



# Quaker June 2018

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Days resume October 2018

June 4-6: Gr 7/8 year end trip

June 5: Regional Track & Field

June 7: AM— MINI TRACK MEET for regional and District qualifiers who on trips -

Quaker Fun Fair 4 - 8 PM

June 8: PD Day—No School for Students

June 11: DSBN Special Olympics

June 13: Gr. 4, 4/5, 5/6, FSP year end trip

June 13: District Track & Field Championship

June 15: Gr 6/7 year end trip

June 20: KDBG year end trip

June 25: Grade 8 Graduation at Centennial H.S.

June 27: Report Cards Home

June 28 : Last Day of School for Students



### June brings Reflection, Revision and Celebration

Once again as you may know, May was a very busy month. Our gr. 3 and 6 students were AMAZING as they persevered through the EQAO testing. They happily gave their best effort and we are confident they did well. Our Book Fair was once again a great success. Thankyou for supporting this. Our School Track and Field meet went off without a hitch and we look forward to hearing about their success at the Zone and District meets in June.

June is another very busy month to end our school year as you will see on the calendar on our school website. We have many end-of-year trips and experiences planned for students in all grades and of course our Grade 8 Graduation is just around the corner, marking a turning point for some of our students as they transition from elementary school to secondary school. **The School Council & Fun Fair committee have been very busy planning events for our Family Fun Fair event on Thursday, June 7 from 5-8 pm.** Staff and Students are looking forward to a great night of fun and excitement with our school community. You will be VERY impressed with the wonderful baskets and penny sale items we've collected for you to win!

As we end our school year, we will also be recognizing some staffing changes for the upcoming year. Mr. Bootsma will be leaving us to move to Martha Cullimore School. Mrs. Weaver will end her time here and we hope she is successful in being given a Contract within the DSBN somewhere. Next year we welcome Mrs. Mazzuca and Mrs. Cicci and Mr. McLean to our staff. There are some further changes expected and these will be announced in a final letter home in late June.

If you have any special requests for class placement, please notify the office in writing and we will consider it.

**Mr. Secord** who has been a teaching force here at Quaker Road for 22 years has chosen to retire and begin a new chapter in life as he will spend time with his family and enjoy travelling. We thank him for his commitment to student success and he was always a calm and steady force within the building— from playing the bugle at Remembrance Day to doing extra outside duties in the winter, no issue was ever too big for Mr. Secord and his optimism is contagious.

Finally, let me say how proud I am of the growth our students have made this year. They are hard working and make wonderful contributions to both our school community and our City. Each year, they amaze me with their perseverance and efforts they put forward in their work and in school life.

Mrs. S. Niznik

Principal



## Attendance

As part of our Safe School Protocol, we ask you to report your child's absence promptly so we can ensure their safety and identify where they are. The answering machine is available 24/7, so please leave a message in the evening if your child is ill or will be absent. If we have not received notification about a student's absence, we must make every effort to account for the student's absence through a phone call home or to a parent's workplace. With a school our size, this is a large task. We ask that you please report your child's absence/lateness prior to 9:00 am. Students who arrive at school late will receive a late slip upon signing in at the office. They will then proceed directly to their classroom.



# Fun Fair!

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH

**WHERE:** AT QUAKER ROAD SCHOOL

**TIME:** 5-8 PM

**WHY:** TO HAVE FUN!!!!

*Join us next week for our annual fun fair event. We will have two bouncy houses, games, prizes, food, music and fun....something for everyone!*

*All proceeds will go toward the new...and improved Creative Playground and a Water Filling Station!*

## The sun is back!

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside to play! But before you run outside, make sure you remember your 5 S's...

**Slip:** on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).

**Slop:** on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside, so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

**Slap:** on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck

**Seek:** shade when outside between 11am-4pm

**Slide:** on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.

**Attention moms, dads, coaches and caregivers:** sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure youth remember sunscreen for lunch break, gym class, track and field and other outdoor activities.

For more information, talk to your school nurse.

### Back To School Transportation Information

On **August 20, 2018** Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled at the school.

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While you are there, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child.

**Changes to home, pick-up and/or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school.** During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year, however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

**With the availability of the secure parent portal, NSTS will not mail student transportation notices with the exception of Kindergarten students or new students to the system who do not have an OEN to sign-in to the portal.**

Please contact your school or NSTS (905-346-0290) if you have questions regarding your child's transportation arrangements.



