



# Quaker December 2014

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## December Dates

**Dec. 1 : Character Assembly at 10 AM. Community welcome to attend**

**Dec. 1–16 : Quaker Christmas Food Drive (see p. 7 for more details)**

**Dec. 1,2,4,9 & 10 : Full Cast after school holiday concert practice 3:30–5:00**

**Dec. 12 : Pyjama Day**

**Dec. 16 : Quaker Road Christmas Concert at Centennial High School**

**Dec. 18 & 19 : Carol Singing, Red & Green Day. The 19th is also the Last Day of classes before break.**

**Hard to believe, but December has arrived and Quaker Road School is as busy as ever! The snow's arrival a few weeks ago had our students excited and eager to get outside! Students were busy building snowmen and forts, and a number of 'snow-soccer' games had students in all of our divisions actively involved in vigorous outdoor activity! Although the snow has melted, we know that inevitably it will soon return! We encourage students to get out there and play; but we also remind them that it is necessary to be respectful toward the work and creations of others. It is also very important for students to refrain from throwing snow. While we understand the joy of throwing snow, the danger of someone being accidentally injured is our main concern. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this policy at Quaker Road.**

**Along with the colder weather, we want to remind all of our students that they need to bundle up with the proper winter attire as they head outdoors for the scheduled nutrition breaks. When running around, we realize that students start to 'heat up', however, we still ask our students to leave those coats on to prevent situations where they are more susceptible to getting ill.**

**Holiday time is just around the corner and we are looking at a busy month here at Quaker. Our big event is our Christmas Musical Production entitled "Quaker's Christmas List" on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 beginning at 6:30 pm. Classes are preparing during music classes, and many of our students are working during their nutrition breaks and after school, refining their roles and constructing/creating props in preparation for the big night. Many other events, activities, and excursions are planned throughout the month to provide our students with many meaningful and enjoyable opportunities.**

- Principal, Mark Leduc

## WERE YOU THERE? WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you attended a  
**District School Board of Niagara  
 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
 with your Grade 8 child, please fill out our  
**PARENT SURVEY**  
 using the link below.



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/JP2XHPQ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JP2XHPQ)

[www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)



**Responsibility : A key to building positive relationships and trust**



**Responsibility Award Winners at Quaker in November : Mikaela S., Paige N., (gr.7/8—Ms.Haining), Ashley P., (gr.7/8—Mr. Bootsma), Anna W., Jessica O., (gr. 6; Ms. Fulford), Jacob M., (gr.5/6; Mr. Bateson), Cayla P., Olivia R., (gr.4; Mrs. Secord), Sofia R., Owen W., (gr.3; Mrs. Toews-Peplinski), J.T. Everett, Callum B., (gr.2/3; Mrs. Longo), Trixie S., Maddie K., (gr.2: Mrs. Shannon), Victoria R-S., Kaedon P., Chloe N., (gr.1; Mrs. Bernard), Landon C., Yumi Y., (Kindergarten, Mrs. Boon), Carson W., Noah J., (Kindergarten; Mrs. Ellis) Emily S-T., (FSP 2; Mr. Hannahson).  
**Courage will be celebrated at our Monday, December 1st Character Assembly and we will introduce RESPECT.****

November 11th 11 AM. This year's Remembrance Day was particularly poignant and meaningful thanks to the participation of students from a wide range of grades. It is 100 years from the start of the "Great War" which claimed over 60 000 Canadian lives. Thanks to Ms. Fulford for all your organization efforts, it was a very memorable service. Thanks to all involved.



