



North Queens Community School



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Administration Message

Spring is almost here!

Many of you have now experienced attendance calls from our new Alert Solutions system. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at the school.

All second term report cards will be sent home

with students on April 7 and Parent/Teacher Interviews will be happening during the afternoon and evening of April 14. Therefore, on April 14 all students will be dismissed at 11:45 am.

March Break is March 14 to 18. I hope everyone

has a safe and happy March Break.

Enjoy the remainder of winter as we await the arrival of spring!

Yours in education,
Jennifer Weare
Principal

Important Dates:

March 1—Primary Screening

March 9—CLT Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

March 14—18 March Break

March 25—Good Friday—No School for Students

March 28—Easter Monday—No School for Students

March 30—CLT Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

April 7—Grade Primary—12 Report Cards go home

April 13—CLT Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

April 14—Early Dismissal at 11:45 pm

April 14—Parent Teacher, 1—3 pm and 6—8 pm

April 29—Professional Development Day—No School for Students

Coaches Corner

We would like to extend a BIG North Queens Thank You to our volunteer basketball coaches and congratulate them all on wonderful seasons.

Boys Elementary Basketball—Jennifer Fancy and Jan Waterman

Jr. Girls Basketball—Bonnie DeLong and Renee Sutherland

Jr. Boys Basketball—Andrew Johnson and Michelle Shupe

Sr. Girls Basketball—Brett and Evan Uhlman

Sr. Boys Basketball—Ainsley Atkins and Tiffany Robar.

Stay tuned for information regarding the start of the Softball and Track & Field seasons!

Home and School Association

The Home and School Association is in full swing, planning the Spring Fling for this year. It is scheduled to be held the first weekend in June. More details will

be coming home when things become finalized. We are also purchasing two new tables for the cafeteria. Thank you for all your support; without you we would not be as

successful as we are.

NQCS Home and School Association.



*"If the only tool
you have is a
hammer, you tend
to see every
problem as a
nail."*

*~Abraham
Maslow*

Attendance Phone Calls

Regular attendance at school impacts student potential and their ability to meet the expected outcomes for their courses. Accurate student attendance is also important from a safety perspective.

We are using the ALERT system to contact parents regarding attendance. This program makes automated calls to the home num-

ber we have listed within the attendance system.

Calls will go out each evening stating whether your child has missed one or more classes. Calls will only go home for UNEXCUSED absences. If students are excused from classes by parent/guardians in advance or are attending a school-based activity then a call will not

go home.

The responsibility of improving student attendance is that of the school administration, teachers, students and parents. Having said this, there will be issues as we attempt to implement this system. We appreciate your patience with this as we all work towards improving attendance at NQCS.

Gordon Earle Visits NQCS

Gordon Earle joined us at NQCS on Friday as part of African Heritage month. He spoke to all grade levels about his experiences as an African Nova Scotian. Here are some of the details of his life he shared with students:

He spoke about a series of events in his life, and that of his father, which highlighted aspects of racism. When he was in Grade 9 he had top marks at the end of the school year, but a white girl got the prize rather than he.

He and his brother were stopped by floor walkers in a store in Halifax while looking for a Christmas present for their younger brother. They had to empty their bags to prove they had paid for their items. He and his wife, who is white, were buying a house and one that they looked at became unavailable while they were sitting in the driveway. The realtor had gone into the house, spoken to the owner and suddenly it was off the market, but it remained listed. His wife

had taken a job as a floor-walker in a store in Halifax and she was told to watch out for Blacks and Indians, inferring as they were the ones who stole things. Mr. Earle's comments as documented by Mr. Bruhm.

Gordan Earle was the first black Member of Parliament elected from Nova Scotia. Some of our younger students picked his photo out from the poster we have on display in the lobby. I'd say he had an impact!