**"COURAGE DOESN'T  
ALWAYS ROAR.  
SOMETIMES  
COURAGE  
IS THE QUIET  
VOICE AT THE  
END OF THE  
DAY SAYING,  
'I WILL TRY AGAIN  
TOMORROW.'"**

- Mary Anne Radmacher

### Tentative Teacher Assignments for 2018-19 as of May 31st

Kdgn— Mrs. Boon, Ms Charlinski, Mrs. Ellis

Gr. 1— Mrs. Bernard

Gr 1/2— Mrs. Shannon

Gr. 2/3 Mrs. Longo

Gr. 3—Mrs. Toews-Peplinski

Gr. 4—Mrs. Secord/Mrs. Cicci

Gr. 4/5—Mrs. Smalley

Gr. 5/6—Ms. Fulford

Gr. 6/7—Mrs. Mazzuca

Gr. 7/8—Mrs. Montgomery

Gr. 7/8— Mr. Niven

FSP 1— Mr. Hannahson

FSP 2—Mr. McLean

FSL—Mme Sims

Learning Resource— Mrs. Degasperis, Mr. Lopez

Prep— Mrs. Cicci, Mr. King, Mr. Lopez

Principal—Mrs. Niznik

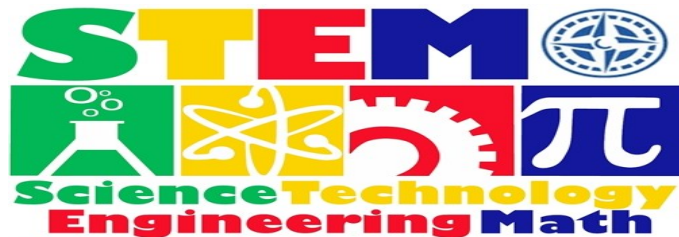
### C.O.U.R.A.G.E....

Congratulations to all Courage Certificate recipients from our Student Success Assembly on Wednesday, May 31st. While we consistently see Courage demonstrated in many ways each day from many people at Quaker Road, these students were selected by their teachers; and in some cases classmates, as exemplifying courageous behaviours daily at Quaker Road! Congratulations to our certificate winners: Malaya G., Elliott S., Abby H. and Lucy Z.— 1B; Dylan D., Andrew H.—2S; Lily M, Kaden G.—3TP; Kyleigh K., Dallas G., Eowyn B.— 4S; Avery C., Garrett S.—4/5S; Tauren P., Kaeden D.—5/6W; Laurel B., Gary N.—8B; Korbin G., Mrs. O'Grady and Miss Dunnett— FSP 1 Jase P—FSP2; Sophia R., Rachel G.— 6/7F; Alex W., Jaden S.—7/8N.



I, along with some other students at Quaker were given the opportunity of going to the **MINDSET MATTERS** Conference yesterday. We learned many new things having to do with mental health and were and were even shown new ideas to strengthen students mindsets from other schools who attended the event. It especially highlighted the fact that your mindset is extremely important for being a role model and leader. We were shown what it really meant to be a resilient person and even reflected with each other how everyone struggled in some aspects of being resilient. We were pushed to meet new people and were given specific, personal topics to engage in conversation with a stranger, all in hopes to teach us the unforgettable lesson that not stepping out of your comfort zone can give you struggles in life, especially if you're shy. We were able to be teachers to other students in explaining some strategies for a healthy mindset we use at Quaker and even some helpful programs we have. An important topic that was introduced to everyone by Dr. Popovic, the guest speaker at the event, was that you completely control your mindset. You control it by the way you breath, your posture, confidence and self talk. Dr. Popovic also showed everyone that in this generation your mindset. You control it by the way you breath, your posture, confidence and self talk. Dr. Popovic also showed everyone that in this generation many students lack communication skills, introducing ourselves to people proved to be a big challenge to some and it has only encouraged Quaker to work even more on students social skills. The conference altogether was nothing other than very educational.

Sophia Rodriguez— 6/7 F.



On Wednesday April 25th 2018, Genny Watt and I were lucky enough to attend STEM. STEM is short for science, technology, engineering and math. It is a fun program that was designed just for girls! Throughout the day, we would do different activities relating to those subjects. I personally think that STEM is important because it helps girls believe in themselves and to increase interest in STEM. It is also important to show that girl power does not have to be in a gym, on a field, or on a rink it can be anywhere where a girl believes in herself!

There were so many reasons why I liked STEM. My favorite reason was that you got to meet so many new friends and be able to chat around and share what we learned. At first I did not like being separated from my friend Genny, but as the day went on, I got used to it and enjoyed meeting new friends. I know that a lot of other girls will love it too and I hope girls get a chance to go to STEM Camp next year! Emily Williams 6/7F.

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

**A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED US THROUGHOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITH OUT YOU!! BREAKFAST CLUB, READING GROUPS, LIBRARY HELP, IN CLASS HELP, READING HELP, SCHOOL COUNCIL, FUN FAIR COMMITTEE, PARENT EVENINGS, ETC..... THE IMPACT YOU HAVE IS GREAT AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO!!!!**