



# Quaker May 2014

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## May Dates (and June)

- May 2—Silver Birch Celebration of Student Literacy
- May 5—Celebration Assembly at Quaker 10:AM
- May 6—Track & Field Day at Centennial
- May 9—Eco School Visit
- May 16 PM Jump Rope for Heart
- May 19—Victoria Day No School for students
- May 26—29 EQAO for grade 3
- May 27 Fun Fair Meeting 6 PM
- June 2—5 EQAO for grade 6
- June 12 - Fun Fair 5-8 pm
- June 18 - End of Year BBQ

## Principal's Message

It was . . . An Awesome April!!

Happy Spring, Quaker Road Community. April was an extremely busy and productive month at Quaker. We had some outstanding performances from our Junior Basketball teams and our Badminton team, excellent community building activities with our Community Clean-up and Student Success assemblies, and our Eco-committee has been hard at work teaching students about and reinforcing the concept of being responsible global citizens.

As we head into the final two months of school, there will be no time to sit back! We have many exciting educational opportunities planned for kids, as well as extra-curricular activities. Track and Field season is in full-swing, our intermediate Rugby team is working hard, and 3-pitch baseball is on the horizon. We are also looking forward to the Annual Fun-Fair here at Quaker Road School, scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 5—8 pm.

What a great way for us to get together to help support school initiatives, and more importantly to have some fun!! We ap-

preciate the efforts of our Fun Fair/School Advisory committee members for all of their hard work preparing for this event, as well of the support of many community businesses and parents who have generously donated toward this event.

Our next SAC/Fun Fair committee meeting is Tuesday, May 27 at 6 pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend. A huge thank you also to the teachers and students who have made such an important commitment to sports teams and other school clubs such as our eco-Green team; your efforts help make Quaker such a great place to be.

