



Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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May 2025

Upcoming Dates

Monday, May 5th

Red Dress Day – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

May 5th-7th

Grade 7/8's to Camp Ki-Wa-Y

Tuesday, May 6th

QV Chipotle Fundraiser Day

Wednesday, May 7th

GreenSpeakers Presentation – Miss Mamone's class

Thursday, May 8th

Kindergarten Orientation- 3:30 – 4:30

Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day

Week of May 12-16

EQAO Practice Dates

Tuesday, May 13th

Forge FC School Day (6A, 6B, 6/7)

Wednesday, May 14th

Pizza Day

Saturday, May 17th

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

Monday, May 19th

Victoria Day – No school

May 20th – May 23rd

Grade 6 EQAO

Thursday, May 22nd

Queen Victoria Open House

May 26th – May 29th

Grade 3 EQAO



Welcome to May!

As we step into the final two months of the school year, we have a lot of exciting events and important dates to look forward to. This month is packed with activities ranging from fundraisers and presentations to special observances and holidays. Our students will be participating in various educational trips, practicing for EQAO assessments, and enjoying themed days like Pizza Day and Forge FC School Day.

As a school we focus on creating Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy (CRRP). We recognize that students have from a very diverse background, experiences and identities that can impact their learning. Our May CRRP focus is on **Trustworthiness**, emphasizing the importance of creating safe spaces that promote healthy relationships and restorative justice. This theme is integral to fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment.

Staff Shoutouts:

Thank you this month to.....



Ms. Iavarone, Ms. Smith, Mr. Fazzari, Ms. Taylor for taking our grade 7/8 students to Camp Ki-Wa-Y.

Ms. Mamone, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Barr for taking students to the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

Ms. Chong, Ms. Lolua for their hard work in training our Girls Basketball team and Ms. Imani for managing the Score table.

Mr. White and Ms. Elder for coaching the Junior boys Basketball team to success!

Ms. Iavarone and Ms. Imani for giving up their break times to facilitate the school store.

A Message From the Office

Dear Parents,

If you need to pick up your child early, please come into the office to do so. For the safety and security of all our students, we require that parents make contact with the office staff before we release any student. This ensures that we know each child is leaving with the correct person.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Volunteers Needed

"The glue that holds all relationships together ... is trust, and trust is based on integrity." – Brian Tracy

Let's make the most of these last two months, filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community!

Thank you to Ms. Boyles /Ms. Turks class for presenting a skit about last month's focus on Respect and Equal Opportunities, along with Ms. Vahrmeyer's class presenting what they think equal opportunities look like at school! Ms. Thompson and Ms. Groff's class highlighted the importance of respect through a wonderful poem.

ASD Acceptance Month

April is recognized as Autism Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This month encourages us to learn more about autism, celebrate the unique strengths and talents of individuals with ASD, and advocate for their inclusion in all aspects of society. By promoting awareness, we aim to create a more supportive and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.



At QV we had several activities happening:

- Sensory Friendly Dance complete with light projectors and glow in the dark accessories



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>



QV Parking: We continue to struggle with the parking situation at QV. 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.

- A display of vibrant and colourful flowers outside the ASD pod. These unique designs represent that no two minds are the same, and it's our differences that make us special and beautiful.



- A slide show for the entry way TV that highlights some of the amazing work our friends with ASD have done throughout the year.
- We have purchased some new books for the library that embrace characters with Autism.
- Students participated in a creative competition by creating a poster that celebrates the diversity of all minds. This winning poster receives a pizza or ice cream party for their class.



Congratulations to Ms. Elder's class who won first place! Here are the runners up:


Thank you for your cooperation to keep our students safe.

FUNDRAISING AT QV

Please support our school fundraiser at Chipotle Ancaster on Tuesday!

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY


DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
QUEEN VICTORIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH | 4-8PM
110 MARTINDALE CRES UNIT 2, ANCASTER, ON, L9K 1J9

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **HD3PYC3**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

 **CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

[Chipotle — Order Now](#)

Thank you to School Council for organizing our Domino's Pizza fundraiser and raising \$310. This money will support our school well!



- Max Adler, an Autism Advisor / peer support worker for HWDSB had generously offered up some of his time to conduct short presentations and read alouds for classes. In this role he has shared some of his lived experiences as a person with autism, working with students and staff to promote, awareness and acceptance.

QV Art at HWDSB- Ms. Imani's Grade 6 class

The HWDSB Art Exhibit is a formal Board-wide exhibition at the Education Centre. Artists of all ages from K - 12 were invited to create postcard sized art that represents the theme, journey. In class, we explored various interpretations of journey, such as personal, physical, and imaginative, to help students form a deeper understanding of the theme. Some created art that represents the journey of life, such as the journey one might take to become a soccer player, while others represented a more physical journey, such as visiting a new place. Please see some inspiring artwork below:



Our Grade 8's will be selling freezies every Friday for \$1. Thank you to Mr. Fazzari for organizing.



Earth Week

QV student leadership and ECO club were excited to host an Earth Week outdoor activity day for students. On Wednesday, April 23rd classes went outside to spend time in nature and appreciate Mother Earth! There were centres students could visit including: chalk, games (hula hoops and skipping ropes), observational centre (binoculars and magnifying glasses), picking up a class plant along with Earth Week Bingo! Students had a wonderful time on this beautiful day!

Attention ALL Grade 7 and 8 students:

EQAO'S STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Do you want to impact Ontario students' educational experience?
- Are you a student in an Ontario school?
- Will you be in Grades 7–12 during the 2025–2026 school year?

If yes, please consider submitting an application to be a member of Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Student Engagement Committee!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

QV Robotics- Thank You.MOV

