



QUAKER VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Mission Statement

Quaker Village Public School has built its reputation on the foundation of quality, values, pride, and success.

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Principal

**Rachel Kennedy**  
Vice Principal

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Admin Assistant

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Newsletter

September 9, 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### September

- 12: Curriculum Night BarBQ,  
5:00 - 6:30 BarBQ  
6:30 - 7:15 in classrooms
- 17: School Photo Day— all classes
- 25 to 29: DDSB Safety Week
- 27: Terry Fox Run—p.m.
- 30: Orange Shirt Day

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our Quaker Village families – to familiar faces and to those who are new to our school community. We trust that everyone had a wonderful summer and that the back-to-school start-up has been a smooth one for you and your children. Please check the student agenda for lunch, recess and period times. While it's true that the beginning of a new school year can create anxiety in some, we hope that you will join us by stressing a positive view of the fresh beginning with your child(ren). We are committed to creating a safe and caring environment here at QVPS – and each homeroom teacher is committed to a First 10 Days of Equity and Well-Being to establish comfort for our students.

As many of you may be aware, there have been some staffing changes at our school over the summer. We welcome Rachel Kennedy as our new Vice-Principal. We also welcome Educational Assistants Ms. Osbourne, Ms. Eades and the return of Mrs. Reider. The following teachers are also new to Quaker. Mr. Clubine joins our Kindergarten team, Mrs. Marquis our Primary division, Mr. Yang joins our Intermediate division and Mr. Anderson will be teaching Junior French and Grade 3 Coverage. Welcome to all our new QVPS team members.

September promises to be a busy month here at school. Our school Curriculum Night is set for this Thursday, September 12th, beginning with a BBQ at 5:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to tour classrooms from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. Our school picture day is set for September 17th. We are also excited about our third annual SCC fundraising event happening this fall, where you can purchase a Bag of Fresh Farm Vegetables.

Just a quick safety note that again this year vehicular traffic will be routed along the road fronting the school building. Please remember our buses will pull over to the side as we load and unload students so please stay far to the left-hand side of the lane. It also means that cars may not stop or park in the painted bus loading area.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year at Quaker Village PS. As always, if you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact either Rachel, Heather or myself. By working together, we create an effective team to support our kids!

### Sending Text Messages

**We respectfully ask all parents not to send text messages to children during the school day.** If you need to pass on a message or get in touch with your child, please call the school directly and we will ensure they receive the information. Thank you for your mutual respect in this matter.



Gavin Ruddock



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Web at:

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And follow us on Twitter: @QuakerVillagePS

## Curriculum Night and BarBQ

Our annual Curriculum Night BarBQ is Thursday Sept. 12th.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages are available to purchase from

5:00-6:30 and class visits will be from 6:30-7:15.



## Student Sign In/Sign Out

Keeping your children safe is one of our main priorities. For safety and security reasons, we need to know who is in the building at all times. We respectfully ask all visitors report to the office and sign-in before going anywhere else in the school. Also, if you are picking up your child for any reason during the instructional day, please inform the school and sign your child out at the office. When returning, please sign him/her in at the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

## Keeping Our Students Safe—Allergies and Medical Alerts

At Quaker Village, we have a number of students and staff who have life-threatening food allergies and other dietary restrictions. Even the smallest trace could be fatal. For this reason, we ask that families not send in food products containing **Peanuts** or **Tree-nuts** of any kind **Sesame Seeds** and **Eggs**. Although there are several nut-free substitute spreads on the market, we ask that these not be sent to school as it is virtually impossible to distinguish them from actual peanut butter.

Students are discouraged from sharing foods as this may result in a serious medical emergency.

We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping all our students safe at school.



You should have received an email from the DDSB with regard to online registration.

If you did not, please contact the school office. The on-line registration process will provide us with your contact information and is mandatory for all students.

## Dogs on School Property

We recognize that dogs are an important part of life for some of our families and, as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. In our teaching we promote the relationship between people and their pets and accept and encourage the idea of pets as 'family members'. We do see pet ownership as a valuable educational experience for children.

However, we have also received feedback from parents and staff indicating that many are finding the presence of dogs in the school grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly for younger children and those students with special needs. Many have expressed the opinion that a school playground is not an appropriate place for dogs and are concerned about the number of dogs on school property during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

We are concerned that even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded school environment and that this can lead to dog fights/snapping at each other. Children can also behave unpredictably when in the presence of dogs or when in contact with dogs and this can potentially lead to a child being bitten.

Therefore we are respectfully asking all families to leave their dogs at home and off school property. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



UXBRIDGE  
**JURIED ART SHOW**

**&**  
**Children's Art Show**

INCLUDING ARTISTS FROM  
**OUR SCHOOL**

17-22 Sept., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Opening reception 6.30 p.m. Sept. 17  
With refreshments

At Uxbridge Township Municipal Offices  
51 Toronto St. South, Uxbridge

*Bring your friends . . .  
bring your family*

## Online Attendance Program Provides Convenience for Families

A reminder that parents may choose to report their child's absence in advance, or before bell time, for the current day in one of two ways:

1. Toll Free Number: 1-844-350-2646
2. Website: [attendance.ddsb.ca](http://attendance.ddsb.ca)

## Custody Issues

If you have custody arrangements other than **joint custody**, the school requires the authorized court documentation. **Court orders or legal documents signed by both parties** indicating special access arrangements must be on file in the Ontario Student Record folder at the school.

