



# Queen Elizabeth Public School

May 2025



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## Principal's Message

Hello Queen Elizabeth families!

We are excited to announce that Queen Elizabeth School will once again be participating in the EQAO provincial assessment for both Grade 3 and Grade 6 students during the month of May. This assessment provides us with a valuable snapshot of our students' progress in meeting the overall expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. To ensure we collect this important data, we kindly ask for your support in making sure all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are present as much as possible during this time.

I remember when each of my own four children went through these assessments; it was a great opportunity to see how much they had learned and grown. It's always wonderful to witness the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers paying off.

If you have any questions or concerns about the EQAO assessment, please feel free to contact us at the school. We are here to discuss any issues you may have and provide the necessary support.

Additionally, we are closely monitoring our Kindergarten registrations. If you know anyone who is planning to register their young children, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Early registration helps us plan

effectively for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support – and we wish you a wonderful month ahead!

Sincerely,

Drew Beaton  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Spring Bus Evacuation

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – School Council Meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Special Olympics

**May 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – Dental Screening for JK, SK, Grade 2 and 7

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Fun Fair Date

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 7 Immunizations

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Victoria Day (Schools are closed)

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Welcome to Kindergarten Night!

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Spirit Week!

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Hat Day

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Favourite Colour Day

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Favourite Artist/ Idol Day

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – QE School Colours Day

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – PJ Day

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

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



### 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

### 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 May, our focus is on **Indigenous Water**.

### QE Fun Fair!

Get Ready for an Unforgettable Evening at QE’s Fun Fair on May 14th!

Join us from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm as the school comes alive with laughter, games, and delicious treats.

Highlights of the Evening:

- **A FREE Hot Dog:** Enjoy a tasty treat while soaking in the festive atmosphere.
- **Pepper the Clown:** Visit Pepper and take home a balloon animal of your choice.
- **Thrilling Games:** Test your skills, compete with friends, and win fantastic prizes.
- **Draw Ballots:** Available for purchase—don't miss your chance to win exciting surprises!

Bring your family, bring your friends, and join us for an evening filled with fun and community spirit. All funds raised will help the school purchase new special education gym equipment. We can’t wait to see you there!

## Kristy Kreme Fundraiser!

Join us for our Krispy Kreme fundraiser on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (or until sold out).

Located on the front lawn, with boxes priced at **\$15 each for cash payments** and **\$16 each for card payments**.

All proceeds go to School Council, which helps support school events, class trips and experiences, and the purchase of new playground equipment, among other initiatives.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you there!

## Live Theatre Returns to Queen Elizabeth Public School!

Queen Elizabeth is proud to present the world premiere of an original play, *GINGERBREADENSTEIN*! Written and directed by Derek Weatherdon and featuring a talented student cast, this imaginative production cleverly blends *The Gingerbread Man* and *Frankenstein* to explore themes of friendship, responsibility, and the challenges of solving life's toughest problems.

Designed to be enjoyed by audiences from Grade 3 and up—as well as adults—the show runs approximately an hour with no intermission. There will be **two performances on May 6 and May 7, starting at 7 PM, with doors opening at 6:30 PM**. Tickets are just \$5 per person, and guests are encouraged to **secure their seats by purchasing in advance through School Cash Online. Tickets will also be available for purchase with cash at the door on the night of the performance, but this does not guarantee seating availability**. Proceeds will help offset production costs and support future theatrical endeavors.

In a wonderful display of community collaboration, *GINGERBREADENSTEIN* has benefited from the expertise of local theatre artists, who have contributed mentorship, dramaturgy, and costume design to enrich the production.

Please note that the show **includes strobe lighting effects**.

Join us for an engaging and unforgettable theatrical experience that celebrates creativity, storytelling, and the magic of live performance!

## Mental Health Week & Children's Health Week

May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Important Notice: Reporting Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please use your SchoolMessenger account to notify us of the absence. If we are not informed of a student's absence, our safe arrival program will contact you to clarify the reason for the absence. Additionally, if your child arrives late to school, please ensure they are signed in at the main office.

For those who have not yet registered for SchoolMessenger to report absences online, here are the instructions:

- To create a new account and register your children for the automated system, please visit [www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca)
- If you prefer using the mobile app, search for "SchoolMessenger" (one word) on the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- Once registered, you can inform the school of your child's upcoming absences using any of the following methods:
  - [www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca)
  - Call 1-844-434-8119
  - Use the SchoolMessenger mobile app on your cell phone or tablet.

Thank you for your cooperation in reducing our secretarial workload and ensuring the safety of our students.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 705-742-6331. We also ask that you share this information with friends, relatives, or neighbours.

## Kindergarten Open House

### Is your child starting Junior Kindergarten in September 2025?

We can't wait to welcome you to our Kindergarten Open House!

