



Quaker October 2018

Principal's Message



October Dates

- October 1 DSBN Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters)
- October 2– 6:00 Parent Council Meeting
- October 3– Cross Country
- October 5–World Teachers' Day
- October 5–PA Day (no classes)
- October 8–Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- October 11–PHOTO DAY
- October 16-19 Book Fair
- October 31–Hallowe'en Activities



September was a beautiful month for students to get right into learning, cooperating and becoming a Quaker Comet!

Our many sports teams are up and running again; We have both an Intermediate and Junior Co-Ed teams. Cross-country is well underway and intermediate volleyball teams are already practicing and ready to get their season started this month. Participation in our wealth of extra-curricular activities is excellent this year and many thanks to the Quaker staff who rush around early in the morning and stay late after classes to prepare for tournaments and conduct practices. Many thanks to our parents as well for dropping students off early, picking up students late, and helping with transportation to and from games/tournaments and events!

Thank you to Mrs. Degasperis, Mrs. Bernard and the other teachers who helped to organize the "Meet the Staff Pizza Night." All funds raised

will be used in the Breakfast Club. We are always accepting donations throughout the year as well.

Our Breakfast Club began during the 3rd week of school. Thanks to Mrs. O'Grady and Ms. Dunnett for doing this each day. We are still looking for some help on Wednesday and Thursday mornings!

Our first School Council Meeting is Tuesday, OCT. 2 at 6:00pm in our staff room— Please come out to help and offere suggestions.

Students, you are a key reason why great things continue to happen at Quaker. Keep working hard, persevere, believe that you can—we do!

Fall is Here!

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Students at our school and across the DSNB
will be wearing purple on October 24th for
"Go Purple Day".

DRESS PURPLE

on October 24th

It takes a village to
keep kids safe

#IBREAKthesilence



CASH ONLINE

**NEW FAMILIES AND FAMILIES NOT
REGISTERED FOR ONLINE CASH
PAYMENTS.**

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO PAY
FOR YOUR CHILD'S EVENTS, PIZZA,
MILK ON LINE.**

WWW.DSNB.ORG/CASHONLINE

**We hope that EVERYONE will pay for
things in this manner.
If you need assistance please call
the office.**

Anaphylaxis Alert!!!

We have students at the school who have serious allergic reactions to bee stings, peanut and nut products and in one classroom, milk. While declaring ourselves a "peanut free" school is not possible, we can certainly be a "peanut aware" school. It is therefore very important that:

- 1) Instruct your child not to accept food from other children especially if you know that your child has food allergies.
- 2) That you avoid sending in food products that contain peanuts/peanut products and that you refrain from using peanut products if baking for a school function.
- 3) Discuss with your child the potential seriousness of these conditions and help us to provide the safest possible environment for all of our students.
- 4) In our classroom where there is a milk allergy, students are asked to consume milk alternatives for beverages.

Your cooperation needed and is greatly appreciated!

Stop the spread of Infection

- Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve
- Keep your distance
- Get a flu shot
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When to keep your child at home?

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

Ensuring a Safe and Secure School

As you can appreciate, the arrival of children at school each day is a very busy time! The children are excited to see their friends. Teachers are busy getting the children settled and ready to learn. The end of school is also a little hectic, as students gather their homework and belongings before leaving. The Safety of all children attending our school is of the utmost importance. We would ask that all visitors/volunteers first report to the office when coming in to the school to check in. We can communicate with the classroom to have your child come to the office, or provide you with a 'volunteer' pass so that staff are aware you have been cleared by the office staff.

Our school encourages independence and responsibility for all students.

Students need the opportunity to develop a level of independence and responsibility appropriate to their age level. Independence and responsibility are two critical components of learning. They need to have opportunities to:

- walk independently into the classroom
- play with peers while waiting for the bell to ring
- take off and hang up their coats, boots, hats, etc
- be responsible for dressing themselves
- take material out of their school bags
- be responsible for carry items to and from school (snacks, lunch, books, newsletters, money for pizza, trips, etc)

Talking with your child's teacher is important

Teachers are always happy to talk with you. When you wish to talk with your child's teacher, please call or make an appointment. The best times to contact teachers are before school, after school and during our Nutrition/Fitness Breaks.

When the bell rings, teachers have a responsibility to focus their attention on the children. This is not a time for parents. Even a "brief" talk with a parent interferes with this responsibility. If there is something that cannot wait, please send a note with your child or visit the office. We will ensure that the teacher receives your message or request.

