

The Small School with a Big Heart

QUEENSTON SCHOOL

June 29–30, 2026

Last Weekly Reminder of the School Year!



Important Links

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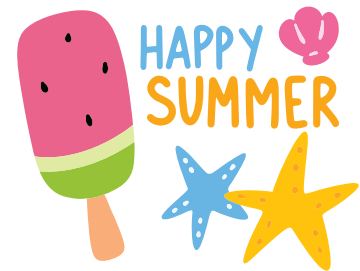
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Week at a Glance

- **June 29 – Bump Up Day (AM)**
- **June 30 – Last day of school – student dismissal at 11:30 am**



Important Information

- Class assignment/school supply letters **went home today** in your child's backpack. Please check for them! If your child was away today, we will email the letters out to you. Please let us know if you didn't receive one.
- Please be sure to check the lost and found before the last day of school. There are many items in there that will be donated if they are not claimed by June 30th at lunch time.
- We had a wonderful Grade 6 Farewell yesterday. Thank you to the entire community for pulling together and providing a wonderful send off for these amazing students. Special thanks to Janice, Robyn, Janelle, Marissa, Karen, Lara, and Jasmina for organizing the food. I hope we haven't missed anyone! Many people helped out and it was hard to keep track!
- Please view our school **Report to the Community**, which can be found on the school website. Follow this link: [Community Report 2025–2026](#)
- Please see the attached letter from QSAC.

- Thank you to Ms. Riel and Ms. Johnson for planning the June 22 outdoor activity day! A lot of work goes into planning whole school events like these and we appreciate your hardwork! Thanks to the Grade 5/6 students who provided leadership to the rest of the school that day as well.
- Please keep reading this summer! Staff and students will have access to SORA throughout the summer. Please see the attached information for how to access. SORA's Sweet Reads summer reading challenge is still on, which means there are a ton of books available for simultaneous downloads! Click here to read more about the SORA Sweet Reads program:
<https://resources.overdrive.com/global/sora-sweet-reads/>
- Winnipeg Public Library also has a bunch of fun summer programming, including the TD Summer Reading Club: <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/tdsummerreadingclub>

Staffing Update

- Mr. Kirkup will be moving to Phys Ed for the 2026-2027 school year. We are very excited for him to take on this new role for the next school year.
- We welcome Ms. Abraham to our Grade 5/6 teaching team. She will teach in Rm 13 for the 2026-2027 school year for a one year term. Ms. Abraham comes to us from Mulvey School where she taught a multi-age class room. She received her BA, B Ed and a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Inclusive Education from the University of Winnipeg.
- Welcome to Maija Remple, our new Head Secretary.
- We also welcome some new EA's for next year: Tanna Motuz, Carolina Soubhia da Costa and Lilia Rojas.
- A current listing of staff members is below for your reference. Our staffing levels are similar to last year, but we did receive an increase in Educational Assistant positions.

NK (am & pm) – Ms. Dumond,

Grade 1 /2 – Ms. Banks; Ms. VanWynsberghe,

Grade 3 /4 – Ms. DeRose; Ms. Dolloff

Grade 5 /6 – Ms. Dubois; Ms. Abraham

LST – Ms. Sweatman; Mr. Kumka (50%),

Phys. Ed. – Mr. Kirkup

Music – Ms. Riel. (50%),

Reading – Recovery Ms. Hildebrand

Maija Remple, Head Secretary

Romel Belen, Custodian

Educational Assistants – Deena Erstelle, Shannon Capri, Stephanie Walker, Tanna Motuz, Carolina Soubhia da Costa and Lilia Rojas.



Patrol Schedule

June 29 & 30		To Be Determined	To Be Determined		
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Have a great summer!

Looking Ahead 2026-2027

Sept 7, 2026 - Labour Day- no school

Sept 8, 2026 - School opens for staff (no classes for students) Open House / Meet the Teacher - 2:30-5:00

Sept 9 - **First Day of Classes for students in Grades 1-6;** Nursery/Kindergarten individual appointments

Sept 10 - Nursery/Kindergarten individual appointments

Sept 11 - Nursery and Kindergarten regular classes

Sept 30 - 'Truth and Reconciliation Day' - no school

Oct 6 - Divisional Inservice (no classes for students)

