



Quaker October 2014

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October Dates

- October 1—Milk and Pizza begins & 2nd Cross-Country Meet
- October 6—Responsibility Assembly at 10 am & Pita Orders due
- October 7—Intermediate boys and girls volleyball begins
- October 10 - PA day No school for students
- October 13—Thanksgiving Monday Holiday
- October 28—Parent Council 6PM
- October 29—Centennial High School Arts Roadshow 11:30 am

Principal's Message

It has been a great start to the year for our Quaker community with reorganization now complete and classes set and running smoothly. Our many sports teams are up and running; soccer's brief season is in high gear, cross-country well underway and intermediate volleyball already practicing and ready to get their season started. Participation in our wealth of extramural activities is excellent this year and many thanks to the Quaker staff who rush around early in the morning and stay late after classes to prepare for tournaments and conduct practices.

The "Meet the staff BBQ" on the 18th was well attended and gave our Quaker community a chance to meet our new staff; Mr Bateson (gr.5/6), Ms. Romanin (Kindergarten prep.), Ms. Foster (gr.4 & prep.) Ms. MacNaughton (EA), Ms. Morrison (EA), Ms. Marischuk (ECE), Ms. Sutherland (ECE). Mrs. Borisenko, our Breakfast Club Coordinator was delighted to report that this event raised over \$800. Thanks to the parents and community members who made this a success. Speaking of fund-raising successes, we would be remiss if we did not mention the Quaker Road

Green Club Garage Sale held on Saturday, September 20th. Mrs. Toews-Peplinski and Mrs. Secord organized this event and thanks to the generous donation of time and "treasures" by our parents and staff, this event raised over \$1 000 to be used towards Quaker's Outdoor Classroom.

Thank you to our parents who continue to support our efforts to help our students stay organized by signing, reviewing and returning agendas each day. This tool, together with classroom newsletters and school communication help you stay in the loop so that you continue to be an involved and contributing member of our Quaker community. Another important way to get involved (and we are looking for new members!), is our School Advisory Council, all are welcome, our next meeting is October 28 at 6PM. Parents, you are a key reason why great things continue to happen at Quaker. Thank you.

Reading Buddies highlight Cross-Graded Learning Opportunities at



At Quaker students don't just learn from the teachers they often have the opportunity to interact and learn from older or younger students in other grades. This reading buddy group from Mrs Ellis' class and Mrs Secord's class has been working together for a couple of years now.

Inquiry Based Learning in Junior Science at Quaker



Students in Mrs Secord's grade 4 science class enjoyed a presentation by a passionate citizen-scientist on September 11th. Patty Moss from Port Colborne works with the University of Kansas in their Butterfly Migration study and she tagged some monarchs with students in the Quaker school yard. Students learned about the amazing migration of the Monarch from southern Canada to Mexico and discovered how human interactions with natural habitats can have both positive and negative impacts on the health of the monarch population. Many students pledged to plant milkweed in their gardens. Hopefully the spark for many future citizen-scientists was ignited.



Got Milkweed?

**The student council candidate debate on September 21st
was a lively lesson in democracy for our Junior/Intermediate students**

Good afternoon everyone! My name is Madison and I am here today to ask for your help in becoming Quaker Road's next Prime Minister. I'd like to take a moment to tell you why I feel I deserve your vote and why I'd make a good Prime Minister. But first let me ask you a question. Who is the kind of person you are looking for to represent you this year? Take a moment to think about that. I bet most of you thought about someone who is motivated, experienced and willing to listen to you. If you thought about any of those things or agree with them its your lucky day because I am here to tell you that I am all of those things. I'm motivated and ready to make some changes. I have ideas on how to improve the dances, how to amp up spirit days and just some fun changes to make your school days a little more enjoyable. I've heard the criticism of my friends and classmates and I not only know what needs to change, I am motivated to make the changes. I'm experienced. Last year I was elected Vice Prime Minister thanks to you my wonderful peers. I know how student council works and can begin working for your immediately. Plus I learned from the best Richard S. Lastly, I know all of you have your own ideas on how to improve our school and that's exactly what I need. I'm here to make sure all of your voices are heard and to help you make the changes you want to see. In conclusion, I'm motivated, experienced and willing to listen to you. I'll leave you with this final thought. As Uncle Ben once said . . . "with great power comes great responsibility." And I, Madison Gill, am willing to carry that responsibility. So, now the choice is up to you.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Madison G.

Good afternoon staff and students , my name is Aiza M. and today I will be sharing a bit about myself and why you should vote me as Quaker Roads next prime minister.

This may be the first time you've seen me run, since I didn't in grade 7. But as time went by I realized that our school needs some drastic change, that only I can bring.

Unfortunately Quaker's usual awesome attitude and pumped up school spirit just wasn't there last year. My goal is to get us back up there, and get involved with awesome new ideas for usually dreaded spirit days, talent shows and plays that most people just aren't excited for anymore. Yeah, admit it. We all know how lame our dances can be, but trust me, you don't need to count on that anymore this year. With experience and suggestions from the past, I am determined to make the future of Quaker Road a brighter one with the help and support from all of you. Some may be thinking, "that sounds impossible", but from looking at all these fantastic student council candidates and a great school of students in front of me, I am feeling very confident.

