


October 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone!



It was wonderful to see so many parents out at our "Meet the Teacher" night on September 18, 2008. It was nice to meet and chat with some of you and to see how much all of you care about our great school! Looking to our sports scene, I would like to extend congratulations to all of the hard work by both our staff and students in practicing for Cross-country running, Soccer, and Volleyball. We held our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26, 2008 and raised just over \$3600.00 for cancer! Way to go, ladies and gentlemen! Thanks again to Miss Somers for organizing this important event. There is

no doubt that October is going to be another exciting month of learning as we continue our focus on literacy (please refer to "**The Refrigerator Gallery**" on the last page) and numeracy here at Quaker Road Public School.

Reminder:

With respect to our **Safe Schools Policy**, keeping in mind the safety and security of all students at Quaker Road Public School, parents, guardians and visitors are asked to please stop in at the main office to sign in and out between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Once signed in, our secretary will give you a **Visitor's Pass** which needs to be returned before you leave. Thank you.

Comets Walk for Terry Fox



On Friday, September 26th, 2008, Quaker Road staff and students participated in the Terry Fox

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **October 1** - Cross Country Meet at Glynn A Green
- **October 6** - Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament at Glynn A

THE COMETS



staff and students participated in the Terry Fox National School Walk Day. On this day, schools across Canada walk to continue Terry's Marathon of Hope and to raise money for cancer research. Activities leading up to the event included making posters, decorating foot cutouts and having great conversations about how we can do our part. There was an overwhelming response from the community of Quaker Road School through pledge sheets and other donations. We raised \$3677, more than tripling the contribution of last year! What an excellent result going to such a worthy cause. Congratulations to Mrs. Bernard's Grade 1 Class who raised the most money per student. They will enjoy an ice cream cake for their accomplishment. Well done Comets!! A special thank you to Miss Somers who organized this successful event!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Roots of Empathy is a classroom parenting program. The goals of the program is to foster the development of empathy, reduce levels of bullying, increase knowledge of human development, learning and infant safety, and to teach emotional literacy. A baby and parent will visit both grade 1 classes nine times throughout the school year. Ms. Sullivan, the Roots of Empathy Instructor, will work with the students before, during and after each visit. We welcome Ms. Carbert and Lloyd to Ms. Bernard's class and Mrs. Breadner and Claire to Miss Flintoft's class.

- **October 6** - Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament at Glynn A Green
- **October 6** - Grade 7 Hep B Shots
- **October 7** - Picture Day
- **October 8** - Hot Lunch
- **October 10** - PA Day
- **October 13** - Happy Thanksgiving (No school today)
- **October 14 to 17** - Book Fair
- **October 16** - Grade 1 & 2 Swimming
- **October 16** - Family Photo Night
- **October 16** - Literacy Night
- **October 17** - Grade 7 & 8 to Brock
- **October 23** - Blood Donor Clinic
- **October 30** - Grade 1 and 1/2 Pumpkin Patch
- **October 31** - Kdg Classes to Pumpkin Patch
- **October 31** - Happy Halloween

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

The students and staff of Quaker Road School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our magazine subscription campaign a great success. Without the support of our community, we would not have been able to raise the \$4,000 profit that the campaign generated. Thank you again for helping us reach our goals. Various students received incentive awards and the Grand Prize Draw for the inflatable chair and MP3 player was Adrien D. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100%! As a reminder, please allow 12-16 weeks before you receive the first copy of your subscription. You may address any service concerns to CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 or service@ccrp.ca. The CCRP Head Office is based in Kelowna, B.C., so you will have to allow for the 3 hour time difference when contacting them. You may also continue to support Quaker Road year round by ordering directly online. Fundraising has never been so easy! Simply visit www.ccrp.ca, enter our school code ON657 and place your order. Profits will be directed to the school automatically. Thank you to Janice Ashcroft and our wonderful parent volunteers for all of their work on this campaign.

BLOOD DONOR CHALLENGE

The Quaker Road Staff invite you to join them in being part of the DSBN Blood Donor Challenge. Support the school by donating blood and registering that you are part of the Quaker Road Team. Never donated blood before? Make October the month for your first donation. Quaker Road would love to have the most participation for this Blood Donor Challenge.

Check out their website at www.blood.ca for more information.

