



# Queen Street Public School

## January 2019 Newsletter

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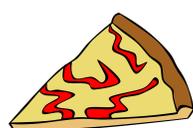


### Newsletter is now online

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and as a part of our ECO schools initiative, we will only be posting the newsletter online. Hard copies will be available in the office upon request. Please write a note in your child's agenda if you would like one sent home.

### Upcoming Dates

Jan. 9	Bus Safety Assemblies
Jan. 9	Grade One Trip
Jan. 15	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Jan. 17	Kindergarten Registration Evening 9-3; 5-8 p.m.
Jan. 21	PL Day - <b>no school for students</b>



### Pizza Days

Pizza Day has been a huge success at Queen Street. We will continue to offer Pizza Days every Friday. Pizza can be purchased through Schools CashOnline on for \$2.00 a slice can be ordered monthly.

### School doors remain locked during the school day

We wanted to share a reminder with our school community. The front doors of our school will be locked during the school day. This is part of the **Safe Welcome** program, originally announced by the Ontario Government in December 2012, for all elementary schools in Ontario. As part of this program, portable doors will also be locked during the school day.

A camera and buzzer unit is located by the front door and will be linked to a monitor in the main office of the school. Anyone who wishes access to the school once the school day has begun—parents, Peel board staff and visitors—will request entry by pressing the buzzer. Staff in the main office will be able to see and speak to the person, and release the door lock to provide access.

We have long had the practice for Peel schools that all outside doors, with the exception of the front door, would be locked during the school day. While we acknowledge that locking doors will not in itself prevent all risks to the safety of students and staff, it is an important step in providing an additional level of security.

Thank you for your continued support for the safety and well-being of all students and staff in our schools.



## Nutritious lunches help children learn

Use Canada's Food Guide to help your child get nutrients and energy needed to have a successful school day.

- Try to give your child some choice about what to take for lunch. If possible, get your child involved in preparing meals.
- Give your child a variety of healthy choices. Keeping your child interested in lunch is the first step to making sure it is eaten.
- Make the food easy to eat. If it will take your child a few minutes to unwrap a sandwich, it may be skipped.
- Resist the temptation to routinely send sweets, pop, chips and cookies in your child's lunch. Save treats for special occasions.
- Try to avoid fast food or pre-packaged, convenience lunches, which are often high in salt and fat.
- Do your best to role model healthy eating behaviours for your family.
- If your child's school is on the Nutrition Break schedule, divide your child's lunch into two separate segments (e.g. half a sandwich and half an apple x 2) to help your child save food for the second break as many children eat everything at first break.

To speak to a registered dietitian about healthy food choices, call EatRight Ontario at 1-877-510-5102.

For more information about the policy, visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools>. If you have questions about how we are implementing the School Food and Beverage Policy, please call the school.



## Time for school - A parent's guide to reporting school absences

All parents/guardians of elementary students need to report their children's absences or late arrivals from school via our automated *School Messenger SafeArrival* system.

Use one of the following methods to set-up your new SafeArrival account. **Please ensure the number and email address that you are using to report your child's absences are those that we have on file at the school.**

### SchoolMessenger app (free from Apple or Google Play)

1. Download the SchoolMessenger app
2. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account

### Web and Mobile Web: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

1. Go to the above website
2. Click **Sign Up** to create your account

### Interactive Toll-free Phone

1. Call the toll-free number:  
**1-855-209-6155**
2. Listen to and follow the instructions to report an absence

As always, please report your child's absences before the start of the school day. Late arrivals and/or early departures should be reported as soon as possible. If your child's absence is not reported in advance, the automated notification system will contact you and will provide an opportunity to verify the absence. By reporting your child absent in advance on the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or SchoolMessenger mobile app, you will not receive a call.

As always, if you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact the school.

## It's time to register children born in 2015 for kindergarten

We inspire success, confidence and hope in each student...and it all starts in kindergarten! If your child was born in 2015, he or she can start kindergarten in September 2019. You can register your child at any time during regular school hours—just visit the school he/she will be attending to register.

Peel board elementary schools will hold *Kindergarten Registration Week* from Jan. 14 to 18, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and in the evening on Jan. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to meet school staff, register their child and learn more about the *Start with a Smile* kindergarten program.

Peel board elementary schools will also hold a Kindergarten Registration Week with special registration activities during Jan. 14 to 18, 2019. Visit Queen Street Public School from

- Jan. 14 to 18 – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Jan. 17 – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 5 to 8 p.m.

The [kindergarten registration form](#) can be completed online before new families attend. The following documents must accompany the registration form:

### What you will need to bring to registration:

#### *Proof of child's age (one of the following)*

- Canadian birth certificate
- Canadian passport
- citizenship card/certificate
- Permanent Resident Card
- confirmation of permanent residence
- work permit
- refugee permit

#### *Proof of address (one of the following)*

- Ontario driver's license
- utility bill
- bank statement/client slip (directly from financial institution)
- credit card statement
- federal government forms (e.g. Social Insurance Number, Service Canada documents)
- purchase agreement

*Proof of custody* – children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement

*Proof of immunization* – proof that your child has been immunized/vaccinated

You can register your child for kindergarten at any time—complete the registration forms one at [www.peelschools.org/kindergarten](http://www.peelschools.org/kindergarten) and visit the school your child will be attending next school year during regular school hours to complete your registration.

**For more information, visit**

[www.peelschools.org/kindergarten](http://www.peelschools.org/kindergarten)