## QUAKER CARES : EASTER FOOD DRIVE PROOF OF THAT!!

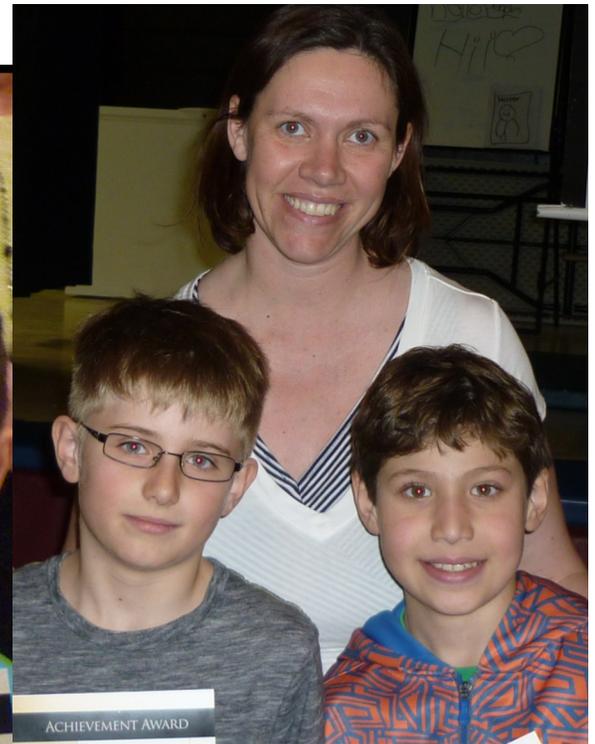
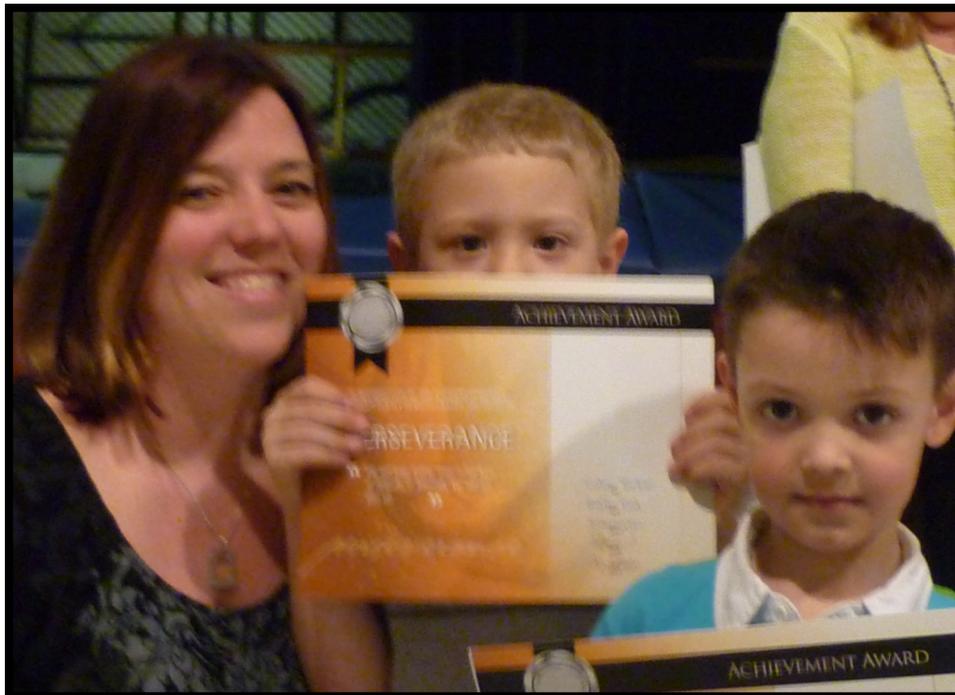
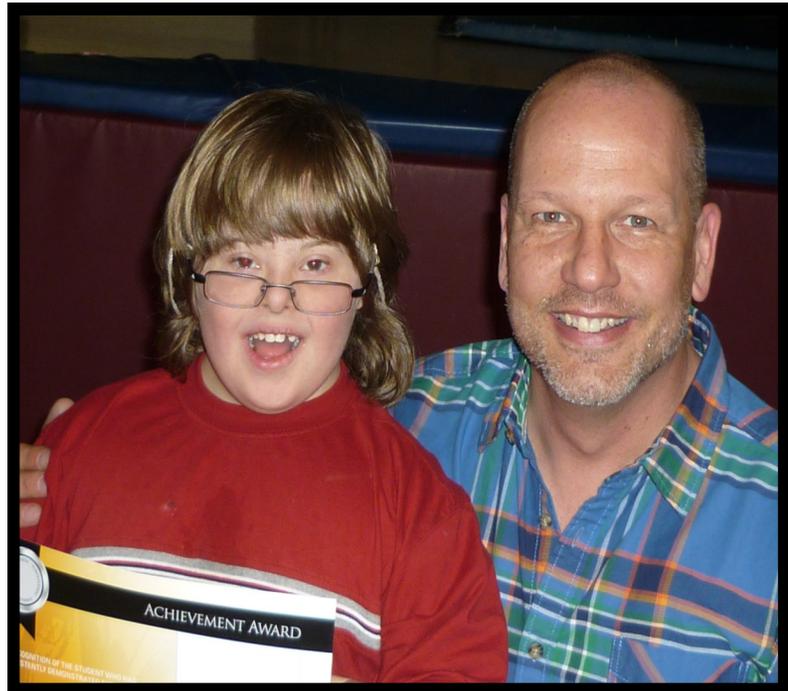
You couldn't help but be impressed with the response of our Quaker community when Mrs. Shannon, Mr. Hannahson and his Room 9 team decided to sponsor a food drive for the Open Arms Mission in Welland, April 7th to the 11th. With 10% of Niagara households experiencing food insecu-

rity from month to month, every little bit helps and the thoughtfulness of our Quaker community helped many needy households in our region over the Easter season. Thanks Comets.



