



Quaker April 2014

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Principal's Message

Hard to believe that we are already heading into April; just wish someone would remind Mother Nature! March has been a fabulous month at Quaker Road School. Students in classrooms have been actively engaged in learning activities, and I know that Mr. Winger and myself enjoy and appreciate the opportunities to visit classes regularly and to participate with students in discussions about their learning. It is amazing to hear students talk to us about how they have worked to solve complex math problems, to hear them share their opinions about text that they are working with, or to simply observe them in action as they work on tasks independently, or collaboratively as part of a group.

March at Quaker Road provided student with a wealth of additional opportunities and

experiences over and above the great things happening in the classroom and I sincerely thank the staff at Quaker Road School for their commitment to making these events possible. The beginning of March had our Comets involved in some great team building activities as the Quaker Road Winter Olympics! Our Grade 6, 7, & 8 students did an amazing job as student leaders of groups, and with the organization and running of the events. Our Junior Basketball teams have kicked off their seasons, competing well and having a lot of fun. Just prior to the March Break our students treated us to great, talented performances in our Annual Talent Show. Students were also treated to a 'memorable' and entertaining performance by the Quaker Road Staff...there is some photo evidence of this performance on the "Bulletin Board Year

Book" just outside of the library. Then finally in March, we had our first Annual Family-Fun- Night at Quaker Road. It was a great opportunity for close to 200 of our students, their parents, and siblings to get together to participate together in some engaging math, reading, and physical activities, as well as an opportunity to learn some interesting facts about nutrition and technology. It was great to see so many people out at this event; there was a lot of positive feedback shared by parents, students, and teachers.

So as you work through this month's newsletter; take some time to read about the amazing things our staff and students are doing here at Quaker Road. It is truly a culture which focuses on collaboration, on learning and on working together to ensure students have many meaningful opportunities to grow, develop, and be engaged.

April Dates Worth Noting

- Friday, April 4 : Grade 8 Girls Gardasil 3rd Dose / Grade 7 boys/girls Hep B 2nd dose
- Tuesday, April 8 : Teen Connect event / Grade 8's
- Tuesday, April 15 : Oceans Alive Environmental Presentation
- Friday, April 18 & Monday, April 21 Good Friday and Easter Monday (No School)
- Tuesday, April 22 : Earth Day-SAC/Fun Fair meeting at 6 PM.
- Tuesday, May 6 : Track & Field Day at Centennial
- Thursday, June 13 : Fun Fair at Quaker Road.



St. Patrick's Day Leprechauns from Grade 5

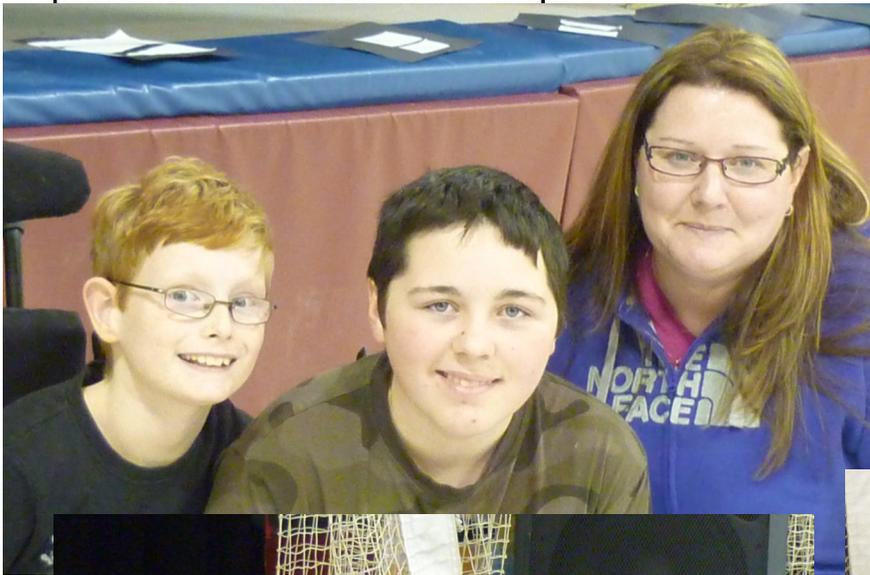


Fun Fair—Thursday, June 13

Our "Fundraising" committee is hard at work planning for this year's Fun Fair. They are trying to create an event to build on the momentum created by the event over the last few years, becoming a great tradition at QRD. Classrooms are taking on the Theme Baskets once again. We are looking at matching and improving last year's events.

Character in Action at Quaker : Caring & Empathy Award Winners

Kindergarten : Ella N., Jordyn B., (Mrs Boon) Aiden B., (Team Haining) Lindsay W., (Mrs Ellis), Grade 1 : Kaeden D., Hannah H., Grade 2 : Ryan S., Jad T., Grade 2 /3 : Kian M., Sydney S., Grade 3 : Laurel B., Grade 3/4 : Eathen J., Abby P., Grade 5 : Gholam N., Deanna S., Zach P., Kyla H., Abby D., Grade 6 : Nathan W., Grade 7/8 (Bootsma) Meagan R., Grade 7/8 (Nevar) Rachel M., (Mr King) Josh R.