**Lack of these documents allows equal access to either parent.**

## GIFTED TESTING

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*If your child is in Gr. 4-8 and you would like to nominate them for gifted testing, please contact Ms. Smith. The deadline is Sept 30, 2019.*

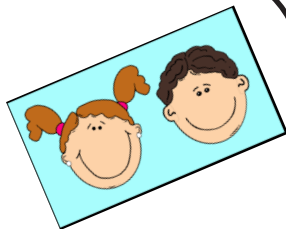
All students who live in the designated Quaker Village P.S. area are strongly encouraged to walk to school. It is an excellent way to keep fit and more importantly, it lowers the amount of pollution by reducing the number of cars on the road.



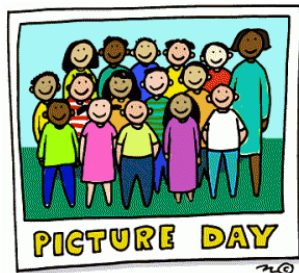
# School Photo Day

Tuesday, September 17th

The school photographer will be at Quaker Village P.S. for all students in all grades.



CHEESE!



## Indoor Shoes

Just a reminder that indoor shoes are necessary for every student at Quaker Village for safety reasons.

Please ensure that your child's indoor shoes still fit properly and their names are clearly marked on them. It is especially important during gym times as the floor needs to be kept clean at all times to minimize slips, trips and falls.



Ally Week is celebrated this year on September 23-27. It is a national dialogue about how everyone -- in and out of school -- can work to become better allies to LGBT+ youth.

We know that allyship is about more than broadly supporting LGBT+ people; it's an active, ongoing process of advocating for LGBT+ youth (and other marginalized groups) without speaking for them or over them. During Ally Week, we challenge one another to think critically about what allyship means, how we are allies to others, and what kind of allies we seek out for ourselves.

### Other significant dates in September include:

September 8 - International Literacy Day (UN)

September 25 - Franco-Ontarian Day (Ontario)

September 21: International Day of Peace (UN)

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day (First Nations Canada)

# Make A Difference!

## Quaker Village P.S. School Community Council

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You can help your council discover new ways to support the education of students at Quaker Village P.S.

Education is a partnership involving many stakeholders: parents, students, school and board staff, government and the community. Your involvement in our Council will strengthen and contribute to that partnership, helping to create a positive learning environment for our children. Be part of a dedicated team working to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system.

Your participation can make a difference! We invite you to come out and get involved!

Please indicate below your interest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s) & Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in holding the following elected/voting position within the Quaker Village PS SCC:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chair/Co-Chair**

Responsible for overall function of the council, including facilitating meetings, communication with the principal, council members and community, and leads council to develop annual plan of work.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer**

Responsible for accountability of SCC financial records & transactions in consultation with school admin team

\_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary**

Takes council notes during meetings and prepares minutes for distribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fundraising Chair**

Facilitates fundraising initiatives and discussions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Council Member**

Voting and active participant in the council. Attends meetings to ensure quorum is available for voting matters and is able to assist with council activities and programs.

- I am NOT interested in an elected/voting position, but would like to participate and help the SCC in select activities (check as many activities as you would like):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in attending select SCC meetings.

(We meet monthly to listen and share ideas, issues and programs that affect the SCC, the school, the community and our children.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in participating and helping with various school and SCC programs

(Programs include pizza lunches, event support, fund-raising, class volunteer, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in participating/joining an SCC sub-committee related to a specific topic

(such as environment, fundraising, safe schools, wellness, etc).

\_\_\_\_\_ Other. I am interested in helping with the following specific activity or program:

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't want to commit to anything, but would like to find out more information about the SCC, including the programs and initiatives it supports and how I can help.

### **Thank You!**

Good attendance patterns can become an important factor in a student's overall success at school.

## Did you know?

- If your child is 20 minutes late every day, they will have missed 12 days of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses only two days per month of school, they will have missed one month of instruction by the end of the school year.
- Students who are absent 15 days of school each year will have lost one year of instruction by the end of grade 12.
- Students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and tend to have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

## Families can support good attendance at school by:

- Setting a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Getting clothes, lunches and backpacks ready the night before.
- Communicating regularly with your child's teacher.
- Talking with your child about their school day.
- Taking part in school events and activities to show your child that you value school and education.
- Planning vacations and appointments around the school schedule whenever possible.
- Making sure your child goes to school, unless they are truly sick.



**Attendance  
MATTERS** 



**Act early!** Let the school know right away if there is a problem or concern. There are lots of ways we can work together to get attendance back on track or prevent an attendance problem from starting.