*The Eleventh of November*  
*By : Michael Cimino*

*Soldiers fall to keep us free  
So we take time to remember  
What they used to be  
On the Eleventh of November*

*We wear a poppy on our clothes  
So we can respect  
The soldiers fallen for our country  
Still more falling yet*

*We take a minute standing there  
Silent, standing tall  
To remember fallen men  
Who answered to the call.*

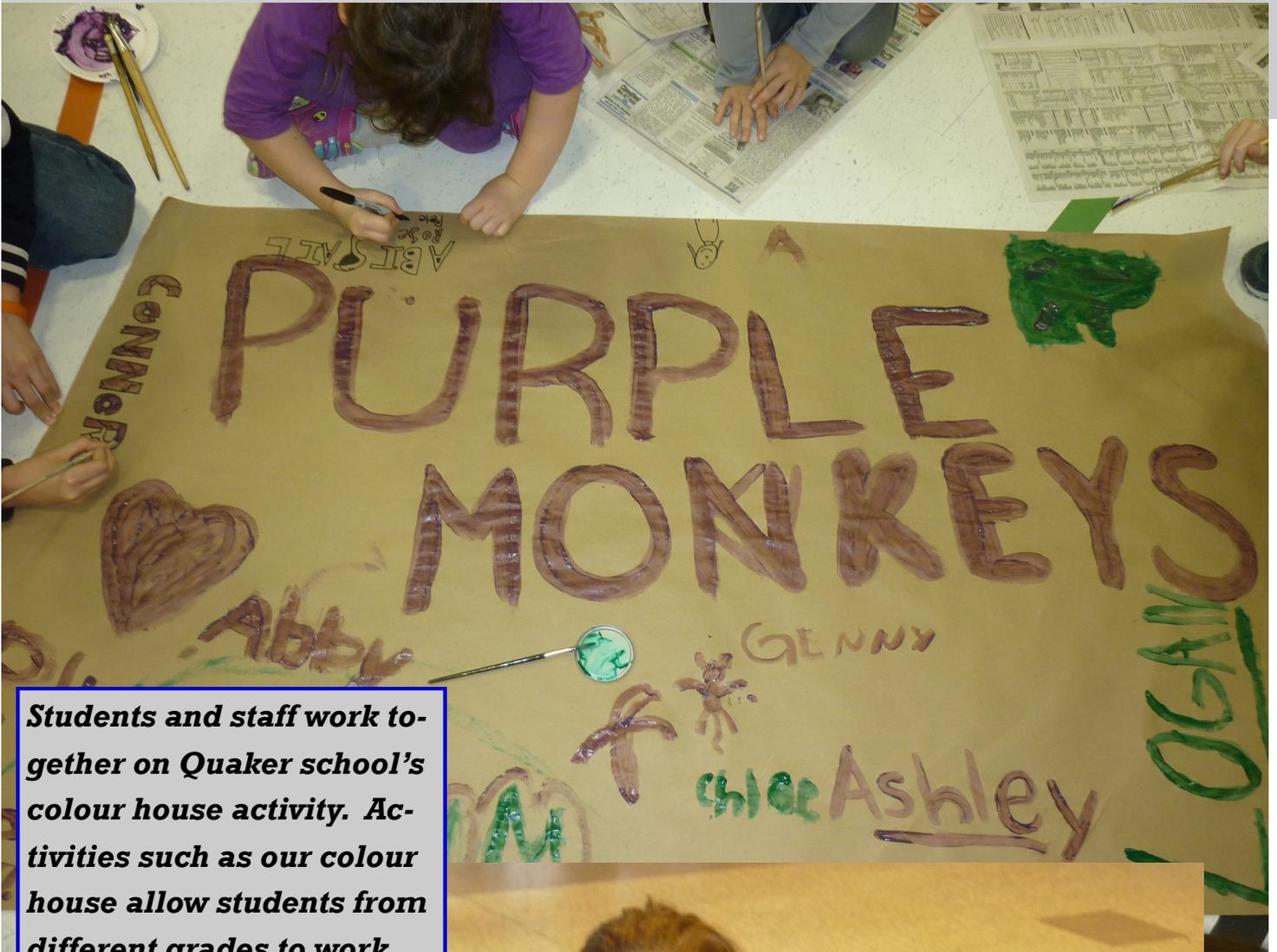
*Even though they lay underground  
Mourned by family members  
We still remember them as saints  
On the Eleventh of November.*

