

# Queen Victoria Public School

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Character Trait: HONESTY

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING HONESTY AS OUR CHARACTER ED TRAIT.

"WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF EVERYONE IS DOING IT. RIGHT IS RIGHT, EVEN IF NO ONE IS DOING IT."

LOOKS LIKE:	SOUNDS LIKE:	FEELS LIKE:
A TRUE FRIEND A LIGHT IN THE DARK A CLEAR DAY	"I CAN'T ALWAYS TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR." "THE TRUTH" "LET ME TELL IT LIKE IT IS"	BEING TRUE TO YOURSELF RELIEF BEING YOURSELF DOING THE RIGHT THING

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:

Winter is making a serious comeback with the freezing temperatures and increased snowfall. With the drop in temperature, we have had to call many indoor recesses lately and bring students into the school in the morning, instead of making them wait in the cold.

This is a great time to remind everyone of a few items regarding drop off and pick up. With the cold weather, we have had an increase in parents wanting to drop off/pick up students at the front door and walk them to their classes. The increase in adult traffic in the office, foyer and hallway is a concern. **Please drop all students off at the office instead of walking directly to class with them;** staff and students will be happy to escort our younger friends to class.

For safety purposes we need to know who is in the building. Having adults proceed down the hall without being acknowledged at the office poses concerns. We do not want our students to become accustomed to seeing unfamiliar adults circulating the building.

At the end of the day, we ask that **parents/caregivers who are picking up students at the end of the day, wait at the back of the building for our students.** ALL students will exit out the back doors. Any parents arriving after 2:55pm will be asked to wait at the back door for

the students to exit. It is important to keep the front entrance of the building free of traffic so our Boys and Girls Club van riders and our bus students get out safely.

## MORE STAFFING CHANGES:

At the end of January, all EAs with the TLDSB have the option of transferring or moving to new schools. The board also recently held interviews for permanent educational assistants. During this annual turnover, **Doreen Thurston** was able to secure a position at Alexandra PS. In addition, **Shealaine Richardson**, a supply EA in Ms. Crabtree's class, was able to secure a permanent position with the board! Although we are sad to see both go, we congratulate them in their new adventures. We would like to welcome **Ms. Nicole Collins** to Ms. Crabtree's class and **Mrs. Jennifer Love** to Mr. Grant's class. We will also be welcoming **Mr. Tustin** and **Ms. Pascoe** to QVPS. Ms. Oldfield will also be joining us in Mrs. Gignac/Ms. Tomilson's kindergarten class.



## AWESOME ME: LEARNING TO RECOGNIZE OUR STRENGTHS AT QVPS

Learning to recognize and celebrate your talents, strengths and positive traits is important to building self-esteem. Sometimes recognizing these things in ourselves is far harder than praising others. For the month of February, staff and students of

QVPS will be learning to recognize our own strengths, and, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, showing off what we love, about ourselves.

Students will be posting stars on our main floor display wall. Each star will contain something that students recognize is **awesome**, about themselves.

### **ELECTIVES: THE FUN CONTINUES!**

Last week our students participated in a great day of active, elective fun: Grades 4-6 joined Mark and Cavan for a terrific NinjaFit workout. Our primaries were treated to Zumba with Christy-a fun combination of dance and fitness moves, set to music.

On Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, our whole school will be learning the basics of curling with the Rocks and Rings program coming to our school! Thank you to the wonderful Ms. Dickson for organizing these fun events and promoting healthy living in our QVPS community.

### **REPEAT FROM LAST MONTH:**

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ENDS FEB 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Kindergarten registration opens up on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for new students starting kindergarten in September of 2015. Although parents are welcome to register their child for kindergarten at any time, this early registration allows us to get an idea of what new faces to expect in our kindergarten program in the next school year. If you or someone you know has a child who will be attending QVPS in September 2015, please come and pick up a package in our office, starting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

To register your child in Kindergarten please bring:

- Proof of age for each child
- Name and phone number for family doctor
- Ontario Health Card number (optional)
- Child's immunization record
- Residence road name and 911 address



### **DENTAL SCREENING**

The Health Unit for the City of Kawartha Lakes will be conducting their annual Dental Screening on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in our JK, SK and Grades 2, 4, and 6 classes. Parents of students NOT in one of these grades can request a check by contacting the school. Parents NOT wanting their children checked must notify the school in writing.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER**

- **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6:15, School Council Meeting!** Come join us in the library for our next School Council Meeting. These meetings are a great way to stay informed on the exciting things happening at QVPS. Childcare is provided.
- **Family Yoga, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** sign up sheets were sent home last week. If you didn't receive yours, please call the school for more information

### **VALENTINES DANCE A THON**

Our annual Valentines Dance-a-Thon will happen on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds raised going towards funding our end of the year trips. Students have been given envelopes to fundraise for this event. Please send all envelopes in with students by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### **JUNIOR MIXED VOLLEYBALL**

At the Zone Volleyball tournament on January 21<sup>st</sup>, our Grades 5 and 6 volleyball players

represented QVPS as we hosted teams from four in-town schools in our gym. QVPS played well and demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all team members for their great efforts this season. Many thanks to Mr. Arnold for coaching the team.

Tryouts for **Junior Mixed Basketball** will start shortly.

### QVPS' FIRST GRADE 3-4 VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Yes, Queen Vic has TWO volleyball teams this year. They will be playing in a tournament against 9 other teams at Dr. George Hall PS and Mariposa PS on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish them good luck in their first tournament ever. Thanks to Ms. Dietrich and Mr. Fleming for the time they have devoted to preparing the team.

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: QVPS' "SUPER READERS" READ ON

We have two teams participating in the Battle of the Books this year. The "Ya Man's!" consisting of Julia, Payton, Haley, and Brittany are going up against the "Awesomeness!" made up of Megan, Shelby, Miranda, and Sarah. Both teams have been busy reading for several weeks now. It is going to be a tough battle! In-school battles begin February 17<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to both teams and congratulations on your awesome dedication to reading all of these great books! WAY TO GO!!

### CLOTHING STORE

We have tons of great clothes available in our school clothing store. It is open Mondays and Tuesdays after school or by request. Come on in and check things out. Recycled clothing is a great way to save money and look great at the same time!!

### SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

TLDSB shares area-wide bus cancellations through Twitter, Facebook, and [tldsb.ca](http://tldsb.ca), **NOT** individual bus route cancellations. Sign up to receive individual school bus route cancellations and delays at

[www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca)

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