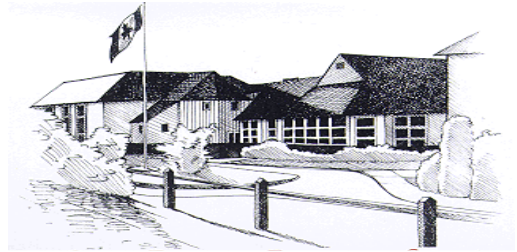


# Queen Elizabeth Elementary



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## NEWSLETTER #7 – February 23, 2017

### "Are You Returning" Forms

A purple form titled "Are You Returning" was sent home last week. This information is crucial to us for planning for next school year. It helps us to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing and it has an impact on new registrations and cross-boundary registrations. We ask all families to fill out the form and return it by Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping us with this!



### Thank You PAC

Thank you to the PAC for funding the Green Thumb Performance "Celeste" for students on February 1<sup>st</sup>. "The performance explores the world of a young girl, Celeste, with a big imagination and her struggle making social connections."



### Basketball Season

QE has now finished another successful basketball season! All players showed tremendous growth in skill level and displayed good sportsmanship and teamwork. None of this could have been accomplished without the dedicated coaches, sponsors and student timekeepers that helped make the season what it was. A big thank you to our junior boys coaches, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Langley, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Macdougall, our junior girls coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Venter, Mr. Nouri, Mr. Rusnak, and for his help with the senior girls and as an emergency referee, Mr. Palitti. We would also like to thank the following teacher sponsors, without their support the games would not be possible; Mr. van Vliet, Mrs. Nothstein, Ms. Enojo, Ms. Appleton, Ms. Block and Mr. Marchioro. Thank you to Mr. van Vliet for organizing and training our student scorekeepers. A huge thank you to Mr. Demenuk who organized and coordinated all the basketball teams and games. Without his hard work and dedication the basketball season would not have been the success it was this year!



### Spelling Bee

The students of Queen Elizabeth come to school with a huge variety of skills and talents. Over the next two weeks, Grades 4 to 7 students will be celebrating the act of spelling as a sport! Last week intermediate students took in-class spelling qualifier tests. On February 21<sup>st</sup> we had a very entertaining Teacher Spelling Bee, and also announced our student spellers who qualified for the Bee. We invite you to watch our School Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:15 am in the Auditorium to cheer on our highly talented student spellers. We'll see you t-h-e-r-e!



### Choral Festival

The Queen Elizabeth School Choir will be performing again this year at the District Choral Festival on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at John Oliver Secondary at 7:00 pm. They have been rehearsing this term at lunchtime with Mrs. Na – our parent choir director for this event. We wish them well with their performance! Thank you to Mrs. Na, Mr. Na and Ms. Rattanaraj for their support of this popular program.



### Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found when you are in the school. The lost items are located in the west entrance hallway on the hanging racks. Items that are identified with a child's name, division or telephone number will be returned. All unclaimed items will be donated after Spring Break. Thank you.





# Safer Schools Together

Ensuring a safe caring school climate and culture.

The PAC have booked *Safer Schools Together* to provide presentations for Grades 1 – 4 and Grades 5 – 7 on April 20<sup>th</sup>. A parent evening is also being organized. Stay tuned.



## Happy Spring Break

On behalf of all the staff at Queen Elizabeth, we wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe Spring Break. We look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## PAC NEWS



### Annual Plant Sale

Back by popular demand QE PAC will be holding the annual hanging basket and plant sale. Order forms will go home in mid-April with delivery on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. New this year, herb and tomato flats will also be available. Big thanks to Sandra Yen and Rosemary Delli Pizzi for coordinating this year.

### Family Games Night



Block your calendars for the evening of Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Games Night! Following a similar format to last year but with many new games and more food options. We hope to see you there! Many thanks to Carmen Cho for coordinating again this year.

### QE PAC Book Drive

The QE PAC Book Drive will take place from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Our library and classrooms are in need of some new resources, and there is an excellent chance our QE families have these desired items sitting at home, ready to be enjoyed by others! Next week from Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be collecting donations of gently used children's books. Bins will be left outside the school office. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ADULT BOOKS!

For Primary learners these are some of the types of books that are always needed: early readers, leveled books, chapter books (both single and series), picture books and non-fiction high interest books.

And for Intermediate learners: higher level fiction books, chapter books (both single and series), graphic novels, non-fiction high interest books (low vocabulary for ELL learners) and special interest books (such as books about sports).

### Rainy Day Games as well.....



While you are cleaning out your bookshelves we are also in need of Rainy Day games. If you have any of the following (or similar) that you are ready to share with others (and that are in good condition, with all of the parts/ pieces).

Popular Games include: Playing cards, Connect 4, Trouble, Spot it! Slamwich, Sorry, Blokus, Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Jenga, Mega Blocks and Simple memory games like Pengaloo.



### Volunteers needed!

We are also in need of 4-6 volunteers for a couple of hours from 9:15 - 11:30 am on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to help sort the books so they can be distributed to classrooms. **Can you help?** Please contact Carmen Cho, Volunteer Coordinator at [cjcho@sympatico.ca](mailto:cjcho@sympatico.ca)

Thanks for your support!