

# QUEEN MARY SCHOOL



Home of the **ROYALS**  
April 2011



Principal: R. Lockyer · · Trustee: S. Mark

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Queen Mary Families:

Spring has Sprung! As we begin the final months of our 2010-2011 school year, staff and students are looking ahead to the graduation of the Queen Mary Class of 2011 and the arrival of the new grade 7 students. As well, the DSBN will celebrate Education Week 2011 during the week of April 11-15. This is the week designated by the Ministry of Education, where we, as an education community, conduct events and activities aimed at demonstrating education in action.

We are so lucky at Queen Mary to have a student population that finds ways to help out and get involved.

Do Your Best and Do What's Right!      Ms R. Lockyer



### **Grade 8 Graduation**

This year's Grade 8 graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 27th in the auditorium. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Graduation photos were taken on March 22. Any questions or concerns about the photos should be directed to Pegasus School Images at 1-800-461-6575.

### **School Calendar 2011-2012**

The Ministry of Education has approved the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar. It can now be viewed at the DSBN website [www.dsbn.edu.on.ca](http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca)



**QUEEN MARY SCHOOL'S  
"HONOURED" STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**



**Character Trait Award—Courage**



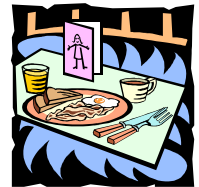
Grade 7-1	Mr. Tompsett	Jaden P. & Sara W.
Grade 7-2	Mr. Groat	T. B. A.
Grade 8-1	Ms. Crichton	Pierce O. & Mathew S.
Grade 8-2	Ms. Broczkowski	Brooke P. & Adeebah Z.
Grade 8-3	Mrs. Willis	Polly L. & Tim W.
Grade 7F-1	Mme. Lagrotteria	Hassan R. & Blair R.
Grade 7F-2	Mme. Valcourt	Hayley A.
Grade 8F-1	Mme. Kubarakos	Alex K. & Eric Z.
Grade 8F-2	Mme. Glabb	Chelsea S. & Brady H.



***Certificates were given to the students at the awards assembly on April 5.  
The Character Trait for April is Perseverance.***

**Queen Mary Breakfast Program Needs Your Help**

Every year Queen Mary's Breakfast Program offers a nutritious breakfast to our students every morning between 8-8:30 a.m. On average we have 30 students in the 'Queen's Café' daily. Teachers acknowledge that students who come to class well nourished will perform better academically and are more alert, focused and happier.

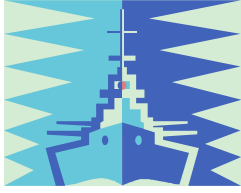


The breakfast program is overseen by Ms. Tennier with the help of our wonderful parent volunteers and committed student volunteers, but we need more parent volunteers to help. If you are available even 1 day per week for about 1 hour in the morning, Queen Mary would love to have you as part of the Breakfast Program team!

If you have any questions or concerns or want more information about volunteering for the Breakfast Program, please call the school at 905-682-6637 and ask for Ms. Tennier.

A special thanks to Niagara Nutrition Partners for their generous assistance with our Breakfast Program.

## BATTLESHIP CHALLENGE



Congratulations goes out to Mr. Tompsett's grade 7 class for winning the "Bingo Challenge" spearheaded by Ms. Lockyer and enjoyed by all the classes. The competition was fierce but Mr. Tompsett's class was the first to call "Bingo" and enjoy a pizza party on March 11.

We are currently engaged in a heated "Battleship Challenge" and Ms. Lockyer is trying her best to sink as many destroyers, aircraft carriers, submarines, patrol boats and battleships as possible. The winning class will be having an "Ice Cream Party".

## THE LUCY PROJECT

The Lucy Project is a school based character development activity at St. Catharines Collegiate designed specifically for girls. Each girl works on a self-portrait sculpture with the goal of presenting their work in an art exhibition commemorating International Women's Day. The sessions combine discussions about issues relating to girls/women within the school, society, and globally, both currently and historically. The students are encouraged to reflect on the issues presented, as well as the issues they are facing in their own lives, and to develop responses that are shown through their art. Lucy Project was on display at the Education Centre from March 7 - 21, 2011.



Pictured at left is Chantal M. and at right are (l to r) Mercedes B., Alexis T., and Kaitlyn G. with their Lucy Projects. Chantal's theme was "Be yourself, don't try to be anyone else".



## QUEEN MARY CHESS CLUB



Queen Mary Chess Club has been meeting every Wednesday after school with Mr. Franklyn Petro, from St. Catharines Collegiate and our parent volunteer Mr. Lalande, in the Phoenix room at Collegiate. On Wednesday, April 6, Team members will travel to the DSNB tournament and from there, hopefully, to the Provincials. Best of Luck Queen Mary Chess Players. Team members include: Josh C., Wesley D., Joshua H., Julien H., Lucas H., Andrew H., Tommy L., Xiaobing L., Makayla L., and Mason V. Go Team!!!

## YEARBOOK



The Yearbook Committee is hard at work putting together the 2010-2011 Queen Mary Yearbook! Yearbook sales kick off the week of April 18-21. Anyone purchasing their yearbook during this week receives a treat and a draw ticket for a free yearbook. There is also a 'Cover Contest' where students can submit their cover design and the chosen design will be featured as the cover of the yearbook. Yearbooks are \$15 each and payment plans are available. Don't miss out!

