



Queen Elizabeth Public School

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Principal's Message

Greetings Queen Elizabeth families!

Every year, it is really hard to believe how quickly time flies during the busy month of September! This September has certainly been no exception, and I am very pleased to report that our academic year is off to an excellent start!

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our School Council Barbecue & Open House on the evening of Thursday, October 5th! The barbecue will be starting at 5:00 – and then we will open the doors of the school for our Open House between 6:15 and 7:00. It is always wonderful to see students so excited to show their families around their classrooms and school, and we are really looking forward to it. As we head into the month of October with its fall fairs, colours and harvest traditions, we wish you all a fantastic Autumn!

85 years ago, this month Queen E opened its doors to students for the first time. Our school has a wonderful history which was documented leading up to the 75th anniversary in 2013. If you are interested in a glimpse into the school's past, please have a look through this page! www.facebook.com/queeneschool/

The tradition of excellence continues at Queen Elizabeth because of a complex web of dedicated and caring partnerships between families, staff and students in this community. Together we co-create a culture of high expectations, active involvement and positive well-being, and we thank you for your continued support in everything we do. Please remember that as always, we take the well-

being and educational progress of your children very seriously, so if you should ever have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school. Our doors are always open. Happy Autumn and Happy Thanksgiving!

From Our Families to Yours,

Sincerely,

Drew Beaton
Principal

Upcoming Events

October 2nd: School Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM

October 5th: World Teachers' Day

BBQ/Open House @ 5-7 PM

October 9th: Thanksgiving Monday (no school)

October 16th: ECE Appreciation Day

October 20th: JK/SK Field Trip to McClean's Berry Farm/Pumpkin Patch

October 23rd: School Bus Safety Show

Character Trait for October: Fairness

To demonstrate fairness, we need to be sensitive to the needs of individuals. We need to include others, value their uniqueness, and celebrate our differences. We need to treat people with the consideration with which we would like to be treated.

"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you."

- Jackson Brown Jr.

Student Absence Reporting

At KPR, student safety is our highest priority, and we thank families for adopting the automated Safe Arrival system to help ensure students arrive safely at school each day. If your child is going to be **absent** or **late**, please call the **Student Absence 1-844-434-8119** or **go to studentabsence.kprdsb.ca** and set up your account. For new texting option see details below.

Safe Welcome Program

As we work to ensure the safety of all our students through the implementation of the Safe Schools Program, we are continuing to lock all our doors at 9:00 am. If your child is late arriving in the morning, please have them come to the front doors so that your child can sign in at the office and we can mark our attendance appropriately. Just a reminder that our school has a front door security system which includes a camera and intercom connected to the school office. A reminder that parents, guardians, and visitors are currently required to wait outside. We understand that this may cause inconvenience, but the safety of our students remains our highest priority. Please be patient if you are not buzzed in immediately!

Please also note that our phone lines are extremely busy much of the time. Our secretary, Mrs. Minion, is determined to respond to each call as quickly as she can, but your support is required to help things run smoothly. Please make sure that all plans are made with your children prior to the school day so that only urgent calls are made to the school. Please do not leave urgent messages at the end of the day as the phone lines are occupied and your message may get missed.

KPR Personal Electronic Device Policy

Our school follows the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's policy on use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) - such as cell phones and MP3 players - in schools. The policy states PEDs may be used only during designated non-instructional times, and in areas designated by principals. At Queen Elizabeth, our designated time and place to access PED's is during the indoor portion of Nutrition Breaks only. More precisely, students will have access to their PED's between 11:20 and 11:40 in the morning, and between 1:40 and 2:00 in the afternoon. Cell phones and other PEDs must be turned off and stored out of sight at all other times. PEDs are not allowed on the school yard at recess and they may never, under any circumstances, be used in washrooms. Please note that this policy was approved after extensive consultation with students, parents, school councils, teachers, principals, support staff and community members. Parents are also reminded that we strongly discourage the use of electronic games or other toys at school. These items can be a huge distraction to learning and the school cannot be responsible for these items when they are lost or stolen. Your assistance to ensure that students do not bring these items to school is greatly appreciated!

Anaphylactic Allergies

As we begin a new school year, please remember that we have students in our school with life-threatening nut allergies. For students with food allergies, it is crucial that a safe environment be created for them which requires concerted cooperation from students, parents and staff. Together, a nut-free environment is possible. Remember that the best way to avoid bringing unsafe products into school is to read labels. We kindly ask that you do not send any products containing nuts to school in lunches or snacks. Thank you for your understanding.

Plans of Care



Every year, we re-establish Individual Plans of Care for everyone in our building who has a medical condition that could potentially be life-threatening. It is our belief that collaboratively creating a Plan of Care is vital to promoting the safety of each individual who suffers from a life-threatening condition.