Drop in **between 5:30 – 6:15 PM** to explore the classrooms, meet our fantastic staff, and connect with other families. At **6:15 PM**, we'll head outside to explore the yard, and welcome bags will be handed out to incoming students. The event will conclude at **6:30 PM**. Come and discover what makes our Kindergarten Program special—we look forward to meeting you!

## Grade 8 Clap Out & Graduation

We are excited to celebrate our Grade 8 graduates with two special events on **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**!

Join us at **6:30 p.m. in the School Gym** for the official **Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony**, where we will honor our students as they take the next step in their journey.

Earlier in the day, at **10:45 a.m.**, we invite families to be part of our beloved **Clap-Out Ceremony**, where students, staff, and parents will line the hallways to cheer on our graduates as they walk through the school one final time.

We hope to see you there as we celebrate this important milestone together!

## 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



As we transition into spring, the melting snow creates wet and muddy conditions in the schoolyard. To ensure our students remain comfortable throughout the day, we kindly ask parents to pack extra clothing in backpacks, especially for our younger learners.

While we encourage students to avoid puddles and muddy areas, we understand that slips and splashes can happen during active play. Please note that we will not be calling home every time a child gets wet or muddy. Having a spare set of clothing on hand will help everyone stay focused on fun and learning!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this muddy but exciting time of year.

## Tick Safety: What You Need to Know

As the weather warms up and we spend more time outdoors, it's important to be aware of ticks and how to stay safe. Ticks are tiny creatures that can attach to your skin and sometimes carry diseases. Here are some tips to help you enjoy the outdoors safely:

### What Are Ticks?

Ticks are small, spider-like insects that live in grassy, wooded areas. They can attach to animals and humans to feed on blood. While most tick bites are harmless, some ticks can carry diseases like Lyme disease.

### How to Avoid Ticks

**Wear Protective Clothing:** When playing outside, especially in tall grass or wooded areas, wear long sleeves, pants, and closed-toe shoes. Light-colored clothing can help you spot ticks more easily.

**Use Tick Repellent:** Apply insect repellent that contains DEET or other tick-repelling ingredients to your skin and clothing.

**Stay on Trails:** When hiking or walking in nature, stick to clear paths and avoid tall grass and bushes where ticks are likely to be.

### Checking for Ticks

After spending time outdoors, it's important to check yourself and your pets for ticks. Here's how:

**Check Your Body:** Look carefully at your skin, especially in hidden areas like underarms, behind knees, and around the hairline.

**Check Your Clothes:** Ticks can hitch a ride on your clothing, so inspect your clothes before coming inside.

**Check Your Pets:** If you have pets, make sure to check them for ticks too, especially around their ears and neck.

### What to Do If You Find a Tick

If you find a tick on your skin, don't panic! Follow these steps:

**Remove the Tick:** Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure.

**Clean the Area:** After removing the tick, clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer.

**Watch for Symptoms:** Keep an eye on the bite area for any signs of rash or illness. If you feel unwell, tell an adult and visit a doctor.

### Fun Outdoor Activities

Even with ticks around, there are plenty of fun and safe outdoor activities you can enjoy:

**Picnics:** Have a picnic in a tick-safe area like a mowed lawn or a sandy beach.

**Gardening:** Help plant flowers and vegetables in your garden.

**Sports:** Play your favorite sports on a well-maintained field.

Remember, being aware and taking simple precautions can help you stay safe and enjoy the great outdoors!

**Stay safe and have fun!**

## 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 a 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.

## Important Notice: Nut-Free School Initiative

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 smartwatch.**

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!

## Addressing Bullying at Queen Elizabeth



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 create a secure environment for everyone.

For smaller issues, students may receive consequences such as restricted recess times or community service. More serious infractions can result in suspensions. However, research indicates that children sometimes do not report when they are being bullied, so we rely on you for information.

If you ever think your child is either being bullied or is bullying others, please call Mr. Beaton at the school. Your vigilance and communication are crucial in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Thank you!

## 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

## School Council



Our next hybrid School Council meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> 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](https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/drew_beaton). All parents and guardians are welcome to join us – and we greatly appreciate your involvement.

If you'd like to stay informed about what will be discussed during our upcoming School Council meetings, you can find the agendas posted on the School Council page of our school website:

<https://queenelizabeth.kprdsb.ca/Community/School%20Council>

Agendas will be available by the weekend immediately prior to each meeting. For those who are particularly keen, the page also hosts past meeting minutes for your review.

Finally, if you have any comments or questions about School Council matters, we encourage you to reach out!

- **Principal, Mr. Beaton:** drew\_beaton@kprdsb.ca
- **School Council Chair, Matt Riley:** mattriley33@hotmail.ca

Thank you for your continued interest and support in our School Council activities!