



# Quaker June 2015

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### June Dates

- June 1 : Ticket packages for Fun Fair due at school**
- June 8 : District Track & Field Championship**
- June 11 : Quaker Fun Fair 5 - 8 PM**
- June 12 : PD Day—No School for Students**
- June 15 - 19 : Intermediate Class trip to Camp**
- June 18 : Jr. Co-ed Three Pitch Tournament**
- June 19 : Quaker Volunteer Tea at 2nd Break**
- June 23 : Grade 8 Graduation at Centennial H.S.**
- June 25 : Last Day of School for Students**

## Changes at Quaker, Fond Memories , Good byes and New Beginnings

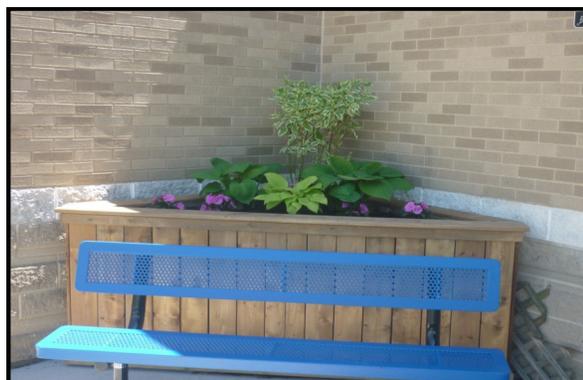
What a great month May was here at Quaker Road School! On the sports front, May was "Track and Field" month here at Quaker Road. All of our students in Grades 3-8 participated very well at our School Meet on Quaker Road's very own Track! We sent just shy of 60 students to represent Quaker Road School at the Regional Track Meet held at NOC park in St. Catharines. Our athletes competed against some formidable opponents and did an outstanding job representing Quaker Road School. Success is measured in many ways, and the spirit, leadership and pride that our students showed was more inspiring than any First Place Ribbon would bring. Well done athletes, coaches, event coordinators and all staff who volunteered their time to help out. Quaker Road is sending 15 athletes on to participate at the DSBN Track and Field Meet on June 8, 2015 at N.O.C. in St. Catharines.

As we are now in to June we have a very busy month to end our school year as you will see in the calendar section of the newsletter. We have many end-of-year trips and experiences planned for students in all grades and of course our Grade 8 Graduation is just around the corner, marking a turning point for some of our students as they transition from elementary school to secondary school. The School Advisory Council & Fun Fair committee have been very busy planning events for our Family Fun Fair event on Thursday, June 11 from 5-8 pm. Staff and Students are looking forward to a great night of fun and excitement with our school community.

As we end our school year, we will also be recognizing some staffing changes for the upcoming year. Mr. Winger will be leaving us after spending the last 3 years here at Quaker Road. We are certainly going to miss his enthusiasm and energy at Quaker Road, but wish him well in his new assignment at Plymouth School. We also bid farewell to Mr. Bateson, Miss Foster and Ms. Arnold who will be finishing their long term contract assignments here at Quaker at the end of June. We thank them both for all they have done this year, and wish them well as they move forward in their educational careers. We will also miss Mrs. Degasperis next year as she will be spending time with the 'new' addition to her family; and will be welcoming back Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Duncan, back from leave with their new family additions.

And finally, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Comfort. Mrs. Comfort has been involved with the Quaker Road community for many years. She has iced thousands of nicks and bruises over the years, has 'snuck' snacks to those who may have forgotten their lunch or eaten it all during first nutrition break. She has been the glue that has helped keep everything running smoothly at Quaker Road as staff and students have come and gone throughout the years. We are all going to miss Mrs. Comfort as she retires, but will hold many fond memories of all she has done for the Quaker Road community. We wish her the very best in retirement.

