

# QUEEN MARY SCHOOL



Home of the **ROYALS**  
February 2012



Principal: R. Lockyer · Superintendent: S. Mark

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am so proud of the daily effort our students make to 'Do your best and do what's right' here at Queen Mary. When a teacher feels a student is deserving of extra recognition for this effort, they give out "Do Your Best, Do What's Right" tickets, which students place in the container in my office. Needless to say, the container was overflowing before the holidays and many students were winners of a small 'treat' after the weekly Friday draw. The container was emptied before Winter Break and I look forward to seeing it fill up again! Well done Royals!

As Principal of Queen Mary school for a little over a year, I am still most impressed with the variety of extra-curricular options the staff of Queen Mary offer to our students. From Me to We, School Council, Yearbook Committee, Leaders in Action and Aboriginal Friendship Circles to Girls and Boys Basketball, Chess Club, Glee Club, Improv, Junk Bank, Cheerleading, and so much more, the staff work hard to make Queen Mary a great place to be. Queen Mary students are encouraged to get involved in one of our exciting activities.

Finally, with the late arrival of winter, I have a reminder to Queen Mary students to leave the snow on the ground (you will be sent home if you don't).

Do Your Best and Do What's Right!

Ms R. Lockyer

### **Early Release Day & Family Day**

Friday, February 17 is an Early Release Day with students being dismissed at 11:45 a.m. and Monday, February 20 is a statutory holiday, "Family Day" and there will be no classes for staff or students. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 21.



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



**Character Trait Award—Integrity**



Grade 7-1	Mrs. Rose	Joseph O. & Maya H.
Grade 7-2	Mr. Groat	Deanna B. & Katrina L.
Grade 8-1	Ms. Crichton	Nada O. & Felix S.
Grade 8-2	Ms. Broczkowski	Johana S. & Daniel C.
Grade 8-3	Ms. Tennier	Erica B. & Jumana M.
Grade 7F-1	Mme. Lagrotteria	Jana A. & Wedad A.
Grade 7F-2	Mme. Valcourt	Naomi F.
Grade 8F-1	Mlle. Bonisteel	Tommy L. & Melissa G.
Grade 8F-2	Mme. Willis	Joelle P. & Blair R.



**Certificates were handed to the students at the awards assembly on February 1.**

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS!**

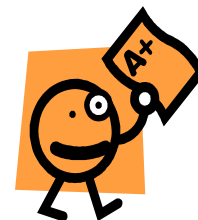
Queen Mary Student Council is hard at work providing exciting opportunities for students. They are currently selling Candygrams which students can purchase, for .50 cents for a sucker and \$2.00 for a bag of candy, and send to a friend from Feb. 1—10. These will be delivered on Feb. 13

Student Council is also hosting an exciting Valentine Dance party, with live DJ and lights, on February 14th, in the afternoon. Should be a great time for all the students.

They are also spearheading the 'Make Change for Children' campaign from Feb. 20-24. This campaign, by the Education Foundation of Niagara, raises funds to provide for students in areas of nutrition, clothing, medical fees and other necessities that they may not be able to afford. Since 2008, almost \$75000 has been granted to 3000 students in need through this fund. Students are asked to contribute a toonie to the campaign and parents are also encouraged to make a dona-

## REPORT CARDS

On February 9, 2012 all Grades 1-8 students will bring home their first term elementary report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations for all subjects.



Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive a percentage grade. If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians is an important support for student success. We encourage all parents/guardians to discuss the report card with your child. All parents/guardians are invited to contact the school if you would like to discuss your child's achievement and next steps for learning with his/her teacher.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

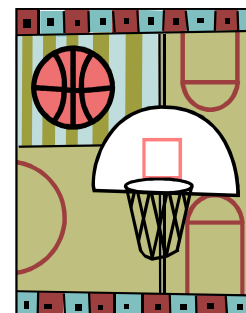
Queen Mary boys basketball team is off to a good start this season! They won their first season game defeating Crossroads School. We hope to be victorious over Grapeview the next time we face off against them! The boys participated in the AN Myer tournament on January 26 and played hard and learned alot! They defeated Grapeview on January 31 and are ready for their next challenge. Come cheer both the girls and boys teams on this month with a home game February 2nd against Ferndale and at Lockview on Feb. 7th. Playoffs begin February 9th with the boys hoping to move on to the finals on February 13th which will take place here at Queen Mary. Go Royals!



QM Boys Basketball Players are:

Abu Haef K.  
Robert W.  
Blair R.  
Juan G.  
Jaden P.  
Nick T.

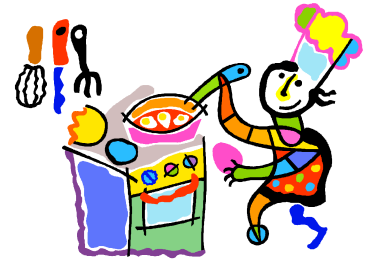
Chris C.  
Logan C.  
Branden C.  
Damon J.  
Gavin J.  
Atreyu G.



## 'YOU'RE THE CHEF' AT QUEEN MARY

Are your lunches and snacks getting boring? Do you want to be more independent in the kitchen? Do you want to try some new yummy food that you made yourself? 'You're The Chef' is for you!

'You're the Chef' is a food preparation/cooking program designed for boys and girls who are 10-14 years old.



