



Welcome to 2024, and welcome back to school! We hope you all had an amazing holiday with your family and friends, and that you're feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the year ahead. We're excited for all the amazing opportunities and experiences that this year has in store.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome back to Mrs. Vandervaat, who's returning from her maternity leave. It's great to have her back with us!

KINDER START

Registering for kindergarten is as easy as 1-2-3!
We are looking to register students who are turning 4 or 5 in 2024. Parents can register via www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten. Queen Elizabeth offers both French and Ojibwe as a second language. We know that when young students have the opportunity to visit the school, the smoother the transition is in September. Our new to FDK families are invited to come to the school on Thursday, February 1 or Friday, February 2. This will be a chance to finish the registration process and to visit the classroom. Stay tuned for more information.

#UKNIGHTED

COLOUR HOUSE: Our school's colour house groups got together in December to make decorations for our Holiday Concert. Our Colour House initiative aims to build relationships, connections, and community among staff and students. To show school spirit, students are encouraged to wear their colour house t-shirt or any Queen Elizabeth clothing on our event days and every Friday. We are #UKNIGHTED!

HOLIDAY MEAL: Our school was fortunate to have Marcin Bowl generously prepare, serve, and donate a holiday meal for the entire school. It was a heartwarming gesture that truly exemplifies the spirit of giving.

We are grateful for their ongoing support and generosity towards our school. Their contribution has made a positive impact on our community.
HOLIDAY CONCERT: Our staff and students worked collaboratively to create a performance that exceeded expectations. We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication. We also want to thank our parents for their support and attendance. Your contribution made this performance a huge success.



MAKING TIME FOR MATH

Look for opportunities to count, add, subtract, multiply or divide:

Count the number of coloured tiles on the floor of the grocery store or the number of cracks you walk over on the sidewalk. Once children are able to count, look for opportunities to allow them to extend that knowledge. On a drive or a walk you might say, "I see two geese on this side of the lake and three geese on the other side. How many geese does that make?" With older children, provide more challenging opportunities; "These boots are 10% off at Walmart but \$10 off at Sport Chek. Which ones will make a better deal?"

Have some FUN!



WINTER WEATHER

School bus delays/cancellations are posted on the board website. You can find them at: <https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/>
Winter is here. We go outside when it is cold and snowing. Students are encouraged to dress for the weather. Please label outdoor clothing items.



LOOKING AHEAD

Many exciting events and opportunities:

- Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls Basketball
- Science Workshops: River Rap, Aquatic Species at Risk, Phosphorus 101
- Bell Let's Talk Wellness Event
- Kinderstart
- Colour House STEM challenge
- GLSS Grade 7 & 8 Information Night - January 18 @ 6:00 pm
- Dental Screening



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30 at 5:15. Contact the school if you require child care to attend. Thanks to everyone for supporting Queen Elizabeth School. All are welcome.

DONATIONS

We are in need of mitts/gloves of all sizes and new and gently used boys' winter coats. If you are able to, please consider donating. Drop off at the school.

Thank you to everyone for donating towards our snack program. We continue to provide lunches and snacks to many students daily and appreciate your support in helping us supplement our nutrition program.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

- Friday, January 12 - Jersey Day
- February: 14 - Formal Day or Red/White/Pink Day
- Friday, March 8 - Anything But a Backpack Day (e.g. Brief case, suitcase)
- Friday, April 12 - Character Day
- Friday, May 10 - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, June 14 - Tourist Day

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TERRIFIC KIDS ASSEMBLY

Terrific stands for: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. The recipients of our November Enthusiasm Awards were Polina, Jeffery, Morgan, and Maya. Way to go!

Students have been learning about Respect. Our RESPECT recognition assembly will be on Thursday, January 18th at 12:20 pm in the gym.

Throughout the month of January, we will discuss and learn about **RESPONSIBILITY**. RESPONSIBILITY means being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions. A responsible citizen looks out for the well being of others and understands we all have a part to play in making the world a better place.