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Queen Mary Student Council is busy planning more exciting upcoming events for the coming months. On Friday, April 1, they are hosting "Superhero Day" where all students and staff are encouraged to dress as their favourite Superhero. Every Thursday, they continue to sell pizza slices to students. Thanks Student Council for your hard work and dedication!

## GLEE CLUB

Glee Club members have been meeting twice a week where students come together, sing, practice, have fun, make friends and perform. Last year, Glee Club was invited to perform at various functions around the community and in school wide performances and assemblies. This group sings to top music hits and a variety of other music genres as well. They also create music by weaving two songs together to create a mix of the two. The group is composed of students from grade 7 and 8 classes and is being run by two students at Queen Mary School.



Glee club has already started to plan and practice in order to prepare themselves to perform in front of their first audience. The students in Glee will gain experience performing in front of audiences, getting to meet new friends and gaining some insight on the talents of others in the group. Stay tuned for more updates!

## IMPROV CLUB



Improv Club has been meeting during lunch on Fridays as a 'drop in' opportunity.

Students were selected to form 2 teams that will compete at the 2nd Annual 'Yes!And...Galafestabration' in June.

Team members include:

Kestra H., Rachel B., Georgia B., Kate D. and Jack R., on Team 1 and Fabian F., Catherine G., Christina S., Jumana S. and Josh C. on Team 2.

## EDUCATION WEEK

# celebrating COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

DSBN EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 11-15TH



The 2011 DSBN Education Week Theme is "Celebrating Community Partnerships". From parent volunteers who assist in classrooms to agencies who coordinate a variety of programs including breakfast programs and after school activities to corporate partners who sponsor scholarships and so much more, our community partners complement the work of our schools to support student success.

We want to take this time to thank you, our community partners, for everything you do to help support our students and our school.

Working together, we  
make a difference. And  
that is truly Achieving  
Success Together!



## DSBN Road Race

# Join the fun in the 2009 DSBN Road Race!

Sunday, April 17, 2011

DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners.

1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages.

Barbecue & family fun fair for participants.

Prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race.

T-shirts and participation ribbons for all who pre-register. School participation prize.

Chip Time Results for 5km race

Race entry forms and volunteer forms are available online at [www.dsbnroadrace](http://www.dsbnroadrace)

**Health Bus Spring/Summer Schedule – April 1 to October 31, 2011**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Niagara Falls (day)</b></p> <p><b>Project Share</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>4129 Stanley Ave, Unit 2 Niagara Falls</p> <p>Elaine Pihach 905-357-5121</p> <p><b>Soup Kitchen</b></p> <p>11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Community of Christ Church 4865 St. Lawrence Ave. Niagara Falls Verna Craig 905-354-1640</p> <p><b>Project Share</b></p> <p>2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>4129 Stanley Ave, Unit 2 Niagara Falls</p> <p>Elaine Pihach 905-357-5121</p>	<p><b>Welland (day)</b></p> <p><b>Welland Public Health</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>200 Division St. Welland</p> <p>905-735-5697</p> <p><b>Welland Public Health</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>200 Division St. Welland</p> <p>905-735-5697</p>	<p><b>Port Colborne (day)</b></p> <p><b>Port Cares</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>92 Charlotte St. at the Early Years Centre entrance Port Colborne</p> <p>Linda Reinhart 905-834-3629</p> <p><b>Port Cares</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>92 Charlotte St. at the Early Years Centre entrance Port Colborne</p> <p>Linda Reinhart 905-834-3629</p>	<p><b>Beamsville (afternoon)</b></p> <p><b>Beamsville Community Care</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>4309 Central Ave. Beamsville</p> <p>Cheryl Scott 905-563-5822</p> <p><b>St. Catharines (evening)</b></p> <p><b>Southridge Community Church/Shelter</b></p> <p>4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>201 Glenridge Ave. St. Catharines</p> <p>Chris Loewen 905- 682-2477</p>	<p><b>St. Catharines (morning)</b></p> <p><b>St. Catharines Housing Help</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>129 Church St. St. Catharines</p> <p>Catherine Livingston 905-984-8955</p> <p><b>Fort Erie (afternoon)</b></p> <p><b>Salvation Army</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>255 Gilmore Rd. Fort. Erie</p> <p>Donna Paterson 905-871-1592</p>

The schedule might change. For information call Public Health:  
• 905-688-8248 Ext 7512 OR 905-688-3762 OR 1-800-263-5757

Dental Services Are NOT Available

**April is Oral Health Month**



Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years. Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.

Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.

# Breakfast Program Donation

I would like to support Queen Mary School

Breakfast Club

Please find my enclosed contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  cheque (preferred)  cash

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 or more are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.  
CHEQUES MUST BE MADE TO NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS IN ORDER TO  
RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.**

Would you like a receipt for your donation?  yes  no

Would you like to be contacted about volunteering with the Breakfast Club?  yes  no

*Thank you!*



# APRIL Newsletter Draw

Return this form to your homeroom teacher for a chance to win a school supply in a draw. .

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this newsletter.

**COMMENTS**

Your comments, suggestions and/or concerns are very important to us.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_