Call 1-888-2-DONATE to find out where the closest clinic is for you.

October 23rd the Quaker Road Staff will be attending the clinic at the Lions Club (414 River Road). If you would like to attend that clinic be sure to call and book your appointment. You can also attend the clinic at the St Catharines Donor Clinic (395 Ontario St) any day but Friday. Just remember to tell them that you are part of the Quaker Road Team!

Your donation could save 3 lives!!

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT

Edge Imaging and Quaker Road School are excited to host a Family Photo Night on Thursday, October 16th from 5 pm to 7 pm. (this is the same night as our Family Literacy Night). Edge Imaging will take between 8 and 10 digital portraits of your family. Approximately 5 business days later you will be able to review your portraits and select a package. Packages will be shipped to the school approximately 10 days after the orders have been picked up. The sitting fee is \$10 payable to the school. We are excited to offer this to you in time for the holidays. If you are interested in booking a family portrait sitting please contact the school. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!!

PYRAMID OF BOOKS

Quaker Road will be hosting a **Fall Book Fair** which will take place October 14th - 17th. This year we are very



THE WORLD CELEBRATES MILK

On September 25th, Quaker Road joined students and teachers in over 40 countries to celebrate World School Milk Day. For the first time ever, the Ontario dairy industry has invited all schools to participate in this event by

Book Fair which will take place October 14th- 17th. This year we are very fortunate to offer a **Family Literacy Night on October 16th** which will include many new activities such as Snuggle Up and Read, Book Fair, Kindergarten Literacy Information Session, Grade One Literacy Information Session, Intermediate Literacy Information Session We look forward to seeing our entire school family in a few weeks to celebrate literacy! Keep posted for more details to follow.



countries to celebrate World School Milk Day. For the first time ever, the Ontario dairy industry has invited all schools to participate in this event by offering complimentary milk to every elementary student in the province. Our school has participated in the Elementary School Milk Program for a number of years. The kids love the program for the great tasting milk and fun rewards, plus parents feel good knowing their children are getting the health benefits of milk. With faster-paced lifestyles, today more than ever, parents need to ensure their children are getting the two to four daily servings of milk and alternatives recommended by Canada's Food Guide. Milk provides our kids with 15 essential nutrients, including six for building strong bones, and the energy needed to perform their best. We also know from research that kids who drink milk at lunch are more likely to meet their calcium needs for the day. World School Milk Day celebrates the healthy development of school children in Canada and around the world. In Ontario, over 2,850 schools participate in the Elementary School Milk Program. Now in its 22nd year, the Elementary School Milk Program encourages partnerships between schools and local dairies to provide students with cold, nutritious, and affordable milk at lunchtime.

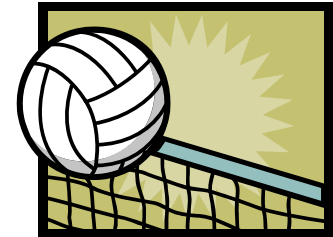
QUAKER ROAD SCHOOL'S NIGHT WITH THE NIAGARA ICE DOGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! KEEP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH OPEN!! Quaker Road will be selling tickets to the Niagara Ice Dogs Game when they face the Windsor Spitfires. Mrs. Gracey will be leading our Intermediate Choir as they take the ice to sing O' Canada. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and if you haven't seen an Ice Dogs Game before, you are in for a treat! Tickets will be sold for \$12 each (which is a reduced rate). Games are held at the Gateway Garden City Arena in St. Catharines (just off the Geneva St exit from the 406). So plan on joining the Quaker Road Community as we enjoy a great hockey game together. Stay tuned for

order forms and more information.

NEWS BULLETIN!!!!

We are excited to announce that Quaker Road School has been adopted by the Niagara Ice Dogs. What does this mean? Well for one thing, we have been given 2 seasons tickets for our students to enjoy. We have already had 3 students and their parents attend a game. You may win the next pair of tickets!!!



BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Thank you for trying out for the team! Congratulations to the members of the 2008-2009 team:

Deven A., Josh C., Mitchell E., Dylan N., Makenzie S., Richard S., Skylar T., Mike T., Alex E., T.J. M., Will S.

Mr Pelletier and Ms Bratt look forward to working with you this season.