You will learn how to:

- Follow recipes properly
- Use kitchen equipment safely
- Handle food safely
- Include more delicious veggies and fruit into meals and snacks

What you do:

- Help prepare many new recipes
- Sample the foods you prepare
- Have fun with friends

If you think you might like to participate in 'You're the Chef', then talk to your parents or guardian. They will be interested in knowing that::

- 'You're the Chef' sessions are for boys and girls
- You will need to attend all sessions
- Your leader will be a volunteer trained by a Registered Dietitian from Niagara Region Public Health. For more information, please see Mr. Lewandowski.

## FREE DENTAL SCREENING COMING TO QUEEN MARY



A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Tuesday March 27, 2012 to provide dental screening to all students.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if you do **NOT** wish your child to participate in the dental screening.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email [dental@niagararegion.ca](mailto:dental@niagararegion.ca).

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# DSBN Academy

Mr. T. Reynolds, Principal

Mrs. L. Falovo-Atkinson, Administrative Assistant

Please join us at a

## DSBN Academy information session

For families of grade 5, 6 and 7 students who would like to learn more about the program.

DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6-12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

### DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school “encore” programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation

Families of children attending Alexandra, Connaught, Maywood, Memorial, Queen Mary

Please join us on:

Monday, February 6, 2012

6:00 pm

Connaught School

28 Prince St.

St. Catharines

For more information about the DSBN Academy or the information session, please contact your school principal.



# Woodend

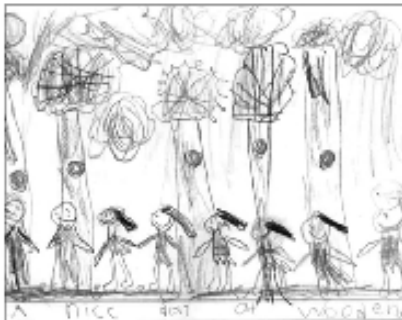
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The Living Campus

# Update

Outdoor Education: healthy children, engaged learners, critical thinkers, tomorrow's leaders

Bringing Learning to Life!



### A Beautiful Day at Woodend!

A very special thank-you to the students from Lincoln Centennial School for sharing their stories and drawings about their day at Woodend! The Living Campus will expand opportunities for students to enjoy outdoor education and to engage in hands-on learning.



Angela  
On Feb. 25, 2011, Mrs. Lipp's class and I went to Woodend Conservation Park. We did a hike and I did a flower and I did a fish and my friend Lily did a fish too. We captured it. We ran across the field. I was really tired. It was fun but I kept on running and it was not at all. I was happy. The End.

### Support Us with Your Purchases!

Metafore and Acer have partnered with the DSBN to help us reach our fundraising goals! A portion of each Laptop or Tablet you purchase will go directly to The Living Campus, helping create a place for generations of students to come. Click the "Donate" button on [DSBN.org/Woodend](http://DSBN.org/Woodend) for more information and access to Metafore's website.



### Coming Soon: A Week for Woodend and RIDE~HIKE~RUN!

A Week for Woodend (April 30 - May 6, 2012) will be an exciting week, with schools involved in fundraising activities to help raise awareness and funds for The Living Campus. The week will end with the 2nd Annual DSBN Ride-Hike-Run for Woodend on May 6th. Registration opens soon at [DSBN.org/Woodend](http://DSBN.org/Woodend). More details to come. We hope to see everyone there!



### Our Newest Silver Level Partners!

VEX Robotics and Ontario Power Generation have just become The Living Campus' newest Silver level Founder's Club members. A Special Thank-You for helping to *Bring Learning to Life* for our students! If you'd like to make a donation, please visit our website at [www.dsbn.org/Woodend](http://www.dsbn.org/Woodend) and click on the "Donate" button to download a pledge form.

### It's All Here: The Woodend Website

To find out about all of the exciting events taking place in support of The Living Campus visit us at: [www.DSBN.org/Woodend](http://www.DSBN.org/Woodend)



By supporting Woodend – The Living Campus you are providing children with a place that *Brings Learning to Life* by engaging them in hands-on learning and discovery through play. To find out how you can support the children of Niagara visit us on our website, on Facebook and our blog:

[dsbn.org/woodend](http://dsbn.org/woodend)

[DSBN Woodend - The Living Campus](https://www.facebook.com/DSBN-Woodend-The-Living-Campus)

[woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com](http://woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com)

# 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!*



**FREE Group Triple P Parenting Sessions in Niagara  
For Families with Teenagers (12-16 years old)**

**Winter/Spring 2012**



Seminar Date	Location	Time	Registration Information
<b>Mondays</b> February 27 – April 23 (no class during March Break)	<b>Niagara Falls</b> St. Michael High School 8699 McLeod Road	6:30 pm – 9 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
<b>Wednesdays</b> March 7 – May 2 (no class during March Break)	<b>Welland</b> Adolescents Family Support Services Of Niagara 285 East Main Street	6:30 pm – 9 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
<b>Wednesdays</b> March 21 – May 9	<b>Niagara Falls</b> St. Paul High School 3834 Windermere Rd	6:30 pm – 9 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
<b>Tuesdays</b> May 8 – June 26	<b>Thorold</b> Niagara Region Headquarters 2201 St. David's Road Campbell East – room 101	6:30 pm – 9 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program. It is a well researched program which creates excellent outcomes for parents and children. The eight-week program aims to build positive behaviours in children and teens and confidence in parents. For more information and to register call:

**Parent Talk Information Line**  
905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074  
Ext. 7555

Information about the Triple P program can also be found at: [www.beagreatparent.ca](http://www.beagreatparent.ca) (search: Triple P)