



Queen Elizabeth Public School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October has been another busy month at Queen Elizabeth with lots of fun events, clubs, sports, and awesome learning opportunities. I want to extend a huge thank you to all our staff and student leaders who volunteer their time to make Queen Elizabeth such an incredible place to be. We recognize and appreciate how lucky we are to have such a dedicated team who generously donate their time to provide such nurturing, enriching opportunities for our students. Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in Cross Country, and Soccer. Thank you for being great ambassadors representing Queen Elizabeth with great teamwork! You make us all very proud! 😊

As we all know, November brings shorter days with less and less daylight. As such, it is important to pay close attention to our crossing guard, obey traffic lights, and use extra caution when checking traffic before crossing the street. As the days get shorter, colder weather and chilly, windy mornings also become more common. Please ensure your child has boots, mittens, a hat and a coat so recess and the walk to and from school can be enjoyed comfortably.

Thanks for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Drew Beaton
Principal

Upcoming Events

November 3rd – 9th –
Treaties Recognition
Week

November 4th – Bus
Safety Presentations

November 6th – Grade 8's
visit Adam Scott CVI

November 11th –
Remembrance Day

November 11th @ 6:30:
School Council Meeting

November 15th –
Absentee School Photo
Day

November 15th – Grade 7
Immunization Day

November 20th – Progress
Reports Go Home

November 30th – Queen E
Holiday Market

Character Trait for November: Courage

What is courage? It is the ability to face that of which we are afraid, acknowledge our fear, and rise above it. It is the willingness to take responsibility for all our choices. Let's remember that to demonstrate courage, we need to face our challenges directly. We need to speak up for ourselves and others even when it may be unpopular, and we ask for help when necessary. We also show courage when we recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances just to impress others. This month, we will take the opportunity to remember all those people who courageously gave their lives for others in the many armed conflicts that the Canadian military has been involved in.

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”
- Winston Churchill

Treaties Recognition Week: November 3rd - 9th, 2024.

In 2016, Ontario passed the first legislation of its kind in Canada declaring the first full week of November to be Treaties Recognition Week. This annual event honours the importance of Treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about Treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective Treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. As people of the Williams Treaty, the Queen Elizabeth school community is always working on reconciliation and we look forward to further learning over the month on November.

Playground Safety

As we strive for peace and justice in the world, we also work daily on cultivating peace in our own school yard. Please remind your children to play safely – and never aggressively - and to always respect the rights of others.

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. Grice, 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.

Queen Elizabeth Before and After School Program

We still have some spaces left in Queen Elizabeth's "Before and After School Program", facilitated by Compass Early Learning and Care.



Please go to www.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

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.

Pizza Lunch Orders

We are happy to share that **Domino's Pizza Lunch** is available at our school for the 2024/2025 school year. Pizza lunches are every Thursday unless it is a PA Day or Holiday. Orders are due the Sunday before the pizza lunch and can be found on your **SchoolCash Online** items page.



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 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 pizza lunch.
 4. All orders are submitted on the website and payment is processed online.

Things to Remember:

- The Pizza Lunch ordering deadline is by end of day Sunday for the upcoming week's deliveries.
- New orders will not be accepted after the Sunday deadline.
- If there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled, and a credit will be issued to your account

Popcorn Orders

Kernels Popcorn is delivered every Tuesday at Queen Elizabeth!
Popcorn can be ordered through School Cash Online for \$2.50/bag.

There will be 7 flavours to choose from: Butter Salt, Dill Pickle, Ketchup, Salt & Vinegar, White Cheddar Cheese, Jalapeno Jack, Creamy Caramel, Say Cheese Cheese, Cheesy Dill, Thai Sweet Chili.
Orders must be placed before the Friday the week of the order.



KPR Personal Electronic Device (PED) Policy

Our school continues to adhere to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's policy on use of mobile devices in schools. A mobile device is any personal electronic device (P.E.D.) that can be used to communicate or access the Internet, such as a laptop, cellphone, tablet or smart watch.

In order to ensure a focused and engaging learning environment in our classrooms at Queen Elizabeth, we require all personal mobile devices to be turned off and stored out of view during the school day. Generally, if a student needs to communicate with home, they may request to use the phone in the office. If there is an emergent or pressing need for a student to access their phones during the day, they are asked to speak directly with their teacher so that we can work together to find an appropriate solution.

Parents are also reminded that we strongly discourage students from bringing electronic games or other toys to 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!

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 Head Secretary, Mrs. Grice, 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. 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 office. We are generally not able to have students waiting for you at the office, so please make sure you leave yourself ample time.



Walking and Riding to School

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.

Queen Elizabeth PS Holiday Market

Queen Elizabeth's Annual Holiday Market will be held on Saturday **November 30th from 10am until 2pm**. Are you interested in being a vendor? Contact Mrs. Hall at lia_hall@kprdsb.ca. In your email, please include information about:

- What your booth will sell
- Approximate cost of items
- Social media tag (so we can share your account leading up to the market)

What you will get from us:

- One table for your booth
- 2 chairs for your booth
- Volunteers to help bring your items inside
- Keep 100% of your market sales

What we will need from you:

- \$40 booth fee for vendors selling crafts and goods (this includes event insurance which is mandatory for KPRDSB events)
- \$50 booth fee for vendors selling drinks or food (this includes event insurance which is mandatory for KPRDSB events)
- If possible, a small item to add to one of our three door prize baskets

Booth fees are due November 4th, 2024. Payment is to be made through School Cash Online if you have a child at Queen Elizabeth. If you do not have a child at Queen Elizabeth, please contact Lia Hall about how payment can be made. Booth fees are non-refundable. Upon receiving payment, we will notify you of your booth number and instructions for the morning of the event. This is a great opportunity to come together and see what talents and skills our community members have to offer. Whether you are a vendor or shopper, we look forward to seeing you on November 30th!

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