I guarantee student council will be more involved, not only in our school, but also from our community, unlike last year when the council faced some technical difficulties after our prime minister had to take some time off. But I have thought of some other things that give you the chance to share your own opinion too! Aren't you tired of all the decisions being made by just the staff and the council, while you never get a say in how you feel about something? I think it is important for everyone's ideas to be included, because if your not satisfied, what's the point? Students will get their say in fundraising ideas they'd like to see happen such as hot chocolate, and cookie sales plus more. Along with "what should be next?" If you want all these things to take action with a confident, creative and trustworthy leader, who can respond to what Quaker needs. Aiza M.



Terry Fox Walk Rocks!!!



Wow Comets!! Not only did we reach our Terry Fox Walk Fund-raising goal . . . We exceeded it by over \$1 000 raising a total of \$2 457!! That's amazing! Thank you to everyone who participated. You have made a difference in the life of someone who has to fight cancer. Before we announce the top fundraising class we would like to make honourable mention of the runners up. The third highest fundraising class was Mrs. Ellis. The second runner up was . . . Miss Fulford's class, . . . and the top fundraising class for 2014 is Mrs. Longo's class!

Congratulation and thanks again to everyone who contributed.



Some of our Intermediate students taking a break on our new bench. Looks great doesn't it, like it was always there. Green Club what a great idea, thanks Mrs Secord and Mrs Toews-Peplinski. And Jen V-S, I see you trying to look away, don't forget to thank your dad for helping with the concrete pad. We are planning to add some planter boxes with some greenery to "Green Up", the area around the bench. The bench will be getting a plaque donating the bench to the memory of Margaret Thompson who has passed away and was a long time organizer in our Breakfast club and according to Mrs Comfort did a fabulous job.





Garage Sale is a huge success with the Green Club raising \$1 086.00 towards our new outdoor classroom. Thanks to the many staff who put in a long day on Saturday, September 20th to make this event such a success, particularly to Mrs Secord and Mrs Toews-Peplinski who organized the event and even convinced their children to come in and help. Mr Leduc did you ever unload that 1980's oak hutch of yours?

Flu season is fast approaching!!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after :

- **Coughing or sneezing**
- **Blowing your nose**
- **Using the washroom**
- **Playing with pets**
- **Playing outdoors**
- **And before preparing meals and eating**

Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt.

Our Intermediate Soccer Team members

Teja	Owen
Jen	Dean
Madelynne	Ryan
Claire	Randall
Paige	Kai Xiang
Jordan	Jack
Easton	Ethan C.
Sean	Ethan Selbie
Ethan Speck	Coach : Ms Fulford
Nick	(check out team photo on p.5)

Celebrating Character happens everyday at Quaker!!

Celebrating Character and personal growth is a key part of the learning for Quaker Comets from kindergarten to grade 8. Cooperation was our focus character trait for September and responsibility is the focus trait for October. Our Character Assembly for the month of October takes place Monday, October 6th at 10 AM. All are welcome. Teachers at Quaker frequently highlight traits through the use of specific resources and student challenges. Check out the writing by Anna W. from grade 6. It is a great example of a writing task that examines the character traits of perseverance and courage. Great Job Anna.

HELEN KELLER by Anna W. (gr.6)

I think Helen Keller was an inspiration because although she was blind and deaf she learned to communicate with others. With the help of Anne Sullivan she learned to read. She also learned to do it in English, French, Greek and Latin.

She wrote her own books, and mastered sign language. She is such an inspiration to other blind and deaf people because if one person can do it that means it is not impossible for others. She inspires others because she showed such courage and power within her learning. She taught others to keep going and to never give up. That is why I see Helen Keller as an inspiration.



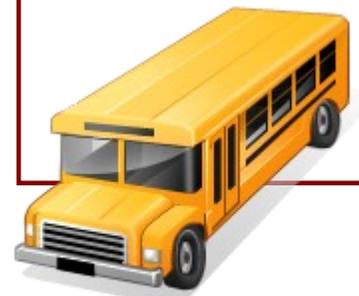
A couple of characters from Quaker who exemplify many of the character traits we seek to impart to our students. Way to go Aiden and Ethan, continue your awesome cooperation with staff and classmates. You guys are an inspiration to us all!!!!

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DON'T PARK OR STOP YOUR IDLING CAR IN THE BUS LANES WHEN YOU DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILD.





Future Cross Country Stars? Stay tuned for next months newsletter because the Comet is planning a major photo montage of our hard-working and persevering Cross-Country team members. Coaches Mrs Toews-Peplinski and Mrs Secord have been very proud of the effort and dedication to consistent training that the Quaker Comet team has shown. Members; Carter T., Conner L., Dalton S., Cade R., Jacob M., Ryan G., Aiden D., Anderson S., Tyson J., Anna W., Katie M., Azhan K., Logan K., Matthew M., Owen W., Colin L., Austin W., Cole W., Dylan S., Ethan S., Braden K., Abbie P., Erika M., Julia M., Sofia R., Karolina W., Olivia R., Sydney S., Laurel B., Rachel V.,



Something to cheer about? YOU BET!! Did you know that Centennial High School has reported its highest math scores ever on its grade 9 provincial testing? Do we think that Mr. Bootsma, Ms. Fulford and the rest of the exemplary staff at Quaker have more than a little to do with this success? YOU BET!!!!