



Queen Elizabeth Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin our second term, we are all greatly looking forward to the change of seasons and the transition into warmer and sunnier days. Springtime is always a time of renewal and growth, both in nature and in our school community, and we are all really excited!

We hope you and your family enjoy the upcoming March break. For those who may not be able to take time off, we encourage you to explore the many activities available for students in our local community. Check local newspapers or community boards for events and programs that can keep your children engaged and entertained.

As always, if you have any concerns, issues, or questions, please don't hesitate to call. Your feedback and communication are always valued, and we are all here to support you and your children in any way we can.\

All the very best!

Sincerely,
Drew Beaton
Principal

Upcoming Events

March 3rd – School Council Meeting @6:30pm – Meeting Link:

https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/drew_beaton

March 7th - 14th – March Break! School Resumes March 17th

March 9th – Daylight Saving Time

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 21st – World Down Syndrome Day

March 22nd – Earth Hour

March 31st – National Indigenous Languages Day and International Transgender Day of Visibility

Clocks "Spring" Forward on March 9th

What is Daylight Savings Time Day?

It's almost time to set our clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving Time! This practice, first introduced in Europe during the First World War, helps us take advantage of the longer summer days by gaining an extra hour of daylight and shortening the days in winter.

Interestingly, in 1784, American inventor Benjamin Franklin suggested that starting the day earlier in the summer months would save a considerable number of candles. Changing clocks at 2:00 a.m. was chosen as the changeover time because it was practical and minimized disruption.

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 AM. Additionally, Fire Departments encourage everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors at this time. Thank you for your attention to these important reminders!

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 to 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.

Character Trait for March: Honesty

"We tell lies when we are afraid...of what we don't know, afraid of what others will think, afraid of what will be found about us. But every time we tell a lie, the thing that we fear most grows stronger."

- Tad Williams

Passport to Reconciliation

What is the Passport to Reconciliation?

In November 2021, the Indigenous Education Department at KPRDSB introduced the "Passport to Reconciliation." This initiative recognizes that everyone in KPR has a role to play in the process of Reconciliation. Each month, we share a new learning focus related to Indigenous Education, as outlined in the Passport.

For the month of March, our focus is on **Indigenous Language**.

March is “Sugar Moon” - Zisbaakdoke-Giizis (Anishinaabe First Nation)



March Break

This year March Break begins Friday, March 7th and extends through to Friday, March 14th, 2024. Enjoy and stay safe!

Earth Hour

It's back! KPR once again encourages families to participate in Earth Hour on Saturday, March 22nd from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Participation is easy; just turn off your lights and electronics for the hour. Earth Hour started over a decade ago as an international effort to protect and preserve our natural environment. For further information about Earth Hour, please visit earthhour.org.

Spring Water Awareness

Hopefully, spring weather will be right around the corner. However, with the warmer conditions will come unsafe ice and fast flowing creeks and rivers with very cold water in them. Please remind your children to stay away from areas where spring water conditions will soon exist.

Wet Weather Days

As we transition from winter to spring, our yard at Queen Elizabeth will soon become very wet and muddy. Despite our frequent reminders to students to stay away from puddles, both in class and through announcements, some students will inevitably find those wet, muddy areas and end up getting wet and dirty.

Please help us by reminding your children to avoid these wet areas as much as possible. Additionally, you can send extra clothes with your children in case they need to change during the school day. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Pizza Lunch Orders



We are happy to share that **Domino's Pizza Lunch** is available at our school for the 2024/2025 school year. Orders are available for purchase until the end of the 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! Orders are available for purchase until the end of the school year. 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.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025/2026 School Year

Your child can begin Kindergarten in September 2025, as follows:

Junior Kindergarten – your child is four years of age by December 31st, 2025

Senior Kindergarten – your child is five years of age by December 31st, 2025

Registration for September 2025 is now open!



Online registration - Click here [Registration Form](#) and register TODAY!

Online registration allows parents to sign up for Kindergarten using any device connected to the Internet, any day of the week, and any time of day. It's easy, fast, and convenient.

First, create an account using your email address. Then, complete the fillable fields, providing all of the information requested. Once complete, the form is sent to the school for review. The school secretary receives the registration form and checks for completeness and accuracy. The form may be sent back and forth between the parent/guardian and school until the form is complete.

