



# Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

### Monday, February 3rd

Kindergarten Registration Begins

### Friday, February 7th

Pizza Sales close

### Wednesday, February 12th

Pizza Day

Spark Program Begins after School

### Thursday, February 13th

QV Shelter in Place Drill 12:00pm

### Friday, February 14th

Valentines Day

Video Dance Party

### Monday, February 17th

Family Day (no school)

### Thursday, February 20th

Term 1 Report Cards and Term 2 IEPs sent home

### Friday, February 21st

Sub Day

### Wednesday, February 26th

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)

### Thursday, February 27th

Character Recognition Assembly

### Friday, February 28th

PA Day (no school)

### Staff Shoutouts:

Thank you to our wonderful Basketball coaches, Mr. May, Ms. Lolua, Ms. Chong and Ms. Vahrmeier for supporting our players to participate in this valuable extracurricular opportunity. Thank you

Dear QV Community,



As we embrace the month of February, we are excited to share some important updates and events happening at our school.

### Report Cards Going Home

This month, students will receive their Term 1 report card, which will be sent home on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> tentatively. This is a great opportunity for families to review academic progress and celebrate achievements. We encourage you to discuss the report card with your child, highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

### Attendance

An important reminder that all students are encouraged to be at school for important learning during the first block of the day. Our school bell rings at 8:30am and supervision begins on the playground at 8:15am.

### Monthly Character Trait: Honesty

to Mdme. Marcotte for all of her hard work with the recycling team and Ms. Taylor for taking her group of students to participate in the science program at HWDSB. The games club is on its way during nutrition breaks thanks to the dedication of many staff members: Ms. Murdock, Ms. Boudreau, Ms. Groves.

Much appreciation goes to the daily dedication and care of our QV staff as they prepare report cards for Term 1.

Finally, a big shoutout to our Office Team, Ms. Hayward and Ms. Niblett for managing a very busy space and attending to all the needs of our community. We appreciate you!

### Volunteers Needed

As the spring season slowly approaches, our teachers are thinking about class trips! If you are interested in volunteering with your child's class for any trip opportunities, please see the necessary paperwork to be completed:

[tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB](https://www.tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB)

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/>

### 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 this month's dates above.

To register for SCO go to:

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

This month's character trait is honesty. Honesty builds trust and fosters strong relationships within our school community. It helps students develop integrity and accountability, essential skills for their future. At Queen Victoria, we are committed to nurturing honesty in our students. Together, let's inspire our children to embrace this core value!

### Spark Program

The SPARK program is coming to QV! Starting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, every Wednesday from 3:00pm-5:00pm. This program is designed to improve **numeracy skills** in elementary students (Grades 4-5) through fun and interactive **math** activities. Through 8 hands-on workshops, students will learn math while using Tinkercad, Scratch and Desmos. Activities include coding games, making slime and so much more.

TO REGISTER, SCAN  
THE QR CODE



**Queen Victoria Elementary  
School** – 166 Forest Ave,  
Hamilton, ON L8N 0A6



February 12, 2025



Every **Wednesday**,  
from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



**20 spots** available



OR VISIT

[www.mathstronauts.ca/register](https://www.mathstronauts.ca/register)

**Need help registering?**

Contact Program Coordinator

**Olanrewaju Akinola**, at (778) 636-9076

Monday – Friday between 9AM – 6PM



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.

### A Message from our Nutrition Helpers

We are always looking for new volunteers in the Nutrition Program. Volunteers need to be available right after morning bell or before pickup and any amount of time you can spare is always appreciated. If you have any questions, just email us at [QueenVicNutritionProgram@gmail.com](mailto:QueenVicNutritionProgram@gmail.com). Don't worry if you aren't an expert in the kitchen, we have many tasks and always have volunteers to guide you.

### School Council Updates

Parent Council would like to thank *Chargefield* : Toronto Movie Poster Design Studio, along with John and Patricia Godfrey for donating coffee, tea and delicious pastries at the Winter Assembly.

Please join in on our next school council meeting in the school library:

**March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**

Did you know that eating healthy foods and drinking lots of water can help you fight off viruses? This is especially important during the winter months when we spend more time indoors. Fresh fruits and vegetables, probiotic yogurt, nuts, eggs and fatty fish all contain ingredients that help us stay healthy.



**We believe everyone - young and old - has the power to create change!** This Pink Shirt Day, **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, HWDSB encourages all students and staff to do what we can to elevate the voices of all and take a stand against bullying. We can show others that we advocate for kindness and inclusivity by wearing Pink! We encourage you to help spread awareness for this important cause not only in February, but throughout the entire year. Please see the following link for more information.

[Pink Shirt Day](#)

### QV Kindness Week

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> is Kindness week at Queen Victoria. Although we encourage everyone to spread kindness throughout the year, our Healthy Action Team is doing an initiative by creating a "Tree of Kindness" where students will be writing kind notes to add to the tree. What a wonderful thing!

