

QUEEN MARY SCHOOL



Home of the **ROYALS**
June 2011



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



IT'S GRADUATION TIME AT QM AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Hello Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Grade 7 Students,
Once again, in the Queen Mary tradition, we are asking this year's grade seven students to help make graduation a special night for their friends leaving Grade 8.

We will need several students who are willing to help greet guests and hand out programs for the graduation event. **(ARRIVE 5:15pm – meet in Collegiate foyer; LEAVE approx. 7:30 pm when ceremony ends)**

Also, we will need a few students WITH an accompanying parent to help out in the cafeteria by putting out food trays and beverages to be served immediately following the ceremony.

(ARRIVE 5:40pm – meet in Collegiate cafeteria; LEAVE approx. 9:00 pm when cleanup is done)

Please note that if you volunteer, you will be asked to wear attire that is appropriate for this somewhat formal evening (i.e. a little bit dressy, not to compete with our guests of honour, the grads, though!)

Also, volunteers will not be able to enjoy the entire ceremony. Those greeting guests will miss the beginning and those working in the cafeteria will miss the latter half.

Please complete below and return to Ms. Tennier at school ASAP if you can help out. Thanks!!

____ My child, _____ has permission to help out at QM's graduation at Collegiate on Monday, June 27, 2011 doing

____ the job of greeting guest/giving out programs

____ the job of working in the cafeteria with _____ (parent name)

____ My child, named above, will be coming home that evening by

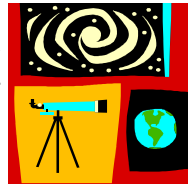
____ walking or taking the bus on their own after the event

____ getting a ride home with: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE TRIP

Queen Mary students, staff and parent volunteers will travel to the Science Centre in Toronto on Monday, June 13th. Students will have opportunities for hands on scientific inquiry in the Exhibition Hall. They will also take in an IMAX film, Tornado Alley or Hubble and view a special 'CSI: Live!' presentation. An unforgettable day will be had by all. Thank you Ms. Bridgeman for spearheading this special trip and a special thanks to all our parent volunteers.



GRADE 6 OPEN HOUSE



All future Grade 7 Queen Mary Royals and their families were invited to the Queen Mary Open House on Thursday, June 9th from 4—6 pm at Queen Mary School. Guests will meet their new teachers, meet some current Queen Mary students in the Regular Education and French Immersion programs, receive information about Queen Mary school, tour the school and enjoy a

BBQ with hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks! Over 150 future students and their families are expected to attend the event.

A heartfelt WELCOME goes out to all our future Royals!

LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISOR NEEDED

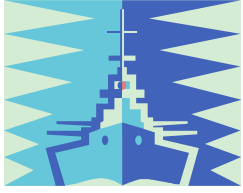
Queen Mary School is looking to hire a lunch room supervisor. This is a paid position in the DSBN. Candidates must be available every day from 12:25 pm to 1:05 pm and will require a police check. Duties include: supervision of students during eating time in the cafeteria; supervision of students during transition outside/inside and supervision of students outside. If you are interested, please contact the school for more information at 905-682-6637.

STRIDE FOR PRIDE

On Friday, May 20th, Queen Mary students and staff participated in 'Stride for Pride' raising money for Community Care, Queen Mary and St. Catharines Collegiate. Students participated in a 'run', BBQ and other fun events. In total, Queen Mary students raised \$1,117.15! Well Done! The class that raised the most money was Mme. Lagrotteria's 7F1 class with top student fundraisers Melissa G. & Brennan M. The top male runner was Keion W. and top female runner was Farhan H. Pictured (at right) is Queen Mary Principal, Ms. Lockyer, on her way into the 'dunk tank' courtesy of Queen Mary students who paid to throw a ball to dunk staff members! A great day was enjoyed by all who participated.



BATTLESHIP CHALLENGE



The winning class in the Battleship Challenge was Mme. Glabb's 8F2 class.

Students enjoyed an ice cream sandwich party courtesy of Ms. Lockyer. Good job keeping your fleet from being torpedoed!

QM LINKS GOLF CLUB

Members of our QM Links golf club have been meeting after school on Thursdays all year long in preparation for hitting the 'links'. Members recently visited the driving range to put all their lessons into real practice. Members of the club helped out at a recent 'Principal's Golf Tournament' where guests were invited to take a shot at DSBN Director of Education, Warren Hoshizaki. Pictured below are club members Keion W. & Farhan H. who helped out at the event



EVENING OF THE ARTS

Queen Mary School presented an 'Evening of the Arts' on May 19th in the Auditorium. Guests enjoyed performances from the Queen Mary choir, the Girl's Choir, the Boy's Choir, The Improv Teams, Skits, Dances and Musical Solos. A huge thanks goes out to Ms. Broczkowski, Mme. Valcourt, Mrs. Willis and Ms. Crichton for all their hard work putting the show together, scheduling rehearsals and making the event such a hit! Donations of non-perishable foods were gratefully accepted in lieu of an entrance fee and over 40 pounds of food was donated to Community Care of St. Catharines.