## Character in Action at Quaker : Perseverance Award Winners

**Kindergarten : Colton G., Brody D., (Mrs Boon) Charlie M.,(Team Haining) Denton H., Dallas G.,(Mrs Ellis),**  
**Grade 1 : Anna D., Clayton S., Kaleb C., Grade 2 : Owen W., Elliot S., Grade 2 /3 : Jacob M., Austin W., Matthew P.,**  
**Grade 3 : Ethan S., Azhan K., Grade 3/4 : Carter W., Gary N., Grade 5 : Zane T., Dalton S., Grade 6 : Connor B., Carter T., Grade 7/8: Richard S., Dakota O., (Bootsma) Kyle G., Grade 7/8 (Nevar) Aiden C., (Mr King) Hayden T., (Mr. Hannahson)**



**Integrity is the character trait we are focusing on in April. *"Honesty and integrity are absolutely essential for success in life — all areas of life. The really good news is that anyone can develop both honesty and integrity."* - Z. Ziglar**



## Easter Activities

The grade 4's worked with their kindergarten reading buddies to make some Easter eggs. Kaydence really enjoys working with her kindergarten buddy, Lindsay. Mr Hannahson's students created some paper mache Easter eggs as part of the Room 9 art program. (see below)



**William and Emily from Mr Hannahson's class are really focused on their paper mache Easter egg art. Beautiful job guys!!**



**THE SUGAR SHACK AT WHITE MEADOWS. THE GRADE 2'S AND 3'S LEARNED ABOUT METHODS USED BY THE FIRST NATIONS, PIONEERS AS WELL AS MODERN TECHNIQUES FOR MAKING MAPLE SYRUP. TALK ABOUT A QUINTESSENTIAL CANADIAN PRODUCT - DID YOU KNOW THAT CANADA MAKES MORE MAPLE SYRUP THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY?**



**Grade 6 members of Quaker's Green Club and Mrs. Toews-Peplinski thank Loretta Penny for her awesome presentation called "Oceans Alive" on April 15th. Students learned about the marvels and wonders of the world's ocean life.**

## *It's April Madness in Quaker's Junior Basketball Program.*

The Quaker Junior basketball teams have enjoyed phenomenal success this season as both the girls and boys team went undefeated through their seasons. Both teams demonstrated growth in skills and teamwork through the season and their passing, defending and shooting have shown marked improvement. Sportmanship has been a key focus for Ms. Fulford and Mr. Nevar. This has resulted in our teams showing exceptional regard and respect for their opponents and have readily agreed to tone down their offense in instances where they had substantial leads in games. On Saturday, April 12th the Junior boys played in a 5 school tournament. They had a great start winning their first game but were defeated in their subsequent games as they faced some of the top junior basketball talent in the DSBN. Playoffs for the girls started on Monday, April 10th with an overtime win against Diamond Trail. As the picture on to the right clearly shows, April Madness had spread throughout the team but so had a hard working competitive spirit. They simply refused to give up and eventually Jordan R. had a chance in a back and forth overtime period and won the game for the Comets. The next day they lost a hard-fought battle against Westmount which forced the girls to play McKay school in Port Colborne to qualify for the "wild-card" spot in the DSBN tournament. Again, a good effort by the girls but they fell short. Our junior girls team should be commended for a great season, going 5 and 0 in their regular season.

## TRACK & FIELD CLINICS

Are you interested in some sport specific training in either sprints, long jump, high jump or distance running? Three instruction and training clinics for elementary students in grades 4—8 will be held on Saturdays, May 3rd, May 10th and May 17th. The clinics will be held from 12:00 to 1:30 PM with registration at 11:30 and a cost of \$5.00. The location of the training will be the Niagara Olympic Track and Field Complex at 78 Louth Street in St. Catharines. See [www.nocrunners.com](http://www.nocrunners.com) for more information.



**(A little message from the OPEN ARMS MISSION in Welland).**

**Good Morning Quaker,**

**I wanted to thank the school for all of your hard work and dedication with the food drive. We can't express how much we appreciate this. Please let your classes know that they should be extremely proud, as they brought in 1 160 lbs of food, which works out to a value of \$2 900.00**

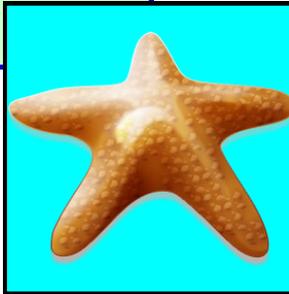
**What did we learn, or wonder about,  
after our "Oceans Alive" Presentation  
by Loretta Penny?**

