

January 2012 QUEEN MARY NEWS



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“Queen Mary P.S. our community that shares, achieves and inspires.”

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back after a wonderful break!

The time between our returning from Christmas to March Break is short and we have many activities planned for this time. Please remember to keep checking the Queen Mary website to be updated on your child's class activities, as well as the activities being carried out in the school.

Thank you to the Peterson's and Emery's for the rink on the playground. I know it is a difficult year for creating rinks but you have done an excellent job! Please enjoy the community rink after school hours and if you see the Emery or Peterson families – thank them.

Many thanks to all the families that participated in the bottle drive. We were able to raise about \$750 towards sending some of our students to the leadership conference for *Me to We* in Montreal. We were also able to raise about \$200 in our sales of the Queen Mary scarves. It is great to see all those scarves and the school spirit out there on the yard.

Please note that our next School Council meeting is this coming Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Please bundle up on the cold days to come!!!

Mrs. Matthews

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The excitement and enthusiasm for the Winter Break has carried over into the first week back at school! The classes are buzzing with fun stories of winter break adventures; be it family travels or further time to explore personal games or a good book.

Travelling amongst the classes, it is wonderful to see the student's anticipation for what the New Year will bring and the energy they have to get back into the swing of learning and the routines of school.

A reading bookmark is included in this month's newsletter, along with some other readily available at-home ideas to help you further support your child's learning. Let's harness this enthusiasm for being back at school and work together to help ensure the best for Queen Mary students in 2012.

Mrs. Padgett-Goddard

LIFE IN THE LIBRARY

The Forest of Reading Club will begin meeting soon to read and discuss books nominated this year. We will also vote for our favourites. More information is available on Mrs. Barrie's website. Thank you to School Council for sponsoring this wonderful reading opportunity!

TURKEY DINNER

Queen Mary enjoyed another delicious turkey lunch prepared and served by the students in Mr. Poley's class at Kenner Collegiate. The gym looked amazing with student art decorating the walls and the tables were adorned with centerpieces made by Ms. Peers' class. A BIG thank you goes to Dieter & Darci's No Frills for their generous help with the food order. Keep them in mind when you shop!

QUEEN MARY NIGHT WITH THE PETERBOROUGH PETES

Please join us on Thursday, February 9th to have fun and enjoy a hockey game while showing our support and pride for Queen Mary Public School. Tickets are \$16.



MATH ON THE ROAD




Looking to explore math with your child? Consider this fun idea!

- Ask your children to name the largest single-digit number and the smallest single-digit number on a license plate and to call out the numbers in order from smallest to largest. Some children may just name each number.

OPEN THE DOOR TO LITERACY WITH A READING BOOKMARK!

Cut out the bookmark below and start reading! Regardless of the age of your student, all children enjoy sharing a good story! Consider asking your child these questions after sharing a book with them. Keep an eye out for future reading bookmarks in upcoming school newsletters. Happy Reading!

Reader's Response Bookmark	
	What I read makes me think about . . .
	I was surprised that . . .
	I wonder why the author . . .
	I really want to know . . .
	The part I like best is _____ because . . .
	This selection makes me feel . . .
	I wish the author had . . .
	I predict that . . .
	The setting reminds me of . . .
	The problem in this story is . . .
	____ (character) reminds me of _____ because . . .
	I think the main character feels _____ because . . .

HOMEWORK HELP

Parents: could your children or teens use some extra help with their math homework? Grades 7-10 students in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board now have access to free on-line math tutoring through Homework Help. Every Sunday to Thursday, from 5:30-9:30pm, students can enter a live chat room, choose a math tutor, and have their mathematical questions answered instantly.

This free, real-time, one-on-one math tutoring is offered by certified Ontario math teachers. In addition, resources and useful math hints are available to the students to access at any time. They can look up helpful tips for frequently asked questions. For more information about the Ministry of Education's Homework Help on-line tutoring

program, please visit our homepage at www.kprschools.ca. Happy learning!

AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Break Dancing sessions will be conducted for all classes throughout the month of January, lead by Jimmy Chapman
- Music Champions will be visiting Mrs. Mather's class, and various other classes, once a week for 4 weeks
- Reelkids Film Festival at Showplace on Monday, January 16 in the morning for Grades 2-3, and in the afternoon for the junior division.
- Monday, January 23 is the first day of the Chinese New Year, introducing the Year of the Dragon
- Scientists in the School workshop will be taking place in Mrs. Mather's class on Friday, January 27. The students will learn about States of Matter: Looking at Liquids.
- There will be a Math Jam Concert in the Queen Mary auditorium on Tuesday, January 31 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3.