On May 24th, the Queen Mary Choir was invited to perform the National Anthem and a few selections



at the DSBN head office on Carlton Street. Parents, family and friends attended and DSBN staff and guests were overwhelmed by the calibre of the singing! Thank you Mme. Valcourt and the choir for your hard work!

QUEBEC CITY 2012

The Queen Mary French Immersion department will have the opportunity to visit Quebec City next school year. This trip will be a valuable experience for all our students and will provide an avenue for them to practice and further develop their French skills. Early in the 2011-2012 school year an information night for the trip will take place. Further information will be sent home after this meeting. The trip will be open to anyone in the French Immersion Program both grade seven and eight and we will require parent chaperones. "La Belle Province" is waiting! Hope to see you there!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2011 **DSBN Road Race** on April 17th and **The Rankin Run** on May 28th!

Over 400 participants came out and braved stormy cold weather to help nutrition programs in DSBN schools around the region. Congratulations go out to: Delaney, Ross, Kaycee, Erica, Kennedy, Keira, Farhan, Robert, Ashley, Mlle Bonisteel and Mme Glabb.

A month later they were back at it, but this time our runners were going in with a dual purpose: to help join 9000 other runners in supporting Cancer victims in our region and to BUMP UP their own goals! Students and teachers alike, ran their personal best and we are all proud of their achievements. Congratulations on a great run to: Farhan, Robert, Ross, Erica Mlle Glabb and Mrs. Kubarakos.

Special thanks go out to all the parents who drove and supported their child at these races, and to Mme. Glabb and Mlle Bonisteel for their dedication to the sport as seen through the countless fun training sessions.



REPORT CARDS/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Term 2 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 28th. The parent comment/signature section of the report card can be returned to the school on the final day of classes, Wednesday, June 29th or on the P.A. day, Thursday, June 30th, when staff will be involved in planning for next year. Following these dates, the office will be closed. Have a safe and restful summer

TRACK & FIELD

Queen Mary students participated in our Track & Field day on May 17th in the hopes of representing the school at the area Track & Field meet on May 20th at Westpark (Niagara Olympic Club). Several Queen Mary students qualified at the area level and are now going on to represent Queen Mary at the board-wide DSBN Track & Field competition at Westpark (Niagara Olympic Club) on June 13th (rain date June 14th). These students include:

Mattea D.—High Jump

Atreyu G.—400m Dash

Aaron T.— 200m Dash

Alvin F.—Long Jump & Triple Jump

Daniel P.—Triple Jump

Mathew N.—High Jump

Erica C.—1500m Dash

Kennedy T.—400m Dash, 800m & 1500m

Good Luck students! Thanks Mr. Tompsett for organizing.



3-PITCH SOFTBALL

With the spring weather upon us, Mr. Tompsett has been holding try outs for the upcoming 3-pitch softball tournament, for our school area, on June 20th. Morning announcements will announce when the practices will take place. Get out now and take some practice swings, throw the softball and practice your catches! Good Luck to everyone.



SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

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“Save Our Subscriptions”



We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in November and would appreciate your continued support. Although you may receive notices from publishers for your new and/or renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through them, but waited for our campaign to start so the students can take your orders. However, hold onto your renewal notices – if that price is lower than offered through the school program, you will pay the lower price by attaching the coupon to your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our school community. Thank you in advance for “saving” your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great suc-



Celebrate Summer

at the St. Catharines Public Library!

Add a splash of reading to your summer by joining the children's or tween/teen reading club starting June 25. Reading clubs are a fun way to improve reading skills over the summer and to win fabulous prizes. Check out our Summer Programs Flyer for details on how you can beat the heat this summer at our sizzlin' summer activities for children, tweens and teens!

For more information, visit any branch of the
St. Catharines Public Library,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 227 or check us out online
at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca


PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.


One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools. At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie. Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students. The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at www.dsbn.org/arc.



**Important Dates
2011/12**

September 6: 1st Day of School
September 23: Early Release Day
October 5: World Teachers' Day
October 7: PA Day
October 10: Thanksgiving Day
November 11: Remembrance Day
December 26 - January 6:
Winter Holiday Break
January 20: PA Day
February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6
February 20: Family Day
March 9-16: March Break
April 6: Good Friday
April 9: Easter Monday
May 18: PA Day
May 21: Victoria Day
June 8: PA Day
June 28: Last Day of School

 www.dsbn.org

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!



JUNE 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.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____