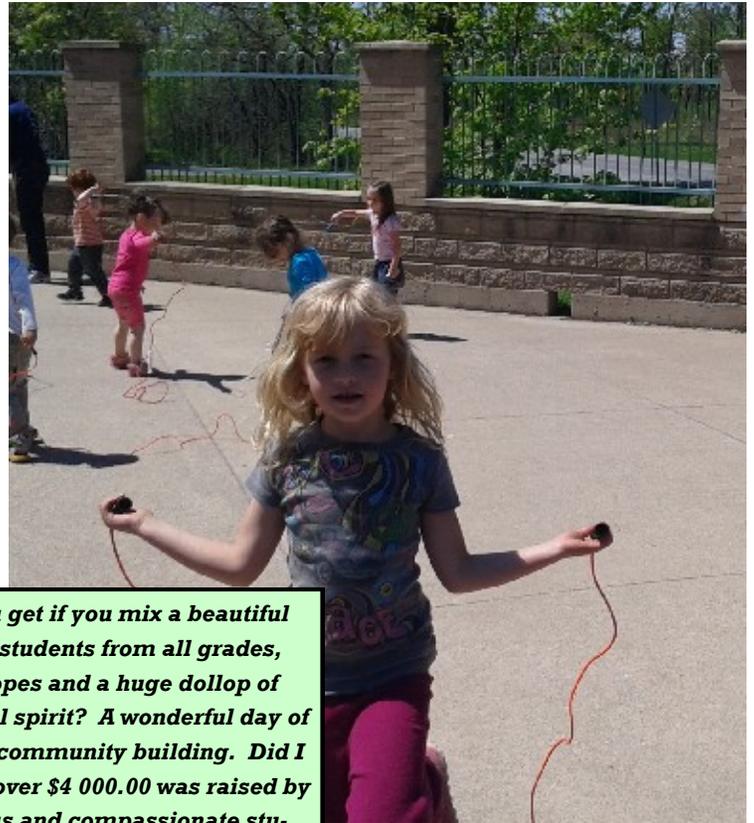
We are also welcoming some new staff to Quaker Road in the fall! Mrs. Stodart will become our new secretary at Quaker Road School, coming to us from Dalewood School in St. Catharines. Mr. Harley will be taking over Mr. Winger's role as Vice-Principal, and will combine his VP duties with some teaching in various classes throughout the day. We welcome them both and know that they will find Quaker Road to be a great community to work in, with great students, parents, and staff!  
- Principal, Mark Leduc



**Quaker Road Public School would like to thank Mr. Mallett for building the beautiful planters at the front of the school. You have really helped us beautify our school and we really appreciate your help! Also thanks to our intrepid Green Club team leaders; Mrs. Toews-Peplinski and Mrs. Secord who have always championed the "greening" of our school space.**

**First Place Relay Finish at the Regionals.  
You guys rock!!! Congratulations to all  
the amazing efforts of our Comet athletes.**





***What do you get if you mix a beautiful sunny day, students from all grades, skipping ropes and a huge dollop of Quaker school spirit? A wonderful day of exercise and community building. Did I mention that over \$4 000.00 was raised by our generous and compassionate students and parents for the Heart & Stroke Foundation? BONUS!!***



**Students enjoy getting their hands dirty and making sure the trees are properly planted. Thank you Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the trees that are part of the 'Canopies for Kids' program.**



**Master Tree Planter attempts to get assistants working. It wasn't easy, as they seemed more focused on the photo op.**



**Mrs. Toews-Peplinski has done a wonderful job this year promoting “green activism” among her students. They have adopted her spirit of “many hands make for a clean, green and healthy” environment.**



## The sun is back!

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside to play! But before you run outside, make sure you remember your 5 S's...

**Slip:** on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).

**Slop:** on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside, so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

**Slap:** on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck

**Seek:** shade when outside between 11am-4pm

**Slide:** on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.

Attention moms, dads, coaches and caregivers: sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure youth remember sunscreen for lunch break, gym class, track and field and other outdoor activities.

For more information, talk to your school nurse.



**Quaker loves having the “Niagara Hand Weavers” come and visit. Not only do they give the students a real taste of an authentic pioneer skill they also provide students with a great opportunity to practice their hand-eye coordination and dexterity. We received many comments from the ladies about the focused and respectful behaviour of our young Comets. We love hearing that, it makes us very proud to hear such wonderful comments about our students.**

### **Back To School Transportation Information**

On **August 17, 2015** Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled at the school.

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child’s student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child’s Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While you are there, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child.

**Changes to home, pick-up and/or drop-off addresses must be made through your child’s school.** During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year, however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

With the availability of the secure parent portal, *NSTS will not mail student transportation notices* with the exception of Kindergarten students or new students to the system who do not have an OEN to sign-in to the portal.

Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child’s transportation arrangements.

Mr. Murphy got more assistance than he bargained for when some sand was dumped outside the kindergarten play area. Mr. Murphy assured the Comet that he couldn't have moved that sand without their help.



Quaker Road Art Gallery will be held the night of the fun fair! The student artists' name will be affixed to a name plate on the art. Teachers will be collecting the art sometime around the last week of May or the first week of June so they can be framed. Be sure to check out our budding artists when you come to the fun fair.

### **Attendance**

As part of our Safe School Protocol, we ask that you report your child's absence promptly so that we can ensure their safety and identify where they are. The answering machine is available 24/7, so that you can leave a message in the evening if your child is ill or will be absent. If we have not received notification about a student's absence, we must every effort to account for the student's absence through a phone call home or to a parent's workplace. With a school our size, this is a large task. We ask that you please report your child's absence/lateness prior to 9:00 am. Students who arrive at school late will receive a late slip upon signing in at the office. They will then proceed directly to their classroom.

***Please Remember to Save the Dates below.***

**June 11 from 5—8 PM Annual Quaker School Fun Fair.**

**June 23 : Grade 8 Graduation**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MILK AND PIZZA ENDED AT THE END OF MAY.**