

# QUAKER ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE COMET

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have come out this year in support of our students at School Council Meetings. We really appreciate the commitment of all members in helping to make our school a better place, keeping in mind that students are our top priority! It is great to see the enthusiasm of Dave Wood, our Chair and Dan Saint-Laurent, our Vice-Chair in working with the students, parents, and staff to make things even better for our entire school community!

### School Growth Plan - Narrow Focus Goal for Quaker Road Public School:

Our goal this year at Quaker Road Public School is to focus on **Reading for Meaning** by using a wide variety of form and style of texts.

Teachers will be working with students to improve comprehension strategies, making

provision in place for these students while outside on school grounds before this time.

Our **Breakfast Program** will be starting on November 4, 2008 and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:40 to 8:50 a.m. Thanks to Sobeys on Pelham Street who will be donating food (e.g., cereal bars, yogurt, fruit cups, fresh fruit, 100% fruit juice) for the entire year to sustain this program. Sobeys has agreed to be a sponsor for our school and we are extremely pleased with this partnership! If you would like to get involved and volunteer for this important program, please contact Mrs. Volchert at (905) 892-6176.

Thanks again to all of our many fundraising volunteers who do a great deal of work behind the scenes in support of students here at Quaker

Alex in Miss Nash's Grade 2/3 class whose name was drawn in a contest by Ball Hockey International (BHI) recently. Alex receives a free session of Ball Hockey along with our school also receiving a \$1000.00 cheque from BHI! This money will be going towards the purchase of new sports equipment which will benefit all of the students here at Quaker Road Public School! Way to go, Alex!

### Parents Make a BIG Difference!

**Did you know?** Teenagers who feel connected to their families are more likely to avoid the dangers of using drugs.

**Did you know?** Parents who talk to their children and monitor their activities can reduce the likelihood of their children using drugs. Parents sometimes don't realize they

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *November 7 - PA Day*
- *November 11 - Remembrance Day*
- *November 11 - Grade 7/8 Veteran Presentation*
- *November 12 - Cookie Dough Orders Due*
- *November 13 - Holocaust Symposium*
- *November 14 - Picture Retakes*
- *November 19 - Hot Dog Day*
- *November 24 - Niagara Ice Dogs' Tickets Order Due*



**THE HOLOCAUST SYMPOSIUM  
INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GRACEY BY KELSEY M. AND E. WOOD**

“If we want to make real change in the world, we shall have to begin with the children.” Mohandis Ghandi

**1. What inspired you to host the Holocaust Symposium?** I saw the ability of children to change the world “they’re really powerful”, but adults need to teach them how to use that power to change the world.

**2. What does it mean to you to have the Holocaust Symposium come to Quaker Road School?** It’s remarkable to have the Holocaust Symposium here, and from all the speakers and presenters come to Quaker Road. There are 150 grade 7/8 students coming from 11 different schools and the community and media will also be involved. This is a great honour for Quaker Road School.

**3. Was there any particular person that inspired you to organize this event?** At the March of the Living for Educator’s this summer in Poland I met a man named Bill Glied who was a Holocaust survivor. He told me his story of survival. He was held in Auschwitz-Birkenau a huge killing centre in Poland and even through that happened to him he has an amazing outlook on life. An amazing man, so positive.

**4. Have you ever done the Holocaust Symposium before, if so explain your experience?** Yes, it was held at

the Board level, at the Board office. Teachers in the board helped with the workshops, it was a very positive experience. I started to see students begin to understand how their words affect the people around them. How their actions or lack of action makes a huge difference to others. And the “Kids loved it”.

**5. Did you know anybody that was in the Holocaust, if so have they told you about their experiences?** I have met a number of Holocaust survivors and have been inspired by each of their stories.

**6. We have several amazing speakers. Are you looking forward to one person in particular? If you are, who is it and why are you looking forward to them?** Ms.

Headley is a survivor who lives in St. Catharines. I haven’t met her and I haven’t yet heard her story. I am looking forward to seeing her.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

The time and effort is very much appreciated for all the students and staff, thanks Mrs. Gracey.

