



Queen Elizabeth II Public School

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<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabethc/>

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Welcome Back Knights!

The staff at Queen Elizabeth II Public School would like to welcome everyone to another exciting and educational year of 2019-2020. After a relaxing and enjoyable summer, our staff are looking forward to working with you and your child(ren), as we work together to make our school a safe and inspirational place to learn. With that said, we know the extraordinary level of community support that happens at Queen Elizabeth II; an involvement that makes our school a very special one. We are thrilled to embark on the journey that is this school year together!

Receiving School Newsletters

In the interest of continuing with our effort to reduce the amount of paper used and in keeping with our School and Board wide movement towards increased use of technology to engage and connect, Queen Elizabeth will continue to offer three methods of accessing our newsletter.

The first is by accessing them through a monthly email. Should you wish to receive an electronic copy and monthly email reminder *kindly sign up below and return the form to the school.*

Second, you may access the newsletter posted on our website each month. If you wish to receive the newsletter this way there is no action required on your part. You may continue to access the newsletter on our website:

<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabethc/>

Last, should you wish to continue to receive paper copies *please fill in the form below and return.*

My child's(ren's) name (s): _____

I _____ wish to receive the newsletter by way of:

- Paper copy to be sent home with my youngest child's teacher, _____ OR
(Child's teacher)
- Email sent to _____ (Email address)

Staffing Changes

We would like to welcome new staff to our QE team:

Miss B. McPhail	Grade 5/ Prep
Ms. Kristin Heaton	LTO Prep/Primary Resource
Mrs. R. Pickering	Vice-Principal
Mrs. T. Gillanders	ECE
Mrs. T. McEachren	EA
Ms. L. Deighton	EA

In addition to all of our new staff, we would like to welcome all new students to the Queen Elizabeth Family!

Arrival and Dismissal Safety

In the interest of student safety, we kindly ask:

- That all visitors to QE II are parked in a marked space, and that fire routes, grass boulevards, and no parking zones are not used.
- That all students use the sidewalks by the fences on the outside of the driveways. This prevents students from having to walk through or cross our parking lot at the busiest times of day.
- If you are picking up your child early, when possible, please provide advance notice by sending a note with your child or by contacting the office. By doing so, we will be able to help you by having him/her ready for pick up at the office.
- The end of the day is extremely busy inside schools. If you are picking up your child at dismissal you are asked to meet him/her outside his/her dismissal door, **not at their classroom**. FDK dismissal doors are located at the front of the school. All other dismissal doors open to our playground area at the back of the school. **Visitors to QE II** are also reminded that they **must report to the office** and are not permitted to go directly to classrooms. We are happy to assist you at the office, and in order to ensure the safety of our building, we must be aware of all visitors.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and cooperation in making QE II a safe learning environment for all students!

Allergy/Asthma/Medical Condition Alert

If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition, please make sure that the office is aware of this. Parents are asked to check the expiry dates on all Epi-pens and Asthma inhalers before dropping them off at the office. If your child needs to have medication administered at school, please see the office to verify that we have the proper consent forms on file. We have some students and staff with severe allergies and ask that you make sure you follow the food restrictions that may exist at QE II.

We thank you in advance for your support by not sending nut/shrimp/strawberry products to the school.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday, September 11th we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher night between 5:00-7:00pm. You are most welcome to join us and say hello to your child(ren)'s teacher! An event for the whole family.

Our School:

A very big thank you to Mrs. Browning, Mr. Cameron Seed, Mr. Taleski and Mr. Christopher Seed for their tremendous efforts over the course of the summer. The school looks wonderful for our first day back. Our floors are shining, desks

are clean and the school is so very tidy! Thanks to their work, the learning experience at Queen Elizabeth has been made that much brighter. Thanks Team!

Character Education/Student Wellness: GO KNIGHTS!

Our GO KNIGHTS program will continue this year with a focus on character development. A special thanks to Mrs. Coatsworth as she leads this amazing group of students.

Absences:

During the course of the year, should your child be ill, have an appointment or for other reasons not be attending school, we kindly ask that you **notify the school by calling 519.354.2560** Please feel free to speak directly to the office staff or leave a message on the absence reporting line after regular school hours.

Should your son/daughter show up late for school we ask that they please report to the office first, so they may be admitted by Mrs. Smith. By taking the time to do this you help support the safe arrival program at the school. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in this area. Also, by making every effort to have your child here on time we can ensure blocks of instructional time are disrupted as little as possible.

Inclement Weather:

In the instance of inclement weather (fog at this stage of the year), buses may be cancelled for safety reasons. We kindly ask that on mornings where you may be uncertain to listen to local radio or check www.schoolbusinfo.com for inclement weather. Queen Elizabeth II is located in Bus Zone 8.

Should there be a cancellation due to fog, buses will return students home in the afternoon, unlike bus cancellation due to snow where the buses will not run all day.

On these days, schools will remain open. The following are local radio stations that will share bus cancellations and potential school closures:

[CBC Chatham \[88.1 FM\]](#)

[CFCO \[630 AM and 92.9 FM\]](#)

[The Rock \[95.1 FM\]](#)

[CKSY \[94.3 FM\]](#)

School Bell Times

8:15-8:50 Breakfast Club

8:40-8:55 Yard Supervision Begins

8:55 Classes Begin – Block #1

10:55 Nutrition Break FDK/Junior/Intermediate & Primary outside

11:15 Nutrition Break Primary & Junior/Intermediate/FDK outside Portion of Nutrition Break

11:35 Classes Continue – Block #2

1:15 Nutrition Break FDK/Primary & Junior/Intermediate outside Portion of Nutrition Break

1:35 Nutrition Break Junior/Intermediate & FDK/Primary outside

1:55 Classes Continue – Block #3

3:15 End of School Day

In the interest of student safety we greatly appreciate your help by dropping off and picking your child up outside of the school each day. This helps to keep our school a safer place for all students. Thank you for your contribution to making this happen.

Breakfast Program:

We will once again be running a breakfast program at the school between 8:25-8:55 am. If you are interested in your son and/or daughter participating please watch for permission forms coming home.

Important Dates 2019-2020

September 3, 2019.....School Year Begins
September 27, 2019..... Professional Activity Day
October 14, 2019.....Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 25, 2019.....Professional Activity Day
November 22, 2019..... Professional Activity Day
Dec 23, 2018– Jan 3, 2020.....Christmas Holidays
January 31, 2020.....Professional Activity Day
February 17, 2020.Family Day
March 16-20, 2020..... Winter Break
April 10, 2020..... Good Friday
April 13, 2020.....Easter Monday
April 24, 2020.....Professional Activity Day
May 18, 2020.....Victoria Day
June 5, 2020.....Professional Activity Day
June 25, 2020.....Last Day of School
June 26, 2020.....Professional Activity Day

September Dates

September 3	First day of the 2019-2020 school year
September 9	Breakfast Program Begins
September 11	Meet the Teacher 5-7pm
September 26	Terry Fox Run
September 27	PA Day
September 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 4	Positivity Day
October 7	Grade 7 HPV Immunizations
October 14	Thanksgiving Day
October 17	Fall Picture Day
October 25	PA Day