</p> <p><u>PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY?</u> The office is a very busy place, especially close to the end of the day. We ask parents to please follow these steps to ensure a smooth pick up. <i>*Please note that we do not call students down before a parent arrives.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use School Messenger, send a note with your child or call the office to give us advanced notice. This makes the teacher aware so the student can be prepared when you arrive. 2. Please plan ahead. Give yourself enough time and remember that it can take time to locate your student and get them ready – especially in the colder months. 3. Avoid picking up early on a regular basis for traffic purposes. Students will be dismissed to the playgrounds at the end of the day. 4. Please ensure your contact / pick up list is up to date. If you are sending in someone not on your pickup list, please notify the office. Individuals picking up may be asked to provide identification before a student is released to them.
<p>Volunteers Needed</p> <p>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.</p> <p>tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit: https://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/</p>	
<p>Pizza and Sub Days</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To register for SCO go to: https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Registration</p>	<p> QV Parking: We understand that parking can be a challenge. Please avoid parking or dropping off in no stopping zones such as the Walnut Street bus zone and the school parking lot laneway. Please remember to park ONLY in authorized parking spots. If parking is not available, simply park a little further away and walk your child in. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our students safe.</p>
<p>A Message from our Nutrition Helpers!</p>	<p><u>QV Winter Concert</u></p>

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser this year. The Queen Victoria community was able to raise over \$1250 for the Nutrition Program. Go Vipers! Not only does this money help us purchase all our delicious food but we are also able to buy other items that help the Nutrition Program run.

I am sure many of you are working on your holiday wish list. At the Nutrition Program we have a wish list too. We always welcome donations of kitchen supplies, even gently used ones. We need large cutting boards, peelers, reusable plastic storage containers, large clear plastic totes, tea towels, dishcloths and scrub sponges. We would also love gift cards to Costco or any grocery store.

If you can come to Queen Victoria's Winter Celebration Assembly, stop by the Nutrition Room and say hi! We will be serving warm beverages and tasty treats to enjoy while we celebrate with our community.

Did you know that due to our cold dark winter climate we need more Vitamin D in the winter. We can get that vitamin D from foods such as eggs, fatty fish and fortified milk or plant-based beverages.

Happy Holidays from all of the volunteers at the Nutrition Program!

Lizz and Shannon

Nutrition Program Volunteer Chairs

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Please join us for our winter concert where some QV students will be presenting Winter themed performances. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 19th at 11:10pm in the gymnasium. Don't forget to come a little early and visit the nutrition room for a refreshment from School Council.

December Spirit Days

QV Student Leadership has organized Spirit Days for the last week before Winter Break:

16th - Meme Day

17th - PJ Cozy Day

18th - 90's Day

19th - Dress up day

20th - Anything but a backpack day

Happy Winter Break to all our QV Families!