**GETTING TO KNOW MRS. GRACEY  
BY CARLY S. AND JESSICA J.**

**1. What school did you work at before you came to Quaker Road Public School?** College Street School

**2. What do you enjoy do-**

**holiday?** Summer

**6. What subject do you enjoy teaching the most?** Visual Art

**7. What’s your favourite colours 1-3?** Orange Purple

**FUN WITH CREATIVE MOVEMENT  
BY OLIVIA H. GRADE 3**

Today we had fun with Creative Movement. We acted out the book “The Name of the Tree” by Celia B. Lottridge. We all acted out two to three animals. We acted out a graceful gazelle, a mean lion, and we got to act out a animal of our choice. When we got

School

2. **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time and what are your favourite hobbies?** Painting, Sailing and Skiing
3. **Why did you want to become a teacher?** Change for the future.
4. **What kind of books do you enjoy reading?** Everything and Anything
5. **What's your favourite**

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The primary students will be performing their concert "A Winter Fiesta" in December.

Please mark these dates on your calendar : December 15th - afternoon performance for the school and parents, December 17th - afternoon performance, December 16th & December 18th - evening performance. The time for the performances will be determined in the coming weeks.

More information will follow in December's newsletter.

7. **What's your favourite colours 1-3?** Orange, Purple and Green
8. **What type of music/songs do you enjoy listening to?** Jazz
9. **What grade do you like teaching the most?** 7/8
10. **How did you train your dog to use the toilet?** Through a long process. The dog already sits, repetition and reward (practice).

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Recently our library went through a change. If you look in our library you will find a lot less books. We are one of many schools in the Board working on updating the collection of books in our library. We have disposed of the books that were old (ex. there were books from the fifties in our library) and that had outdated information (ex. books without Nunavut in them). As the year progresses you will notice the number of books increasing as we purchase new books for our students.

got to act out a animal of our choice. When we got to choose our animal we did a thing called a tableau. The tree's name was Ungali. Thanks to Kim Fiocca (our instructor) we had so much fun!

## THE GREAT PUMPKIN DONATION

Sobeys donated pumpkins to our school just in time for Halloween! Welland trustee Larry Lemelin of the District School Board of Niagara offered his time and his truck to deliver the soon-to-be jack-o-lanterns. Welland Sobeys store manager Jim Albanese, grocery manager Ryan Schooley and produce manager Kurt Morrisson, took the time to load the pumpkins into the trucks and hand-deliver them to the schools themselves. Jim Albanese said it's the store's way of "engaging in the local community" and "reaching out to local schools." The pumpkins were used for math and science activities as well as a pumpkin carving contest between classrooms and divisions!

## Staples' Recycle for Education Program

Quaker Road is part of Staples' Recycle for Education Program. Staples will donate money to participating schools for every eligible ink and toner cartridge donated. By dropping your cartridges off at Staples you will be helping the school and helping to protect the environment.



## OUR TRIP TO BROCK UNIVERSITY

On Thursday, Oct. 23rd the two Special Needs classes attended a program called S.N.A.P (Special Needs Athletic Program) at Brock University. This program provides a variety of different physical activities that allowed every student to participate and have fun. Each student was paired up with one or two university students that assisted them to participate in any activity they choose. All of the kids had a great time. In Mr. King's class the students wrote sentences about their favourite activity. JP liked to play with the cones. Joanna, Lainie and Alycia liked to play with the balls. Sierra liked the Sensory Room. Owen liked to play with the mats. The students in Miss Rees/Mrs. Cahill's had these things to say about the S.N.A.P. program: "Yesterday at Snap I had fun! I liked going to the Sensory Room. The

scooter went so fast. My helper was Amber." By Michele "Yesterday my class went to Brock University. When we got there we had to find our student helper. I was with Nassy and Sam. We did everything there it was so fun! Sam was 18 years old and Nassy was 19 years old. They put me in a big circle shape and they pushed me. I was going in circles! I really liked Sam she was like my sister. It was a really fun day!!" By Nancy "Yesterday we went to S.N.A.P Brock University. My student helper was Alexander. Some of the activities I did were jump off the really big block wall, sensory room and jogging in the hallway. I had fun." By Eric "Yesterday we went to S.N.A.P. at Brock University. My student helper was Emily. We played on the trampoline and went on nine big

blocks. It was fun. We went in the sensory room too. It was a great day!" By Kelly "My favourite activity at Snap was hockey. It is my favourite sport! My student helper was Sabrina." By Deryk "When we had our special trip to S.N.A.P. at Brock University I had lots of fun! I got to skip with a rope and play basketball with my new friend. The best game was the bean bag throw." By Brendan "What I liked about S.N.A.P. was jumping on the trampoline into mats. I also like to play knocking down the blocks and bowling. Hockey and basketball were also fun to play. It was fun. I am looking forward to going again." By Jesse "I had a great time at the S.N.A.P. program. I enjoyed exploring the neat places and listening to music in the sensory room." By Sean