**HERE WE ARE STANDING**

**BY : OWEN GOMM**

HERE WE ARE STANDING  
STANDING FOR HOPE  
HERE WE ARE STANDING  
STANDING BRAVE AND STRONG  
HEROES WILL RISE, BUT SOME WILL FALL  
HERE WE ARE STANDING  
STANDING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN  
THE WAR IS OVER, WE ARE NO LONGER STANDING  
BUT NOW YOU ARE STANDING, STANDING FOR US ALL  
NOW YOU ARE STANDING  
STANDING, FOR OUR LIVES





***Students and staff work together on Quaker school's colour house activity. Activities such as our colour house allow students from different grades to work together and promote a positive school climate and culture.***



## Intermediate Girls Volleyball team completes a fantastic season.

The girls worked very hard and many of the parents and their coaches noticed that their skills improved greatly through the course of the season. On Tuesday, November 11th the girls played several playoff games. They played Fitch Street school and won in enthusiastic fashion which set the stage for their consolation championship series with Glynn A. Green school. In this hotly contested match with the Gators, the Comets won the first game, lost the second, but their grit and determination came to the fore and they pulled out a victory in the deciding game. Coaches Ms. Sims and Ms. Haining commented on the girls' dedication, hard work and noted that they were especially grateful for the inspired cheering from the sidelines. Congratulations to Brianna, Drew, Jen, Laine, Madison, Mariam, Teja, Grace and Paige. A big thank you to Mr. Leduc for refereeing the home games and to Anderson, Cade and Kendra for your scorekeeping.

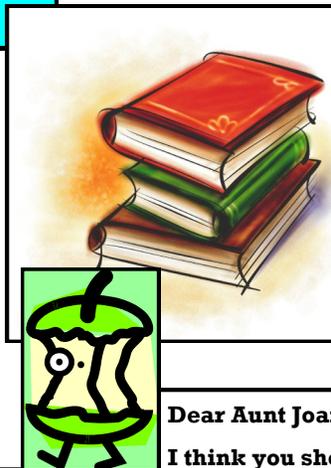


## Intermediate Boys finish season showing steady improvement.

Coach Matt King reported that the intermediate boy's volleyball team showed a steady improvement in skills through the course of the season. They faced still competition this year and always demonstrated good sportsmanship and never gave up. The team ended the season in the consolation semi-final. This was definitely a building year for the team as it was entirely composed of grade seven students. This bodes well for next year's team. Thanks for the great season; Will, Ryan, Shawn, Kai, Owen, Ethan, Randall and Carter.

## November Book Fair goes well at Quaker

A big thank you to all those who supported our book fair. We raised over \$2500.00! A special thank you to our parent volunteers Mrs.Perna, Mrs.Bradley, Mrs.Tbeshat, and Mrs.Smart for assisting with the fair. A special thank you to our student helpers Grace and Carter Teal who were helped out and former students Anthony Perna and Olivia Hitchcock who donated their time. Thanks again Quaker families for your continued support.



To Mom,

Hi Mom. Could you please start composting please? I can tell you how to compost. I will give you some tips. You will need a brown or gray bag. Any type of food can go in the bag. Some ideas are grapes, salad and apple cores. Never put food wrappers in the compost. Mom could you please compost because there will be less garbage and the earth will be healthier and the water will be cleaner. Mom could you please tell family, friends and neighbors to compost. I will take the compost out every day.

From : Elliot

Dear Aunt Joanne,

I think you should compost. This is how to compost.

First, put food in the compost bin. Second, take the bin outside. Next, the compost truck comes and takes the compost. At the compost area, the truck dumps the compost into a big pile. They mix grass with the soil and add water and a lot of worms. Then it turns into soil.

The first reason you should compost is because the compost soil is good for your garden. Compost is yucky, but it turns into soil. The last reason you should compost is because it is good for our planet. There is less garbage in the dumps, and it is plant food.

Please help our planet!