We therefore ask parents not to enter the school when dropping off their children unless you are arriving late to school and need to go to the office to sign in your child. Please say your "Good-byes" outside the building and encourage your children to develop independent school entry. If arriving prior to the end of the school day, please wait for the bell to sound, and your child to exit through their assigned exit. **If you need to pick up you child early for an appointment, kindly write a note in their agenda in the morning.** The office will be more than happy to call your child to the office so that they can be signed out. We are unable to ensure that telephones will be answered in the afternoon to send a message regarding early pickup.

PARKING WITH CARE— Please enter our driveway with extreme caution and SLOW speed. We have 80—3, 4 and 5 year olds waiting for pick up at the end of the day and want to ensure they are safe. If able, please arrange for your older children to walk to and from school or to meet them down the street at the corner. This will reduce the parking stress in the lot. **THANK YOU.**



Thursday October 11th
is

Picture Day at Quaker Road.

We will start with our younger students and work our way up through the older grades throughout the day.

Picture Retake Day is Thursday, November



PAUL DAVIS SAYS:

NO TECHNOLOGY IN BEDROOMS EVER! Or use in isolation.

Parents own the devices and are responsible for what happens on them— so

MONITORING is essential

13 is the age that most sites say users must be before using their sites.

MISUSE is never an

ACCIDENT. There is always intent as several actions have to be taken to do a task— nasty or nice.

DELETE contacts who your child doesn't know. Especially on SNAPCHAT

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

Grade 8 Students and Parents
**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

High School Open House Dates and Times:

Grade 8 Open House Dates & Times 2018

AN Myer	November 29	6:30 pm
Beamsville	November 28	6:00 pm
EL Crossley	November 27	6:30 pm
Eastdale	November 29	6:00 pm
Eden	November 29	6:30 pm
Greater Fort Erie	November 27	6:00 pm
Governor Simcoe	November 26	6:00 pm
Grimsby	November 27	6:00 pm
Laura Secord	November 28	6:00 pm
Port Colborne	November 27	6:00 pm
Sir Winston Churchill	November 26	6:00 pm
St Cath Collegiate	November 27	6:00 pm
Stamford	November 27	6:00 pm
Thorold	November 27	6:30 pm
Westlane	November 28	6:30 pm
Welland Centennial	November 29	6:30 pm





At the Stop	Be 5 to 10 minutes early, and stand on the inside of the sidewalk/ shoulder away from the roadway.
When the Bus Arrives	Line up in a straight line, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the doors to open, and never touch the outside of the bus.
Getting on the Bus	Get on the bus one at a time, hold the handrail as you climb the stairs, and go directly to your seat and get settled.
Riding on the Bus	Sit with your back to back of the seat and your bottom to the bottom of your seat with your school bag on your lap, and use your quiet speaking voice so that the bus driver can concentrate on driving.
Getting off the Bus	Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop, only get off the bus at your school or at your bus stop, look for your parent/ guardian before you get off the bus if that is your routine, and always tell the bus driver if you do not see your parent/ guardian at the bus stop waiting for you if that is your routine or if you missed the stop.
Crossing in Front of the Bus	Watch and wait for the bus driver to signal to you to cross the road once it is safe to do so.

Headphones Needed...

Once again we are asking that each child bring in a personal set of earphones for use on our computers. For hygienic reasons, it is important that each child have their own set. Earphones will be labeled and stored in each classroom and taken to computer lab for lessons.



Headsets can be purchased at Walmart, Staples, even the Dollar Store. Please send in with your child in a plastic baggie. We appreciate your cooperation.



Character Trait for September: **RESPECT**

Mr McLean..... Lucas W.
Mrs. Wilcox..... Nathan D.
Mrs. Bernard.....Haillee G., Kylie M., Kloe W.
Mrs. Shannon Danielle S., Callie J., Gabrielle C.
Mrs. Longo.....Riley W., Brycen T.
Mrs. Toews-Peplinski..... Xena T., Sofia T.
Mrs. Secord Christopher R., Zainab S.
Mrs. Smalley Eowyn B., Jordan B.
Mrs. Fulford Eva C., Callum B.
Ms. Mazzuca..... Michael M.
Mrs. Montgomery Cole W., Jacob M.
Mr. Niven..... Ethan S., Rachel G., Matt M.



Elementary School Dental Screening Program

Newsletter Insert

Free Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit your school Mon. & Tues., Nov. 26 & 27, 2018 to provide dental screening to students in ELKP, grades 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each child's teeth to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if:

You wish to exclude your child from dental screening

Your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate

In addition to dental screening, ELKP students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form.

Call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email den-tal@niagararegion.ca.