### CANADA By Jordan B.

The people here are patriotic.  
The land here is not chaotic.  
Big families, good friends.  
That stick together to the end.  
Canada land of the free.  
Home to many people including me.  
Canada is freedom, freedom is Canada.  
Now I think that you can see, what Canada really means to me.



### NEWS EVENT - SALUTE OUR SCHOOL BY EMILY AND CASSIE (GRADE 1)

**WHO?** 105.7 EZ Rock with Jack and Lori

**WHAT?** We got a free lunch from B and J Catering

**WHERE?** Room 5 Grade 1

**WHEN?** Thursday, October 23rd

### The Moose

Miss Flintoft's Grade 1/2 class have been reading and writing descriptive stories. We have learned that descriptive stories are used to teach or tell about something. Each student then wrote a descriptive story about a moose. Here are a few



**WHERE?** Room 5 Grade 1  
**WHEN?** Thursday, October 16, 2008

**WHY?** We wrote a letter to tell them our awesome class!

scriptive story about a moose. Here are a few samples from the class.

The Moose

By: Jennifer V. Grade 2

The moose live near marshes and woody areas, by rivers and lakes.

The moose drink water and eat plants, lily pads, weeds, leaves, and berries.

Did you know that when moose get scared they charge very hard into trees or sometimes you?

Did you know that when flies land on moose they use their tails to swish them away?

In the winter the male moose's antlers fall off but in the spring they grow back. I love moose!

All About Moose

By: Meara N. Grade 1

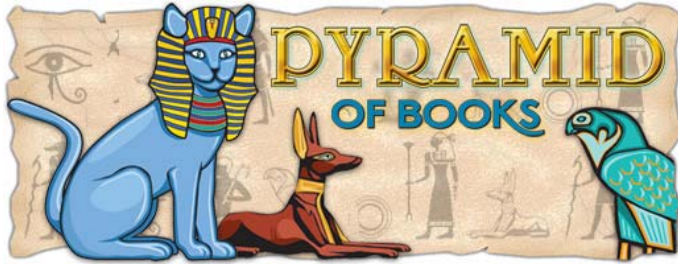
The moose eat plants, berries, and leaves.

They also live in marshes and woody places.

Moose have long legs to stop from sinking in the mud.

I think moose are fantastic!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR!**



Thank you to all students, parents and staff for supporting our recent book fair. Together, we raised \$2600, all of which will go towards the purchase of new materials for our library. Staff and students especially, are now excited to visit the library to see some of the new books on display. The family event door prize winner was Emily B. in grade one who received \$25 in books and \$25 of books for her

classroom. Congratulations to Jared D. and Grace T. who had the best guesses of how many pages were in the 'mummified' book during Snuggle up and read night.

**A Special Thank you....**

Our first book fair of the year was a huge success with the support and help from some of the grade 7 and 8 students. Without their time and amazing leadership and customer

service skills our book fair couldn't have run so smoothly. Crew Members included: Avalon M., Ashley V., Grace C., Jenna M., Allyssa P., Ryan R., Sarah R., Aislinn B., Kelsey M., Jessica W., Becky P., Eric P., Stewart H., Carlie D., Breyer T., Natasha N., Ankit S., Kelli-Ann M.

A big thank you to Miss Fulford and Mrs. Shannon for organizing the entire Book Fair.



**OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the following students who exhibited a high level of Respect and/or Responsibility during the month of October. Respect is an attitude of honouring oneself and others and caring about their rights. Being respectful is reflected in the courtesy with which we speak and act and treat one another. Responsibility means that others can depend on you. It is doing something well and to the best of your ability.

Kdg - Shayla J., Emilie P., Abby P., Zachary P.

Grade 1 - Jordan R. and Jack H.

Grade 1/2 - Grace T. and Tanner J.

Grade 2 - Connor L. and Drew E.

Grade 2/3 - Madison G. and Lindsey P.

Grade 3 - Hanna N. and Nathan V.