Jacob James McLachlin



Inquiry Learning is an important element of the kindergarten education program and is evident in the approaches used by all teachers in grades 1—8. The following excerpt from a research piece by Malaguzzi, 1994 describes the inquiry learning approach;

*“We need to produce situations in which children learn by themselves, in which children can take advantage of their own knowledge and resources autonomously, and in which we guarantee the intervention of the adult as little as possible. We don’t want to give them thoughts that they can come up with by themselves.. What we want to do is activate within children the desire and will and great pleasure that comes from being the authors of their own learning.”*

## **Quaker Road PRESENTS . . .**

### **Quaker’s Christmas List**

On Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm, Quaker Public School is proud to announce and welcome members of the public to our school’s Christmas concert at Centennial High School. Families are invited to attend this concert which includes students from JK-8. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$2.00 (will cover bussing for rehearsal, props and a donation to charity). Please fill out the form that comes home (one form will be provided per family) and return it to the school by Friday, December 5th.

There will be a Christmas social in the cafeteria following the performance with refreshments where families can mingle and share the good spirits of the season. Doors will be open at 6:00 pm the evening of the performance. Concert tickets will be sent home on Dec.12th. We are looking forward to this exciting event and we are hoping to see you all there!!!

## **Quaker Twelve Days of Christmas** **Food Drive**

Once again this holiday season, Quaker Road School will be collecting food and other items for those in need. The collection will begin on December 1 through to December 16. As in previous years, we will collect donations using the “Twelve Days of Christmas” theme. Each day a different item is suggested! Please send in as many items on as many days as you can. (If you send on a different day do not worry!) Your generosity will help families and be distributed through the local Salvation Army.

Day 1 (Dec. 1) - Canned fruit and vegetables

Day 2 (Dec. 2)- Baby item (food, wipes, etc.)

Day 3 (Dec.3)- Pasta items

Day 4 (Dec.4) - Cereal or granola bars

Day 5 (Dec. 5) - Juice items

Day 6 (Dec.8) - Crackers or cookies

Day 7 (Dec.9) - Canned meat or tuna

Day 8 (Dec.10) - Canned soup and vegetables

Day 9 (Dec. 11) - Rice, Kraft dinner, instant meals

Day 10 (Dec. 12) - Snack foods (rice cakes/munchies)

Day 11 (Dec. 15- Grooming items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Day 12 (Dec. 16)- Clothing items (hats, mitts, scarves, etc)





Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Quaker Road Public School. Their mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere by providing them with fun, entertaining and exciting activities that instil a clear understanding of what science is really all about and how it affects the world around them. They use exciting activities and spectacular demonstrations to capture the attention and imagination of children around the world.

Both the students and teachers will be thrilled on 07/Jan/2015 at 1:50 PM when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students.

Students who join the science club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. They will explore various topics in science including Optical Illusions, Sonic Sounds, Tantalizing Taste, Harnessing Heat, Lights Colour Action and Magnetic Magic. The Club will take place on Thursday Lunch, Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 5 from 10:35 AM - 11:20 AM.

For those of you who have been in the Mad Science Club before, this is a different club than last year with exciting experiments, cool demonstrations and amazing take home activities.

Mad Science also performs Birthday Parties, Camps and Special Events. Give them a call at 905-937-1878 and watch out for them in Malls, at Fairs, Festivals and Scouts and Guides.

[www.niagara.madscience.org](http://www.niagara.madscience.org)

**Outstanding work in the Quaker French Program is rather commonplace. Unfortunately it doesn't get showcased as much as it should in the Quaker Comet newsletter. Madison Gill has composed an excellent album review that illustrates quite well the engaging and challenging elements of this program.**

#### **Pure Heroine**

**L'album Pure Heroine par Lorde est extraordinaire! C'est tres different de le autre musique ados generalement ecouter. Elle met beaucoup de relflexion dans ses chanson et les lyrique' de Lorde etre note comme "Intelligente" par Billboard Magazine. Lorde est influencer par le hip hop et chanteur Lana Del Rey, quelle est tres apparent quand tu ecouter a l'album. Elle est aussi comparer de Florence Welch (Florence And The Machine). Lorde utiliser majoritairement le synthe dans son chanson, quelle peut-etre bruit mauvais sous le circonstances different met dans le chanson de Lorde c'est fantastique! Le rythme est captivant est cantagieux et il y a non people en tait jouer. C'est encroyable! Aussi le voix de Lorde est tres different et magnifique! Ceci dit, l'album Pure Heroine e'est une exceptionnel acheter et tu ne rien regretter.**

**- by Madison Gill**