CAR-FREE SCHOOL DAYS

The icy weather may have set in, but we're still going car-free here at Queen Mary P.S. Why? Because we like our winters the way they are here in Canada – sparkling snowflakes, icy ponds, skiing and tobogganing. Climate change can bring about radical shifts in weather – warmer winters, drier summers, and more destructive storms – and these shifts in weather can have detrimental impacts on entire ecosystems. We know that, in order to help keep climate change in check, we have to do our part as a school. That's one reason why we're participating in the Car-Free School Days program.

When we choose to walk, bike, or take the school bus to school, we reduce harmful vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change. As well, school zones often have poor air quality, due to congestion of cars and engines left idling. Let's try to reduce the number of cars around our school zone – especially on the first Wednesday of each month! By making that small commitment, we are taking baby steps toward creating a cleaner and more sustainable world for all of us to share.

Remember – the first Wednesday of each month is a Car-Free School Day! **For more information, visit www.peterboroughmoves.com/car-free-school-days**

VACCINATIONS

A reminder to parents and intermediate students that the second HPV vaccination will be on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Celebrating Peterborough Family Literacy Day 2012

Saturday - January 21, 2012
9:00 am—12:00 noon
Peterborough Square



A FREE Community Event

Family Fun and Entertainment
Learn and Have Fun

FREE Activities, Books, Refreshments and Raffle Prizes



Glenn Caradus "Many Cultures Many Critters" puppet show
Readers' Theatre with the Mayor and other dignitaries
Celebrity read-aloud

Learn about reptiles with the Indian River Reptile Zoo



Take the stage with Reading Voices

Take home a FREE book to enjoy

Check out the many literacy displays

Meet your favourite book characters

Sing along with Music for Moppets

FREE raffle draws



Thanks to our community partners:

Honorary Chair—Paul Rellinger, Peterborough This Week

Trent Valley Literacy, Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough, Frontier College at Trent University, Peterborough Public Library, KPR District School Board, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board, Peterborough Family Resource Centre, Peterborough Native Learning Centre, New Canadian Centre Peterborough, Peterborough Lakefield Community Police, Community member- Evan Bates.



More information at: The Peterborough Family Resource Centre at (705) 748-9144
Or visit www.pfrc.ca

Please Note: Local media has been invited to this event, activities, books and refreshments are available while supplies last; raffle winners must be present to claim prizes.

KPR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

Grade 8 information nights are continuing at Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board high schools. The information nights will give current Grade 8s, their parents and guardians a look at each high school's facilities, programs and activities. Peterborough City & County's high school information nights are as follows:

- *Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute* –
Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm
- *Crestwood Secondary School* –
Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00pm
- *Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute* –
Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm
- *Kenner C.V.I. International Baccalaureate Option Sheet Registration* –
Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30pm
- *Lakefield District Secondary School* –
Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30pm
- *Norwood District High School* –
Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm
- *Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School* –
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30pm

Be sure to PRINT your name neatly below & submit your Passport BEFORE 11:00 AM at the Family Literacy Day Event on January 21st 2012 at the Peterborough Square.

FREE PRIZE DRAW

Your Name is:

The Passport FREE PRIZE DRAW will be held at 11:00 am at the Reader's Theatre Stage at the bottom of the escalators. Winners names will be announced - WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM PRIZE.

Footprints to Literacy Passport

READ. LEARN. PLAY.



FAMILY LITERACY DAY
January 21st 2012
Peterborough Square
9:00 am - noon

Choose 4 fun literacy activities below to participate in as a family.








- make a shopping or "to do" list
- tell or make up stories
- choose books at the library
- play a word or guessing game like "I Spy"
- make a craft
- listen or sing a favourite song together
- look at family photos
- follow a recipe

When you play together as a family – you always Win!

Choose 4 of these fun activities below to participate in at Family Literacy Day.

- drop by one of the event booths
- get a free book
- see a show on the main stage
- make a button
- meet one of the mascots
- enjoy a healthy snack and read the ingredients

JANUARY 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
WINTER HOLIDAYS				
9	10	11	12	13
		Car-Free School Day 	HPV Vaccination #2 Pizza Day 	
16	17	18	19	20
ReelKids Film Festival for Grades 2-3 in AM and Junior Division in PM 				Grade 7/8 Dance in the afternoon
23	24	25	26	27
	Health Unit Dental Screenings for JK, SK, Gr. 2, Gr. 4, Gr. 6, Gr.8 	Health Unit Dental Screenings for JK, SK, Gr. 2, Gr. 4, Gr. 6, Gr.8   Music Champions Concert	Health Unit Dental Screenings for JK, SK, Gr. 2, Gr. 4, Gr. 6, Gr.8 Pizza Day  	Pajama Day 
30	31	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 3
	Math Jam for Kindergarten – Grade 3			PA DAY