Grade 3/4 - Joel L. and Madison D.

Grade 4/5 - Mercedes N. and Marci C.

Grade 5/6 - Avery E. and Olivia P.

Grade 6 - Alex A. and Bethany L.

Grade 7 - Tyler L. and Jenna M.

Grade 7/8 - Emma T.

Grade 8 - Taz C.

Recognized students will be featured on our Student of the Month Board



QUAKER ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
NIGHT WITH THE  
ICEDOGS!



Saturday, December  
6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Game time is 7:30pm

WINDSOR SPITFIRES

vs.

NIAGARA ICEDOGS

GATORADE GARDEN CITY COMPLEX, ST. CATHARINES

Tickets are \$12.00 each!

*Bring your family and friends to see the IceDogs take on Taylor Hall and the Windsor Spitfires as your own Quaker Road Public School choir led by Mrs. Gracey performs the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies!*

*Orders due by November 24th.*

**THE INTERMEDIATE SOCCER STARS: CONGRATS BOYS!  
BY MAKENZIE S.**

Congratulations to our intermediate boys' soccer team who took home gold in their tournament on Thursday, October 2nd at the Welland Soccer Club.

The boys fell short 2-0 to a strong Chelsea A. Colts team with a great effort

with Richard S. and Makenzine S. working hard up front. At the end of regulation time and overtime, the game was still at a 0-0 stalemate.

ON TO A SHOOTOUT! Quaker's first shooter Mitchell F. took the lead

Recognized students will be featured on our Student of the Month Board outside of the library.

November's character traits will be Tolerance and Caring.

You are invited (children welcome) to an

**ABORINGINAL COMMUNITY FORUM**

by the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council of the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

To Consult on Ministry of Education, First Nation, Metis and Inuit, Education Policy Framework and Aboriginal Student Self-Identification.

Please join us for dinner and discussion on Tuesday, November 25 at Centennial Secondary School. For further information please contact Yolanda Fera (905-374-8219 Yolanda.fera@ncdsb.com) or Rhonda Maracle-Gerritsen (289-321-0733 Rhonda.maracle-gerritsen@dsbn.edu.on.ca)

**BLOOD DONOR CHALLENGE**

A big thank you to everyone who donated blood during the month of October as part of the DSBN Blood Donor Challenge. On October 23rd eight Quaker Road Staff members donated blood.

If you are interested in donating visit [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) for further information. Remember "It's in you to give."

The boys fell short 2-0 to a strong Glynn A. Green team with great effort by all, especially in the area of goal-tending by Skylar T. The boys' next game was against a well-rounded A.K. Wigg team. They took a quick lead with a goal by Makenzie S and held the lead throughout the game with strong midfield (T.J. M., Alex. E., Andrew W. and Travis D.). With 8 minutes remaining in the game A.K. Wigg came on strong and scored, ending the game in a 1-1 tie with Quaker Road showing great offensive and defensive effort. After the tie, Quaker Road needed a big win over Gordon to advance to the finals and that's exactly what happened. In the first 10 minutes Quaker has a 3-0 lead with great goals by Makenzie S (2) and Eric N. (1). The team held the lead with strong defence by Mitchell E., Brandon D., Daniel D., Euan K, and Devon A. With that win they advanced to the finals to re-face the Glynn A. Green Gators. The game was close with great goaltending by Skylar T. and great defence by Mitchell E., Brandon D., Jeff L., Dylan R., and Devon A

ON TO A SHOOTOUT! Quaker's first shooter was Mitchell E. who had taken a strong shot but the ball went just over the cross bar. Glynn A. Green capitalized by putting the ball into the net going up 1-0. Our next shooter was Makenzie S. who put the ball in to tie it up. Glynn A. Green was next and the shot went wide. Quaker's next shooter was Richard S. who's strong shot curved slightly left and Glynn A Green capitalized on the next shot going up 2-1. With a great shot by Devon A. and strong save by Skylar T., Quaker was tied at 2-2. We save our best kicker for last and it paid off. Brandon D. rifled one bottom right off the goalie's glove. It was on Skylar T. with the last shot for Glynn A. Green to tie it up. With an overpowered kick, Glynn A. Green's shooter put the ball over the next and Quaker took home the soccer championship for the 6th straight year!!! Great job boys and a special thanks going to Mr. King for his great coaching!