INSIDE MR. DANIELS

Interviewed By Jake I. and Sarah R.

Interviewers: *We have seen you around with a football are you into any sports if so what's your favourite sports team?*

Mr. Daniels: I enjoy football. Buffalo Bills are my favourite team. I play in a ball hockey league in Welland and I also play fastball and have played two tournaments this past summer as an old-timer. But my favourite sport is hockey and I will be playing in two different leagues this season. The Toronto Maple Leafs are my favourite hockey team.

Do you go outside a lot if so what is your favourite season?

I am a huge outdoors man and fall is my favourite time of year.

What school did you attend to before you came here? Also what region what it from?

I was a vice principal and phys ed teacher at Hermon Public School and North Hastings Senior Elementary School. The region I was from is Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Under your leadership do you think this school will flourish?

Certainly! With the great students and wonderful teachers at this school we will soar into the stratosphere. Also I appreciate the support of the parent community and it was my pleasure to meet with many parents at our meet the teacher night.

Are you planning on teaching any subjects personally this year such as our old principals did such as gym or science?

Yes, I will be teaching gym for the grade 4s sometime in the next

couple of weeks.

Do you have any kids or family if so tell us about them?

Yes I have a beautiful daughter Julia. She is a pride and joy of our family. My wife is also a teacher and she speaks 4 languages.

Are you into the media if so what is your favourite celebrity or politician?

Yes I am into the media. I have to say my favourite celebrity is Harrison Ford.

Who is your favourite actor and movie?

My favourite actor has to be Harrison Ford and my favourite movie is Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Do you think you will end up knowing every students name by the end of the year?

It is my goal to get to know each and every students name by the end of the year.

Do you prefer TV, reading or listening to music if soe what is your favourite song, show or book?

I definitely prefer TV and reading. I don't have a favourite show but I love watching The Maple Leafs. My favourite magazine is Ontario Out of Doors.

Watch for next month's interview where two more students will have the chance to interview Mrs. Gracey.

STEPHEN HARPER
By Rylan J.

CADETS
By Jessica W.

On Wednesday, September 17 something very exciting happened. I was very surprised. I came home from school and my dad told me that Stephen Harper was coming over tomorrow. But I couldn't tell anybody. Now that's a secret that's hard to keep. Anyway that night lots of people came through my house telling us to move stuff and get things ready. That night I couldn't sleep. In the morning I got up early to get ready. Lots of different people came through my house. They had lots of equipment. There were body guards all over my yard then a huge bus and I mean huge came down my street. Stephen

Harper cam up my driveway and into my house. When he came in he met everyone there and spent time to talk to each of us even me. It was very fun. He sat down in my dining room and talked about some laws that he wanted to change. Then the new reporters came in and took some pictures and stuff. Then we all got pictures with him. It was amazing that he go to take pictures with us. Then he left. It was a great experience. You know what you could learn a lot about him just being with him for an hour. Well what would your reaction be if the Prime Minister of Canada came to your house?

The intermediates were lucky to have a guest speaker come in to the school on September 19th and talk about a program called the "Welland Army Cadets". The program consists of weekend camp outs, physical fitness, summer camps, meeting new friends and learning leadership. The program is open to anybody ages 12-15 years. The best part about the whole thing? It's free and if you sign up you will have a lot of fun! But, hurry and sign up because there are only 10-15 spots left! For more info call: 905-892-8208 or pick up a form at the office!

INTRAMURALS

By Alyssa W.

This years junior and intermediate Intramurals so far are going great. The soccer teams for the juniors have been split up into six teams and the intermediates have been split up into four teams. We have seen a lot of participation and school spirit this year so far and I hope to see much, much more! Go Comets!!

KARATE KARATE KARATE

By Jayden L.

Hello Comets of Quaker Road School Mrs. Tonnos' class had a guest come in for phys ed. Her name is Vicki Gunn-Lockey. She showed the class how to protect themselves. Another word for that is Self Defense. Vicki is a second degree black belt in Joe Fourniers Dojo. She taught the class if they are pushed how to land. This is called Front Brake Fall and Back Brake Fall. She will be teaching some upcoming classes in October here at the school. She is happy to do anymore classes with other teachers. Mrs. Tonnos class is looking forward to improving their self defense skills.

MOVING DAY

By Hudson R.

