



# Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

### **December 3**

Bus Safety Presentations

### **December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Central Library Trip 7A/8B  
Bomb Threat Drill

### **December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Warplane Heritage Museum Trip 7A

### **December 10<sup>th</sup>**

YMCA Grade 7/8 Math Presentation  
Pizza Day

### **December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Spirit Day - Monochromatic Day- Wear clothing that are all 1 colour.**

### **December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal

**Spirit Day – Student / Teacher Swap – (Students dress like teachers / teachers dress like students)**

### **December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Concert- Families Welcome!

**Spirit Day - dress up day (dress in your nicest outfit or festive colours for the Winter Concert)**

### **December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Spirit Day - group / twin day (classes can dress up together in a group costume or small groups / pairs of students)**

### **December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sub day

Last Day Before Break

**Spirit Day - PJ Day – wear your PJ's to school**

### **January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Return to School -

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see so many families during our parent teacher interviews. These conversations are an important part of building strong partnerships between home and school. Progress reports provide a great opportunity to celebrate successes and set meaningful goals with your child for the remainder of the year. Working together with your child's teacher helps ensure continued growth and success—thank you for being an active part of that journey!

As winter approaches, please help ensure your child is dressed warmly for the colder weather. Hats, mittens, boots, and layered clothing make a big difference in keeping students comfortable and ready to learn. If your family needs winter gear, we have a large variety of items available at the school—please don't hesitate to reach out or pop in to see what we have. We're happy to help make sure every child is well prepared for the winter season!



We kindly ask parents and guardians **not** to enter the school building during the school day. If you do need to come inside, please check in at the main office first, and our staff will be happy to assist you. This helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all students. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping QV a safe place to learn and grow!



<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	
<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><a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB">tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB</a></p> <p>For most volunteer roles within the HWDSB you must have a <b>Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)</b> 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><b>To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/">https://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/</a></p>	<p>Our school-wide "Crack the Code" math challenge has come to an exciting close, and what an amazing experience it was! Throughout the event, we saw students collaborating, problem-solving, and sharing strategies, sparking math conversations in classrooms and hallways around the school. The enthusiasm and engagement toward math was truly inspiring. A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped make math fun and meaningful at QV—and a special shout-out to our Math Facilitator, Mr. Murray, for designing such a fantastic learning opportunity! Congratulations to Mrs. Pretrucelli's, Mr. Diggon's, and Ms. Elder's class for coming up with the correct code. We look forward to our next school wide game coming after the break...ARRAY BLOCK BLAST!!</p>  <p>We're proud to share the amazing athletic spirit at QV! This season has been full of energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship across our many teams. Our Junior Boys' Volleyball team played hard and showed great determination, finishing their season in the first round of playoffs. Meanwhile, our Senior Girls' Volleyball team has advanced to the second round—way to go! Senior Basketball tryouts are happening now, with coaches Omari and Elder leading the boys' team and coaches Honsberger and Chong guiding the girls. The Senior Basketball season kicks off in January, and Junior Basketball will begin after March Break. We're so proud of our students for representing QV with skill, effort, and respect!</p> 
<b>Pizza and Sub Days</b>	
<p>Pizza and Sub sandwich Days will be once a month in 2025-2026. Payments through School Cash Online (SCO) close one week prior. Please see October dates above.</p> <p>To register for SCO go to:  <a href="https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration">https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration</a></p>	
<b>Lots happening at QV!!</b>	
<p><b>Ms. Groff's and Elder's Class</b></p> 	<p>We would like to acknowledge and celebrate Carolyn Collins as she retires on December 19th. Carolyn has been an incredible part of our school community, and while we will miss her greatly, we are excited to see her continue her passion for advancing education for girls in Africa through international development. We wish her all the best in this important work and thank her for the lasting impact she has made at QV!</p> <p><b>Jadyn's Birthday Project</b></p> <p>One of our Grade 4 students, Jadyn has chosen a very special way to celebrate her birthday on June 30! She plans to donate knitted hats for infants to the NICU units in Hamilton hospitals. Jadyn and her mom have already</p>





**Ms. Kosakowski / Cameron's**



**Mr. Fazzari's Class**



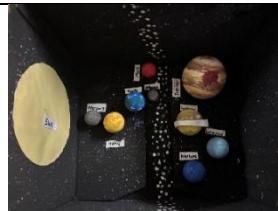
started knitting, and her goal is to donate **150 hats**. She's asking for QV's help—if you're a knitter and would like to contribute, please drop off your hats to the school by the last week of school. Let's come together to support Jady's amazing project!



We're excited to welcome families to our Winter Concert on December 17th! This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and showcase the incredible talents of our students. Please see the flyer for full details! [Winter Concert Flyer - Dec 17 2025.pdf](#)

From all of us at Queen Victoria, we wish our families a joyful and restful holiday season! Whether you celebrate traditions, enjoy time with loved ones, or simply take a well-deserved break, we hope this time brings peace and happiness to your home. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when school resumes on **January 5th!**

**Ms. Lolua's Class**



## Theme Days Reminder:



**Ms. James, Harper and Clarke's class**

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO  
*Queen Victoria's  
Winter Concert*

DRESS REHEARSAL  
**DECEMBER 16**  
WINTER CONCERT  
**DECEMBER 17**  
(FAMILIES WELCOME)

**PRESENTATION TIMES:**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM      K - GRADE 2

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM      GRADES 3-8