*I learned that horseshoe crabs walk out of their shells and grow new ones - Sydney S.*

*I wonder how many rows of teeth a shark can have?  
- Ryan H.*

*If you are in the tropics when sea turtles are hatching you must remember to close your curtains at night so that the baby sea turtles are not drawn to the light coming from your window. - Sofia R.*

*Sharks are drawn to the colour yellow - Jacob M.*



**Quaker School Book Fair  
Coming Soon!**

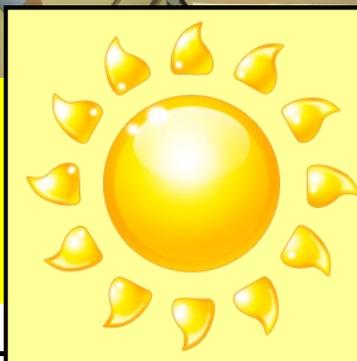
The amazing Quaker School Book Fair is returning in the month of May. On May 5—9th from 9:00 AM to 4 PM every day (except Thursday which is 9 AM—5:30 PM) a marvelous selection of books will be for sale in the Quaker library. A portion of sales profits will go to support the school so please drop in a purchase some summer reading for your children and yourself.



**Wilson G. and Kai get up and at it during our Earth Day Community Clean-up on Friday, April 25th. A huge Earth Day thank you goes to Mrs Toews-Peplinski and Mrs Secord for organizing this day.**



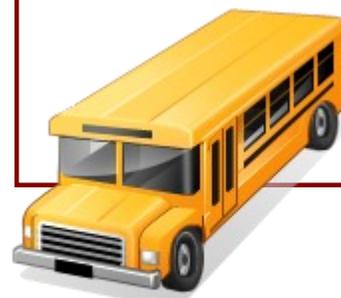
**WE WILL MISS YOU MRS. SMALLEY!! GRADE 5 STUDENTS SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR TEACHER WHO IS STARTING HER MATERNITY LEAVE. THE GRADE 5'S WILL HAVE A NEW TEACHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.**



### **Summer HEAT 2014**

We are pleased to be able to offer SUMMER HEAT, a primary Summer Learning Program again this year. The program will run from Monday July 14 to Friday August 1 for students from JK to grade 4 in the fall of 2014. Kindergarten Kick Start is for students entering junior and senior kindergarten in the fall. Funshine Kids is for students who are entering grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. This three week program is entirely FREE, but space is limited so please be sure to register early. Registration can be done online starting Monday, May 5, 2014. The program will begin at 8:30 am with breakfast being provided. Students will then be involved in a variety of learning opportunities with a focus on literacy, numeracy and active living. We are excited about being able to offer this awesome program to our families. Check it out on the DSBN website at [www.dsbm.org/summerheat](http://www.dsbm.org/summerheat)

**Please . . .  
Please . . .  
Please . . .  
DON'T PARK OR  
STOP YOUR ID-  
DLING CAR IN  
THE BUS LANES  
WHEN YOU DROP  
OFF OR PICK UP  
YOUR CHILD.**





***A proud and happy bunch and who could blame them. An undefeated season and a willingness to come and compete every game. Quaker school is very proud of our Junior boys and the improvement they have shown. They played the best DSBN has to offer and showed steady improvement through the season. A measure of their improvement could be seen in their games against Oakridge, one of DSBN's stronger teams, who they played in their Saturday tournament. In their initial game against this team they were beat fairly handily but when they met them in the DSBN tournament they played a much stronger game and challenged neck and neck coming up short by only 7 points. Ms Fulford and Mr Nevar are extremely proud of their teamwork. A special recognition goes out to Jaxson W., Gary N., and Ryan H. for their dedication in coming to all the practices and developing their skills.***



**Air has many properties that can be used for flight and OTHER PURPOSES?**



**Mr. Rabideaux , who is taking over our grade 5 class, jumps right into the life of the school. The Lincoln Leapers came to visit on April 30th. Quaker's "Jump Rope for Heart" activity takes place on the afternoon of May 16th.**