Monday Sept. 15th Miss Fulford's 4/5 split class moved into the school from The Box! (portable) Now the best thing about this was we got lockers!! Instead of little hooks! Our classroom is bigger than the portable and it's in room 8. We can fit so much more stuff in our classroom. It was sad leaving the portable because it was cozy! Everybody was saying goodbye to the air conditioning in the portable. I really love that we moved into the school. It was fun moving everything into the classroom. I think it will improve our learning!

ATTENTION ALL MYSTERY READERS! By Josh B.

Calling all Mystery Readers! We need you! Anyone who loves to read should respond immediately! This is your chance to read one of your favourite stories to Miss Fulford's grade 4/5 class!

Our last mystery reader was Jana Johnson and boy, she was good. As good as she was, I'm sure you will do good too! So, if you want to be the next mystery reader then come to Quaker Road and contact Miss Fulford.

Ontario Early Years Literacy - "The Refrigerator Gallery"

Back to school means back to incredible amounts of artwork invading your home! What's a parent to do with all those messy masterpieces? One word...**refrigerator!** The development of any young artist is an awesome sight to behold. This school year, really savor your children's artwork. Scribbling, drawing, and constructing are all connected to learning about print. Fun experiences with crayons, pencils, markers, chalk, scissors and glue will actually help your child build the necessary skills to be a writer someday.

A few tips:

1. Provide many exposures to frequent and important words in your home environment. Start in the kitchen and help your child create a sign to hang on the refrigerator showing where the artwork will be displayed. Where else can you find signs both in and out of the

WORKSHOPS FOR ADHD

Niagara Region Public Health is once again offering support groups to parents of children with ADHD. These support groups are currently running in Beamsville, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie. Meetings are scheduled annually from September to December and from January to June. Registration is not necessary and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact your school nurse or visit the website listed below:
http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/healthyschools/adhd.aspx

Communication Matters: Good Communicators

"Smart talk from your DSBN Speech-Language Pathologists"

Communication is at the core of learning and developing self-esteem. Learning how communicate effectively with others is critical for social and academic development. Knowing the rules, communication, and behaviours that will help students to learn and live more harmoniously with others may be the most important tools they will acquire throughout their years in school. Children become more receptive to learning when they feel good about themselves, and when they feel good about themselves, they are more willing to risk academically since making mistakes is less devastating. Good communicators do the following:

- use eye contact
- observe before they communicate
- notice body language
- listen
- take turns
- use a polite tone of voice
- speak clearly
- use an appropriate rate of speech
- act interested
- remain on the topic
- allow adequate space between the listener and speaker .

To help your child focus on good communication, your family might spend some time noticing all the '*habits*' good communicators use. For example, if someone accidentally interrupts you and apologizes, you might comment on their good communication. You

to hang on the refrigerator showing where the artwork will be displayed. Where else can you find signs both in and out of the home? Go on a sign hunt!

2. Ask your child to print their name and the date on any artwork before hanging it. Look for names and numbers around the house (i.e., photo album, telephone book, newspaper, books, stove, etc.).
3. Show that print is both meaningful and worthwhile. Ask your child about their artwork and have them dictate a short story. Ask questions to get your child to tell you what he/she did or how the artwork was created. Describe what you see (i.e., "I see many shades of green mixed with golden hues of yellow. Well done!").
4. Look for ways to connect the art to a favourite storybook or past experiences your child has had. If it is a portrait of family members, talk about what your family does together. Strong oral language skills (listening and speaking) lead to later success as readers and writers. Let's talk about it, and build vocabulary!
5. When the artwork needs to be rotated, provide a box or file folders to organize the treasures you want to keep. These will need labeling too. Do you see any patterns to talk about (i.e., alphabetical or numerical order, etc.)?

interrupts you and apologizes, you might comment on their good communication. You might also like to have each family member identify their best communication skill. Dad might be a good listener, while mom might be a good turn-taker. Once everyone is aware of communication, enhancing and learning new communication will be far easier.



Wishing you a *frightfully* good Halloween!!!

Watch for an order form to come home for Quaker Road Spirit Wear during the month of October!!!

EQAO Student Reports

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 reports have been issued. In the event that your child attended a school outside of the domain of the public school system, you may need to call to make the request for his/her report from the previous school.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2007-2008

