



Queen Elizabeth Public School

June 2023



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Principal's Message

Hello Queen Elizabeth families!

As our school year draws to a close, I would like to take this final opportunity to thank everyone - staff, students and parents alike who have worked so hard to make this such a successful year at Queen Elizabeth. It continues to be a genuine pleasure to serve this amazing school community.

I would like to especially thank all of the parent/guardian volunteers who have come out to support our students and staff throughout the year on our many school trips and extracurricular activities here at Queen Elizabeth.

I would also like to recognize and appreciate the great work of our School Council. Please remember that the Council is always looking for more parents/guardians to come out to the meetings and have a voice on the activities that are happening at your child's school. This fall will be no exception, so please plan on coming out to join us at our first School Council meeting in September.

Report cards will be coming home in a few weeks. Please take a few minutes with your child to celebrate their successes and set goals for next year. As always, we will remain dedicated to providing your children with a caring environment with high academic standards where each and every child is accepted and supported in all of their efforts to achieve success.

Thanks again to everyone for your consistent and tireless efforts on behalf of our school community. From my family to yours, I wish you a wonderful summer break – and I will see you all in September!!

Yours in partnership,

Drew Beaton
Principal

Upcoming Events

June 1st - Junior Track and Field Meet at TASS

Kindergarten Orientation

June 2nd - Career Day

June 5th - School Council Meeting

Grade 7/8 Field Trip - PTBO Zoo

Character Day

June 9th - PA Day – No Classes

June 16th - Decade Day

Paramedic Education Experience

June 20th - LLS/SK/Grade 1 Field Trip- Cedar Park

June 23rd - Grade 5/6 Field Trip – Lang Pioneer Village

Field Day Colours

June 26th - Grade 8 Graduation

June 28th - Last Day of School

June is "Strawberry Moon" – Fode' Mini-Giizis (Anishinaabe First Nation)



Strawberry Moon is the sixth month of Creation, also known as the Heart Berry Moon. This berry is the first fruit to be eaten during this time. The strawberry has the healing power to balance the blood, when eaten or taken as a team. At the time of the Strawberry Moon, the Anishinaabe pick this fruit with great reverence to its shape, colour, texture and sweet aroma. The strawberry can be a fasting medicine, when prepared in combination with other plants by medicine people.

Character Trait for June: Perseverance

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." - Albert Einstein

Activity Alert! Outdoor Family Fun

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BEEKIND

There are over 400 different species of bees in Ontario. Some bees are social creatures and live together, such as Bumble Bees. Others are solitary, like Leaf Cutter Bees or Mason Bees.

What are some things we can do to help with Bee Habitat?

1. How about a 'Low Mow Spring', allowing flowers and plants to thrive and feed the hungry bees with nectar and pollen.
2. Try planting some native plants this spring that will attract bees and other pollinators. Coneflowers, Black Eyed Susan, Goldenrod and Wild Strawberries are just a few great options.
3. If you have a lawn, replace some of it with native wildflowers to support the bees and other pollinators. Plant a fruit tree that will feed bees as well as people!

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Cloud Watchers

Take some time with your kids to look up and see the clouds. Very little ones can spot shapes or animals in the clouds.

Lay on your back and look up. What do you see?

Clouds! Are they fluffy and white? Do you see any shapes? Maybe you can spot a bunny or a long-necked giraffe. Can you make up a story about what you see?

Cloud watching can be calming for parents and children. As you lay on the ground, your breathing may slow and your focus on the clouds floating in the sky may encourage you and your kids to take a few calming breaths before you carry on with your busy day.

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EQAO

The Grade 3 and 6 provincial testing took place at Queen Elizabeth in the past couple weeks. Our students in both grades worked exceptionally well and we are extremely proud of all of them. We would like to extend a very special thank you to all the volunteers who were able to come in and scribe for our students. We could not have done it without you!

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.

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.

Kindergarten Orientation

Please join us for a "Welcome to Kindergarten" presentation for parents and Kindergarten students on June 1st! The presentation will begin at 6:00 PM sharp and conclude with a tour of our outdoor space and playground.

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!

Graduation:

The Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony for our graduating students will be taking place on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. in our School Gymnasium.

-Dinner: 5:00 p.m. in the Library

-Photos: 6:00 p.m. with families

-Ceremony: 6:30 in the Gymnasium

*Reception to follow in the courtyard.

Fond Farewells & Warm Welcomes

At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank and say farewell to several of our teachers that are either retiring or moving on to new professional opportunities at different schools next year. Our gratitude goes out to Ms. Morton, Ms. Perrin, Ms. Pipitone and Ms. Deck for their ongoing efforts on behalf of our students over their time at Queen Elizabeth. They have all been tireless and dedicated at Queen Elizabeth and they will certainly be missed by students, staff, and parents alike. We wish them all the very best!

We are also very sad to be saying farewell to several of our support staff this year. Our gratitude goes out to Ms. D'Altoe, Ms. Groenwold, Mr. McGarry, Ms. Foreman and Ms. O'Rourke who have routinely gone above and beyond what was expected of them in the service of our students. They will all be greatly missed – and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours!

Finally, we would like to welcome a few new teachers to the building. Please join me in extending a very warm Queen Elizabeth welcome to Ms. Shaw, Ms. Kerr and Ms. Nowicki who will be joining our team in June. We also extend a warm welcome back to Ms. Williams who will be rejoining us in September. Welcome aboard!!

Class Organization and Teacher Assignments for September 2023

At this time, this is the organization for the 2023/2024 school year. Please note that staff and organization changes can occur at any time up until the end of September 2023:

JK/SK	I. Talapatra/W. Booth
JK/SK	A. Keller/J. Lockett
Grade 1	S. Palmer/TBA
Grade 1/2	A. Nowicki

Grade 2/3	B. Elliot
Grade 4/5	I. Reid
Grade 5/6	B. Volgyi
Grade 6/7	TBA
Grade 7/8	T. Kerr
Grade 8	L. Sahrman
LLS A	T. Loucks
LLS B	B. Shaw
SERT-Resource Teacher	S. Mason
Core French	C. Phillips
Library/Planning Time	D. Weatherdon
Early Intervention Teacher	S. Palmer
Planning Teacher	M. Williams



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.