



Queen Elizabeth Public School

May 2023



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Principal's Message

Hello Queen Elizabeth families!

Queen Elizabeth is once again going to be participating in the EQAO provincial assessment in both Grade 3 and Grade 6 during the month of May. This assessment gives the school a very valuable "snapshot" of how our students are progressing in their achievement of the overall expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. As such, it is important that all our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are at school to participate during this time, so we greatly appreciate your support in helping us to collect this very important assessment data. If you have any questions or concerns about the EQAO assessment, please contact us at the school so we can discuss any issues you may have.

Finally, we continue to watch our Kindergarten registrations very closely, so if you know anyone who is waiting to register their young children, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Thanks for all your ongoing support – and have a great month!

Sincerely,

Drew Beaton
Principal

Upcoming Events

May 4th - Grad Photo Retake Day

May 5th - Wacky Shoe Day

May 12th - Staff Day

May 17th-19th - Grade 6/7 Field Trip - Camp Kawartha

May 19th - Grade 1-3 - Nature Nancy Visit

Funky Hat/Hair Day

May 22nd - Victoria Day (No School)

May 24th - JK/SK Field Trip - Warsaw Outdoor Education Centre

May 26th - Grade 4-6 Field Trip - Peterborough Zoo

Twin/Triplet Day

May 30th - Grade 8 Field Trip - Ganaraska Tree Top Trekking

May is “Flower Moon” - Waawaaskone-Giizis (Anishinaabe First Nation)



Flower Moon is the fifth moon of Creation. Life-giving energies focus on the continuum of Creation, as the Creator had planned it to be. At this time, all plants present their spiritual identities and diversities in the form of multiple colours, shapes, textures and aromas that radiate a positive energy throughout Turtle Island. This positive force is the most powerful of medicines - the healing process of Mother Earth.

Character Trait for May: Integrity

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."

- Oprah Winfrey

Mental Health Week & Children’s Health Week

May 1st to May 7th

Here are some tips on improving mental health:

- One way to stay mentally healthy is to look on the bright side of things.
- Instead of saying “I can’t do it” say “I can’t do it yet.”
- Eat healthy snacks like fruits and vegetables.
- Be active for 60 minutes every day.
- Get enough sleep. Kids need about 9-10 hours of sleep per night.
- Be kind and fair to others.
- A way to keep your friends and family mentally healthy is to make them feel good about themselves. You can do this by telling them things that you like about them, and by thanking them for all the nice things they do for you.
- Solving a tough problem can make you feel good about yourself and boost your mental health. The steps to solve the problem are just as important as the solution. So, don’t give up on working through a problem is good for you.
- Be aware of your emotions and how you deal with them.
- Spend time with people you love.

(Taken from the Durham Region Health Dept.)

Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent from school, for any reason, please use your SchoolMessenger account to notify the school of the absence. If we do not know why a student is absent, the safe arrival program will call you to notify you of the absence and to get clarification. If your child arrives at school late, please sign them in at the main office.

For those of you that have not already registered for SchoolMessenger to report your children's absences online, here are the instructions:

- To create your new account and register your children for the automated system, please visit www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca
- If you use the mobile app, please search for SchoolMessenger (one word) on the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- Once you have registered your child, you will be able to inform the school of your child's upcoming absences using any of the following methods:
 - www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca
 - 1-844-434-8119
 - the **SchoolMessenger** mobile app on your cell phone or tablet.

Thank you so much for your collaboration in reducing our secretarial workload and keeping our students safe.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023/2024 School Year



It is now time to register your child for full-day, every-day Junior or Senior Kindergarten starting in September 2023. You may register your child to start school in September 2023 if:

Junior Kindergarten – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2023
Senior Kindergarten – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2023

To register your child, the school will need proof of address and your child's birth certificate. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 705-742-8321. We also ask that you share this information with friends, relatives, or neighbours.

Grade 8 Clap Out & Graduation

The Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will be taking place on Monday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym.

Also on Monday, June 26th, the Grade 8's will participate in a ceremony in which they will be "clapped out" of the school @ 10:45 a.m. In a nutshell, students, staff and parents will line the hallways and the graduating classes will walk through the school receiving applause. Hope to see you there!

Spring Water Awareness

Another reminder that with the warmer conditions of spring, we have fast flowing creeks and rivers with very cold water in them. Please remind your children to stay away from areas where spring water conditions exist.

Wet Weather Days



Even though we make all kinds of efforts to keep our students dry, some inevitably still manage to get wet. Please remind your children to stay dry, but send extra socks and pants if your child is especially attracted to water. We will be discouraging children from calling home for dry clothes as this does not encourage responsibility for staying dry and they often waste valuable classroom time while waiting for dry clothes. Thank you for reminding them of this on wet days.

Summer's Coming!

As summer approaches, we receive numerous brochures and flyers regarding various summer programs and camps for children. The programs vary in costs, length of time they run and age suitability. As a service to parents, these program flyers are posted on our community information board in the front foyer. With warmer weather and sunshine coming, we remind parents to apply sunscreen to their children and to have them wear hats, especially when outdoor activities are planned. Finally, if you are moving over the summer, please contact the school to let us know. Also, if you have new neighbours with school age children, please remind them to register their students as soon as possible. This information helps keep our class organization for next year more accurate, and means less turbulence and classroom changes in the Fall.

Bullying Prevention Measures



At Queen Elizabeth, we take the issue of bullying extremely seriously. We believe that everyone has the absolute right to be safe and feel safe at our school, and we consistently strive to make our school environment a secure place for everyone. Students are given consequences such as restricted recess times or community service for smaller issues, and they are suspended for more serious infractions. Research indicates, however, that sometimes children don't report when they are being bullied, so we rely on you for information. Please call Mr. Beaton at the school if you ever think your child is either being bullied or is bullying others.

School Council



Our final meeting of the year is June 5th at 6:30, and you can either join us in person or you can click on this WebEx link: https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/drew_beaton. All parents and guardians are welcome to join us – and we greatly appreciate your involvement.

If you are interested in knowing what we will be discussing, please feel free to look for our agendas which will be posted to the School Council page of our school website at <https://queenelizabeth.kprdsb.ca/Community/School%20Council> by the weekend immediately before each meeting. And if you are really, really interested, you can also find past minutes and financial information on this page as well.

And finally, if you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the School Council, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Beaton, the Principal @ drew_beaton@kprdsb.ca or to your School Council Chair, Matt Riley @ mattriley33@hotmail.ca.

Literacy Lens

Read Everyday!

Children respond well to routine, so if possible, make reading together something that you and your child look forward to every day. Here are some ideas about how to make the most of this time together:

Create a daily reading time:

- Set aside a special time each day when you can give your full attention to reading with your child.
- Find out what your child is passionate about and learn as much as you can about this topic.
- Go to the library together or browse online for material.
- Use books featuring your child's favourite character from a specific TV show.
- Use great websites from home or your local library to read online.
- Include a spot for games, puzzles, comics or software.
- Read books and other materials in your child's first language. This will help your child with reading in English and French and other languages as well.

(Reading and Writing with your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide)