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Upcoming Dates:
December “Building Supportive Communities”

3 Boys Volleyball Tournament
7 & 8 FAIR DECEMBER
11 78B Famous People Players
17 & 18 CONCERT 7-8 PM
19 Winter Dance
20 Ministry Designated PA DAY

December 23—January 5
Winter Break

Office News
Thank you to our office announcers this past month, Arankan and Mahdil and to our office helpers, Maya and Sasha. Great job!

PA DAY
Friday, December 20th
A reminder that this is a Ministry Designated PA Day and there will be NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS on this day.

The Final Showdown: Teachers VS Students!
Raising Money for Typhoon Haiyan Victims Through Dodgeball
On November 20th, 2013, two classes, 7A and 8A, participated in an outstanding dodgeball game against the teachers. The first match was between 7A and the teachers. 7A was able to take out quite a few teachers, but in the end, the teachers won. The next match was between 8A and the teachers. 8A was also able to take out quite a few teachers, but the teachers went undefeated. Nonetheless, both matches had everyone clapping and cheering!

We had quite a turnout! Requesting only $2.00 per person, watching or playing, we were able to raise $226.80! That amount will be doubled by the government, so we actually raised $453.80! Great job, QE! Thanks for your support and generosity!

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The month of November has flown by, with Parent-Teacher conferences, Dodgeball Intramurals, Volleyball practices and tournaments and a memorable Remembrance Day Ceremony conducted by a number of Grade 7 & 8 students under the direction of Ms. Brown-Hart. Sentiments of gratitude, peace and friendship were artistically depicted through dance, song and poetry giving us all pause to remember, reflect and be grateful for the sacrifices made so we could enjoy our freedoms here in Canada. The ceremony ended with “The Last Post” beautifully played by Scot in 8G.

The students at Queen Elizabeth have certainly demonstrated concern for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines earlier this month. Through bake sales, entry to the student-teacher dodgeball game and Toonie Thursday/Friday, QE students have raised over $975, which of course will be doubled by the Canadian Government!

The week of November 18-22 was Bully Awareness & Prevention Week throughout Ontario. All classes at QE have been working on presentations to share at grade level assemblies on Friday, Nov. 29. Students have become familiar with the Board’s new definition of Bullying, the difference between teasing and bullying and the 3 R’s to Stop Bullying: Recognize it, Refuse to be a bystander, and Report it!

As we look forward to our Winter Band and Strings Concerts this month, we hope all our families enjoy the upcoming two-week Winter Break (Dec. 20 – Jan. 5) and we look forward to seeing our students back on Monday, January 6th. Whichever holiday your family has recently celebrated, or will be celebrating in the upcoming weeks, on behalf of the Queen Elizabeth staff, I would like to extend our very warmest wishes to you all for a peaceful season and all the best for the New Year!

Anne Muller
Principal

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**78B TRIP to ‘KIDS SUPER GYM’**

Our Special Needs students in 7/8B had an incredible field trip this month to 'Kids Super Gym' in Mississauga. The programme’s focus is on developing coordination, strength, and cooperation through play. Students rotated through the stations using the balance beam, trampoline, foam pit, and climbing rope.

Happy Tumbling!

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**Girls Volleyball Tournament**

*By: Tamara 8B and Caprice 8F*

The girls’ volleyball tournament was a great success! We left Port Credit Secondary School with 1st place. The whole day was very fun for the team. The tournament started at around 10:00 am, and we won our very first game. There were three other teams; Green Glade, Queenston Drive and Riverside. All teams tried their very best and showed a great amount of effort. Green Glade and Queen Elizabeth made it to the finals and it was a very close game. In the second set Green Glade fought their hardest but in the end Queen Elizabeth won that match. The whole team played amazingly and we won every game we played. We are very proud.

Thank you to Mrs. Dasilva-Lee and Mr. Victorino for coaching the team. The whole team was very grateful to have you both and it was an amazing season.

Congratulations QE!
7G’s Fundraising Bake Sale

On Tuesday, November 19th, 7G held a bake sale to raise money to support the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Many families have been torn apart, and many homes have been destroyed. The world was devastated by this disaster. Brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, and many beloved pets were separated due to this horrific natural disaster. We were so concerned to hear about the news, so we conducted a bake sale to raise money to get fresh water, food, and shelter to them. Everything at the bake sale, including cupcakes, cake pops, brownies and cookies, was 50¢ each. It was a lot of fun for everyone, and it was a great success. The class raised $240.00, which will be matched by the Canadian Government, which makes a total of $480.00. We were extremely pleased with our community’s contribution to this cause.

~Holly and Rachel 7G~

Professional Activity Day on Dec. 20, 2013

As you know from our school year calendar, Dec. 20, 2013, is a Professional Activity Day. Students will not be at school on this day.

 Traditionally, school staff participate in professional learning activities on these days. However, the Ministry of Education has designated Dec. 20 as unpaid day for some staff and a professional development day for others.

 Based on new provincial legislation, permanent teachers, both elementary and secondary, will take Dec. 20 as an unpaid day and are not required to be at work on that day. In some cases, principals and vice-principals will choose to take this day as an unpaid day and will also not be present in their schools. In other cases, administrators will choose to take an unpaid day at another time and will be at school on Dec. 20.

 Dec. 20 is a regular, paid work day for all other Peel board staff members and many will participate in professional learning offered through the board on this day.
Register for French Immersion by Jan. 31, 2014

Are you thinking of registering your child for French Immersion (FI)? For the 2014-15 school year, parents must register children for entry into grade 1 FI by 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014. Registration for FI will be done through an online registration form that will be available on Nov. 22 at www.peelschools.org/parents/programs/French/registration.
The FI school for our area is Mineola Public School. The phone number is 905-278-3144.

Registration process
A grade 1 FI enrolment cap is in place. This means that a specific number of spots are available for students entering grade 1 FI. If the number of students registered by the deadline exceeds the number of spots in grade 1 FI, a random selection process system will be used to identify students gaining entrance into the grade 1 FI program.

All students who make the registration deadline will be placed in a random selection process and assigned a rank using a computerized random selection process. Spots are not assigned on a first come, first served basis. Once students have been assigned to all available spots, remaining students will be placed, again in rank order, on the school's waitlist.

Some students will be automatically placed in grade 1 FI. To find out if your child does not need to participate in the random selection process, and for more information about the random selection and waitlist processes, visit www.peelschools.org/parents/programs/French/registration.

How to get more information
Visit the Peel board website—www.peelschools.org/parents/programs/French/registration.
Call Mineola P.S. at 905-278-3144.
Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at www.cpfont.on.ca.

Register for Extended French by Jan. 31, 2014

Are you thinking of registering your child for Extended French (EF)? For the 2014-15 school year, parents must register children for entry into grade 7 Extended French by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014.
The registration date will help determine the number of grade 7 Extended French classes at each school for the following September. The board can then hire the appropriate number of qualified staff. As well, because the registration date happens earlier, the intention is that no new EF classes will be created at reorganization time in September, so the level of student disruption will be reduced.
The school for our area is Green Glade Sr. Public School. The phone number is 905-822-8386. Registration for EF will be done through an online registration form that will be available on Nov. 22 at www.peelschools.org/parents/programs/French/registration.

For a complete list and maps of Extended French schools, go to the Peel board’s website at www.peelschools.org/parents/programs/French. You can also visit the website of Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) at http://on.cpf.ca/.

How to get more information
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Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at http://on.cpf.ca/.
**It’s almost time to register for kindergarten**
*Join us for a Kindergarten Live! open house in December to learn more*

Do you have a young children that will start school in the next year or two? If so, join us for a **Kindergarten Live!** information session to learn more about the Peel board’s full-day kindergarten program and how to register your children for school.

Four elementary schools in Peel will host **Kindergarten Live!** information sessions in December where Explore Guides will takes families on a small group tour to see a kindergarten class in action, find out about play-based learning and have the opportunity to ask questions about special education.

**Kindergarten Live!** information sessions will take place at the following Peel elementary schools in December:

- Queen Street Public School in Brampton
- Caledon East Public School in Caledon
- Clarkson Public School in Mississauga
- Marvin Heights Public School in Mississauga

For more information or to register for an information session, visit [http://www.peelschools.org/parents/kindergarten](http://www.peelschools.org/parents/kindergarten).

If your child was born in 2010, he or she can start kindergarten in September 2014. All Peel elementary schools will be open for kindergarten registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 4, 5, 6 and 7 and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 6.

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**Traffic safety in our community**

Safety is a top priority at our school. Here is a list of traffic tips to keep students, staff and parents safe while commuting to and from school.

- Respect traffic signs and road markers around the school.
- Drive slowly and with caution on and near school property. Adhere to the posted speed limits on any surrounding streets used by students on their way to and from school.
- Always yield to pedestrian traffic. Wait for students, staff members and parents to cross before driving past them.
- When dropping your child off at the school, use the Kiss’n'Ride area. This is a supervised area that is designed to keep students safe.
- Do not double park or do anything else to block traffic or draw your child off the curb and into traffic. Do not take shortcuts over curbs.
- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb. Say goodbye to your child before you stop at the curb to let your child out of your car.
- During regular drop-off times, students are to remain in the car until it is safe for them to exit the car onto the curb.
- Follow the directions of staff on duty in the school parking lot and treat staff, students, passengers and other drivers with respect.
- Consider parking off site and walking a short distance to school. This will give you time to talk to your children about their day, review new vocabulary words, math concepts, etc.
- Remind your child to only cross the street at an intersection or crosswalk. They should never “jaywalk” by crossing in the middle of the street.
- Students who bike to school should always wear a helmet, and follow all traffic laws. They should only cross the street at a crosswalk or intersection—never in the middle of the road.
Closing schools because of bad weather

During the winter months, we may need to cancel buses or close schools because of bad weather.

The board decides by 6:30 a.m. whether to cancel buses or close schools. To find out if busing is cancelled or schools closed, visit www.peelschools.org or call 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146. You will receive one of the following messages:

**Peel District School Board buses are cancelled.** Schools remain open for students and staff, but buses are cancelled. Buses will remain cancelled all day. All activities that require busing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, daycare and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

**All Peel District School Board schools and board offices are closed.** Due to weather conditions, schools and board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including daycare, night school and permits.

**All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled.** Due to weather conditions, all activities in schools and board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.

You can also follow @Peelschools on Twitter or become a fan of the Peel board on Facebook, www.facebook.com/peelschools, for updates.

Help your family stay warm this winter

Canada Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying comfortable and preventing hypothermia when working or playing outdoors:

- **Wear a warm hat**—most body heat is lost through the head. Children should keep an extra hat at school.
- **Wear layered clothing.** Layers allow warm air to stay trapped around the body.
- **Protect your feet and hands.** Wear loose waterproof boots. If the boots have liners, carry an extra pair to replace damp ones or take an extra pair of socks. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Carry an extra pair of mittens to school, on outings, etc.
- **Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia.** Drink plenty of fluids and pace yourself when doing vigorous activities.
- **Stay fit by exercising and eating well**—people who are fit are less susceptible to hypothermia.
- **If you stay indoors, avoid moving from a hot environment to a cold one.** Excessive sweating caused from an extreme change in temperature increases the risk of developing hypothermia.
- **Eat high-energy food such as nuts and raisins.** If you are travelling (on the road or in the wilderness) carry emergency supplies.
School Council News for December Newsletter:

Fair December is just around the corner. This is our school’s sole fundraiser, so please mark your calendars for December 7th and 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fair December features local artisans who display their unique and beautiful treasures in several rooms throughout Q.E. While you shop, you can also enjoy some food from our cafeteria and the musical entertainment by some of our students who will be performing. If you have some time to spare, we could sure use a hand that weekend to stage this extravaganza! Contact us at qeschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you can help out for an hour or two. As well as raising money for educational resources, trips, grad and other items for Q.E., proceeds also go to support Princess Margaret Hospital. So bring your holiday gift lists and Happy Shopping!

Also in council news, we are delighted to tell you that Chris Vollum will be speaking to both students and parents in February about an issue that’s on every parent’s mind these days – how to keep your child safe while surfing the Internet. There’s more to come in the January newsletter about this talented and relevant speaker.

All parents are welcome to School Council meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room.

REMEMBERANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
November 11, 2013
Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, we are offering Scholastic’s book club for teens. In previous years you may have seen Arrow, Lucky or Elf flyers offered by Scholastic. The Teen Readers’ Club offers a range of books from grades seven and up. These books will reflect a variety of topics and reading abilities. Books included in these selection will also feature cutting-edge authors, exciting series, hot fiction, and gripping nonfiction that tackle the tough issues teens are interested in. Books that feature mature content will have a small yellow box that has a red H and S in it reflecting mature content and tough issues. Such books may have sexual situations, mature relationships, self-harm, inappropriate language etc.

Every Teen order earns us Bonus Coupons that we can redeem for books and learning materials for the QE library! We hope to replace our well-loved books and obtain new books.

Flyers are for December are available. Please see Ms. Concepcion or Mr. Gazdar. If you are interested in ordering please have your reader hand in the cutoff at the bottom of this as recognition as permission to order from this and upcoming flyers. This part must only be completed once.

Once you and your reader look at the flyer indicate their selections on the order form. Use the prices from the Ontario column. Then, make your cheque payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd. Return both the order form, cheque and tear-off to us by December 16, 2013.

Sincerely,

Ms. Concepcion and Mr. Gazdar

I give ____________________________ (student name and homeroom) permission to order from Scholastic knowing that some materials feature content for mature students.

Parent Signature ____________________________ Date ________________