Once the form is complete, parents/guardians will need to visit the school to provide the following information:

- Birth certificate.
- Proof of address
- Citizen verification
- Custody documents (if applicable).

Parents will receive a Kindergarten Registration Package when they visit the school, containing a welcome letter, a book, information about busing, and strategies to support a successful start to school.

If you do not wish to register online, please print, and complete the following form.

[PDF Version of our Registration Form](#) - Please print, then bring the completed form to your school.

Families, please contact your child's school directly if you have any questions regarding its Kindergarten programs, registration, and information nights.

Anaphylactic Allergies

This year, we have students at Queen Elizabeth who have anaphylactic reactions to peanuts and nut products. Currently, we ask that all families refrain from sending peanut-based products in their children's lunches. However, we believe we can take additional steps to ensure the safety of these students.

In school, these students are not only exposed to their classmates but also to others on the yard. With this in mind, we ask that all parents continue to avoid sending peanut butter and other nut products to school. While we understand this request may cause some inconvenience, we ask that you consider the potential risks and agree that this is a reasonable measure to ensure the safety of all students.

While we cannot guarantee a completely nut-free school, we can certainly work toward this goal. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in creating a safe environment for all of our students.

KPR Personal Electronic Device Policy

At Queen Elizabeth, we continue to follow the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's policy on the use of mobile devices in schools. A mobile device includes any personal electronic device (P.E.D.) that can be used for communication or accessing the Internet, such as a laptop, cellphone, tablet, or smart watch.

To maintain a focused and engaging learning environment, we ask that all personal mobile devices be turned off and stored out of sight during the school day. If a student needs to contact home, they may request to use the phone in the office. Should there be an urgent need for a student to access their phone during the day, they are encouraged to speak directly with their teacher to find an appropriate solution.

Additionally, we remind parents that electronic games and other toys should not be brought to school, as they can be a significant distraction to learning. The school is not responsible for these items if they are lost or stolen. Your support in helping ensure that students do not bring these items to school is greatly appreciated!

Plans of Care

Each year, we re-establish Individual Plans of Care for all students with medical conditions that could potentially be life-threatening. We believe that creating these plans collaboratively is essential for ensuring the safety of students with serious medical conditions.

These plans are detailed instructions and guidelines to help our staff respond effectively in the event of a medical emergency. They include all the critical information that first responders would need, along with step-by-step procedures for handling the specific medical situation.

All staff members are familiarized with the Plans of Care, and they are posted in central locations for easy reference in case of an emergency. If you are the parent or guardian of a child with a potentially life-threatening condition, please ensure the following steps are taken:

1. **Inform the school** about your child's medical needs.
2. **Schedule a meeting** with your child's teacher to review their medical requirements.
3. Work with our Secretary, **Mrs. Grice**, to complete a **Plan of Care** for your child. If a plan has already been established, please review and update it, then return it to the school as soon as possible.
4. Complete the **Administration of Medication form**, which outlines your request and authorizes the school to administer prescribed medications.



5. Provide the school with **up-to-date epinephrine auto-injectors** (preferably two) and any other prescribed medications, ensuring they remain current.
6. **Teach your child** to take responsibility for their safety as much as possible.
7. Provide your child with a **medicalert bracelet**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep 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. However, research indicates 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. Your vigilance and communication are crucial in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Picking and Dropping Off Your Child

Important Reminders for Parents and Guardians

For the safety of all students, please remember that parents and guardians must begin their visit to the school building by coming to the office. Visiting classrooms during the day without permission is not allowed. Additionally, if anyone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your child(ren), please notify the school in advance. Without prior notification, students must follow the regular arrangements for their departure.

If you need to take your child out of school during school hours for an appointment or any other reason, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Upon arrival, use the front door to buzz the office. The secretary or principal will then contact the classroom, and your child(ren) will come to the office. For safety and logistical reasons, we are unable to have students waiting in the office, so please ensure you allow enough time for this process.

School Council



Our next hybrid School Council meeting is March 3rd at 6:30, and you can either join us in person in our Library or join by clicking 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 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

Thanks and hope to see you soon!