The Quaker Winter Olympics!! This year's winter may have set records for sustained cold but school spirit and culture at Quaker is red hot. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. Ellis for all the time you put into organizing this event. Another thank you goes out to our senior students who helped make the activities even more memorable for our younger students. Way to shine, Comets.



Safety Reminder

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day please do not wait in the parking lot and call them or wait for them to run across the bus lanes. This is an extremely dangerous practice and we have had some near misses. Please park and walk over and pick up your child from the bus waiting area and escort them through/around the bus staging lanes.

Did the Juniors enjoy their bowling trip? Take a look and tell me? Memorable extra curricular activities are part of the school experience for Quaker students.



Does Quaker have talent? If you have ever asked yourself this question, the variety/talent show on March 6th answered that in a most definitive way. Whether singing, instrumental, drama, comedy or dance the talent was oozing out of the building right before March Break. What a great showcase of the arts for our students. Thanks to Mr. Secord and Mrs. Smalley for organizing this wonderful event. Special thanks to Mr. Hannahson, Mr. Stickney, the sound and tech crew ; Kai, Connor B., Alex, Richard and Caleb for their back stage work.



What did the fox say?



Are you sure you really want to know??



The Quaker school Green Club discovers connections in nature by dissecting owl pellets in one of the many fascinating extra-curricular sessions offered to students in this club. Mrs. Toews-Peplinski and Mrs. Se-cord have been busy all year organizing fun and meaningful activities for the young environmentalists in our school's Green Club. Examining owl pellets provides students with an interesting hands-on activity that highlights the many connections in nature.



Family Fun Night at Quaker draws a record crowd of parents and students.



"Parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education".

- The Ontario Curriculum

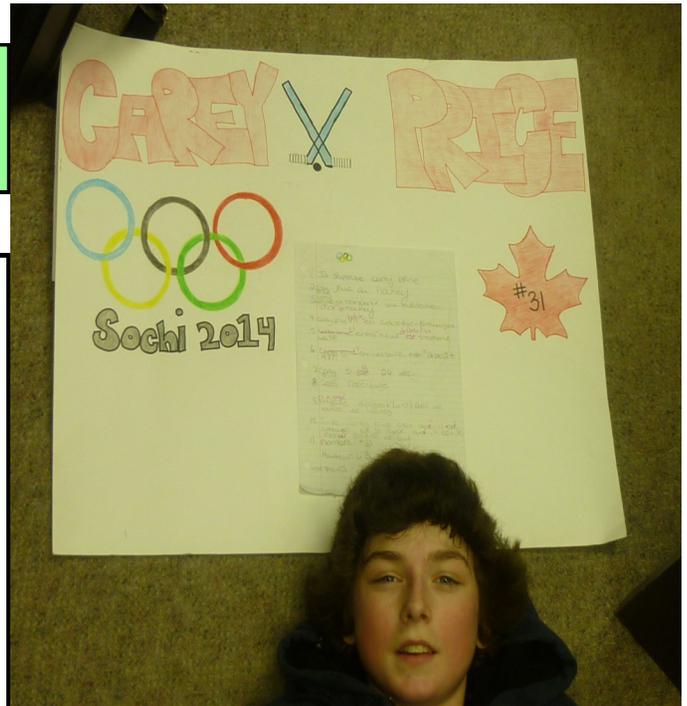


A Focus on Childhood Nutrition leads to Improved Health & Learning.

Did you know? In the US and Canada, a staggering 80 percent of teens are on their way to developing heart disease because their diets are too high in salt, sugar, and fat. One of our Family Night presentations focused on this very problem, specifically the prevalence of high amounts of sugar in many processed foods. Many of our students were amazed to discover that 7/11's "Big Gulp" drink contains an unbelievable 26 teaspoons of sugar. The news program 60 minutes has dealt with this issue in a program devoted to nutrition and health. See the website below if you would like further information on this issue.

<http://www.dietdoctor.com/must-see-toxic-sugar-on-60-minutes> ALSO . . .

Don't forget to send a reusable water bottle to school with your child. We have cold, filtered, free water at our water filling station. We know that water is important for hydration, has no sugar in it, tastes great AND helps children to self-regulate. Drinking water has a calming effect on children and helps them to be ready for learning.



Mme. Sims engages students in the French program by connecting the learning to the Sochi 2014 Olympics. Jerry S. did a great job on his French assignment.

PERSEVERANCE

Hey students here at Quaker it's me Sara a fellow student. I just wanted to say that perseverance is something everyone needs to be successful. It plays a huge role in your learning. Don't you remember when you got stuck on a tough question that made you just want to give up, and created adversity for you. Well you overcame it with perseverance! Don't you see how much it impacts our learning and actually how much we all use it. Your probably thinking why do I need perseverance? Well, if you can't figure something out your going to want to quit or give up that is why everyone needs perseverance, to keep going on and be successful. Have a phenomenal day and keep my advice with you and remember if you can dream it, and if you truly want it you can achieve it!!!

- Sara N. (gr.6)

Some Great Math Thinking!!!!

6 children want to share 4 granola bars so that each person gets the same amount. How much can each child have?

If I split the granola bars I'll have 8 halves. Each child will get one half. That leaves me with two halves or one whole. Now I split the one whole into sixths. Each child will have a half and one sixth of a granola bar.

(Thinking by Owen G. gr. 6)

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

– Bill Cosby