Essentially, these plans are a set of directions and cautionary advice to help our staff through a potential emergency medical situation that an individual might face. The plan includes all the information that a first responder would require, as well as step-by-step instructions on how to respond to the medical crisis. All our staff members are familiarized with the plans, and they are posted in central locations for administration to refer to in the event of an emergency. If you are a parent / guardian of a child with a potentially life-threatening illness or a medical condition, please ensure that you:

1. Inform the school of your child's medical needs;
2. Schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to review the medical needs of your child;
3. Working with our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Sheppard, complete a Plan of Care for your child. If this has already been established, please make necessary changes to the form and send back to the school as soon as possible;
4. Complete the Administration of Medication form which details the request and authorizes the administration of prescription medication;
5. Provide the school with up-to-date epinephrine auto injectors (preferably a minimum of two), and any other prescribed medication, and keep them current;
6. Teach your child to take as much responsibility as possible for his/her safety;
7. Provide your child with a medic alert bracelet.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the office - and thank you for your full cooperation in keeping all our students and staff safe!

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.

Picking and Dropping Off Your Child



For the safety of all students, please notify the school if anyone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your child or children. Without notification, students must follow the regular arrangements made for travelling home.

If you need to take your child out during school hours for an appointment, etc., please come at least 10 minutes early to the front doors and buzz the office. The secretary or the principal will then call in to the classroom to have your child or children meet you at the front doors. We will not be able to have students waiting for you at the office, so please make sure you leave yourself ample time.

Walking and Riding

Please review the basic safety rules with your children. We will be stressing safety at school and, hopefully between us, we can get the message across. All children should use the sidewalk where possible and cross in front of the school with our crossing guard. Bicycle riders are reminded that they are considered vehicles and are required by law to wear helmets and obey traffic rules. Parents are asked to make sure their children have and wear their helmets. Bikes are never to be ridden on school property during school hours. Students riding bicycles are expected to dismount at the property's edge, walk their bikes to the racks provided, and lock them there for the day. Please note that we cannot be responsible for any damage that may occur to bikes.

School Council



What is School Council?

The purpose of School Council, through the active participation of parents, is to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School Councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of the school community can contribute to improving school performance.

Why be involved?

Parents play the first and most important role in their children's education and are key partners in building a quality education system. One purpose of the school council is to promote and support the involvement of all parents in their child / children's learning. This involvement contributes both to the child / children's success in school and to the quality of the school environment. Participating on a school council is a rewarding experience for all those who value the opportunity to make a difference in their child / children's education. Membership on a school council benefits the individuals involved by providing the following personal advantages:

- being an important partner in the education system, whose views are valued;
- contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement;
- having a vehicle through which to express opinions;
- being able to keep informed about what's happening at the school, the board and at the provincial level of education.

Who attends School Council Meetings?

If you have a child / children enrolled at Queen Elizabeth P.S., you are eligible to attend meetings. No experience is required! Just bring your ideas and your enthusiasm... everyone has a voice at the table. The membership of the School Council reflects the diversity of the school community. Parents and guardians form the majority of members on the School Council.

What is discussed at School Council Meetings?

“To consult” means to seek advice, to confer, to discuss or to deliberate on the views and opinions held by others. In the spirit of the regulations regarding School Councils, there are clear expectations that all partners be consulted:

- School boards and principals are to seek advice from their School Councils.
- School Councils are to seek input from the parents of their school community about matters under their consideration.

Topics of discussion at the Council table include:

- Current Events
- Bullying Prevention
- School Culture
- School Spirit
- Student Recognition
- EQAO Results
- Code of Conduct
- School Improvement Plan
- Literacy and Math Initiatives
- Improving Communication
- Parental Engagement Activities



We have spaces in our Queen Elizabeth before and after school program, please go to onehsn.com to register and reach out to queenelizabeth@compasselc.com if you have any questions, or you would like to schedule a visit to check out our program. We run 7:00AM-9:00AM and 3:00PM – 6:00PM. We provide morning and afternoon snack, as well as provide invitations for everyone to engage with, and learn through a play-based, child-inquiry led model. Please see attached poster with more information about the registration process.

Queen Elizabeth
Before & After School Program
705-927-1741



We are happy to share that **Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online** will be offered at your school for the 2023/2024 school year. Lunchbox is a convenient, online ordering platform featuring local vendors. An ordering calendar has been coordinated for the school community and can be found on your **SchoolCash Online** items page.

Wednesday	Subway
Thursday	Pizza Pizza

How to Order:

1. Go to your child's SchoolCash Online account items page and click "ORDER NOW".
2. Confirm your child's account information including their new teacher and grade for the current school year.
**Please ensure the correct teacher and grade are selected to prevent errors on delivery days.
3. Proceed with ordering your child's lunch on the school's ordering calendar by clicking on the blue date for the scheduled vendors.
4. All orders are submitted on the website and payment is processed on-line by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

Things to Remember:

- The Lunch ordering deadline is Sunday at 12 PM (NOON) for the upcoming week's deliveries.
- New orders will not be accepted after the Sunday deadline.
- If buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, lunches will be **canceled and credited**.
- If there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled, and a credit will be issued to your Lunchbox account within 3 business days.