Oct 12 - Thanksgiving no school

Oct 23 - Non-Instructional Day No classes for students

Oct 27- Picture Day

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – No school
Nov 19 – Evening PT Conferences
Nov 20 – Non-Instructional – PT Conferences
Dec 18 – Last Day of Classes Winter Break
Jan 4 – Classes Resume
Jan 21 – Winter Concert
Jan 22 – Non-Instructional Day (no classes for students)
Feb 5– Non-Instructional Day (no classes for students)
Feb 15 – Louis Riel Day – No school
March 19 – Non-Instructional Day (Student-Lead Conferences)
March 26 – Good Friday No Classes
March 29 – Spring Break Begins
April 5 – School reopens
April 16 – Non-Instructional Day (no classes for students)
May 7 – Non-Instructional Day (no classes for students)
May 24 – Victoria Day – No school
June 4 – Non-instructional Day (no classes for students)
June 30 – Last Day of School dismissal at 11:30 am

Official Divisional 2026–2027 School Calendar is here: [**Follow this link.**](#)



June 2026

Dear Queenston Families,

As another school year comes to a close, QSAC would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our families and staff who helped make this year such a success.

Throughout the year, QSAC worked to build community and support initiatives that benefit all Queenston students. We kicked off the school year with our September Back-to-School Community Event, bringing families together to celebrate the start of a new school year. We also hosted two Coffee Mornings, providing opportunities for parents and caregivers to connect and learn more about our school community.

Our Fun Lunch program continued to be a great success, offering students special lunch opportunities throughout the year while raising funds that support school initiatives. We were also pleased to once again host the Glenlea Plant Fundraiser, which received wonderful support from our families and community.

Other highlights included Family Bingo Night, the launch of our new school apparel, and our annual Queenston Carnival. These events not only raised funds but also created opportunities for students, families, and staff to come together and strengthen our school community.

Thanks to the incredible support of our Queenston families, QSAC raised over **\$15,000** this year. These funds helped support the amazing initiatives and opportunities listed above, including MTYP, Rocks and Rings, the Grade 6 Babysitting Course, the Grade 6 Farewell, and Teacher and Staff Appreciation, with just over **\$3,000 remaining** to put toward our ongoing efforts to develop and build an **Outdoor Learning Space** for the school and community.

None of these events would have been possible without our incredible volunteers. Whether you donated your time at one of our many events, helped organize activities behind the scenes, or supported our fundraising efforts, your contributions made a meaningful impact. The success of QSAC is a direct reflection of the generosity and dedication of our Queenston families.

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our administration, teachers, and staff for their continued support, partnership, and dedication throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do to make Queenston such a caring and vibrant place. To those who are leaving us or embarking on new opportunities, thank you for the difference you have made in the lives of our students and families. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you every success in your next chapter.

As we look ahead to next year, we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider getting involved with QSAC. Whether you attend meetings, volunteer at an event, or simply share your ideas, your input is valuable. Parent voices are instrumental in shaping the Queenston experience for our children, and we

welcome new perspectives and participation. Together, we can continue to build a strong school community and create meaningful opportunities for all Queenston students.

And before we sign off for the summer, we are excited to share that we already have a **Family Movie Night** planned for early September! Keep an eye out for more details in the fall and get ready to kick off another great school year with some family fun.

We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

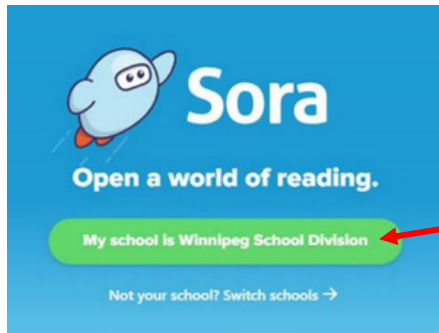
Queenston School Advisory Council (QSAC)

SORA

Read or listen to a book online!

The new version of the **WSD Digital Library** is called **Sora**. Here's how to sign in!

Go to <https://soraapp.com/welcome>. This will take you to **Sora**.



This is the screen you will see: you can click on the green **My school is Winnipeg School Division** button which will take you to the **Sign In** screen.

Sign into Winnipeg School Division

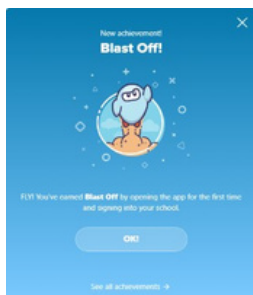
Username

Password

Sign in

Your **Username** is your **WSD Student number** and your **Password** is the **Last-four-digits** of your student number.

You can enter this information and then click on the green **Sign In** button.



You will be in **theSora Digital Library**! You may get a message like this:

You will get different messages encouraging you to sign on and to come back. Just **X** out of the message.

Try out this video tutorial if you want a little help!

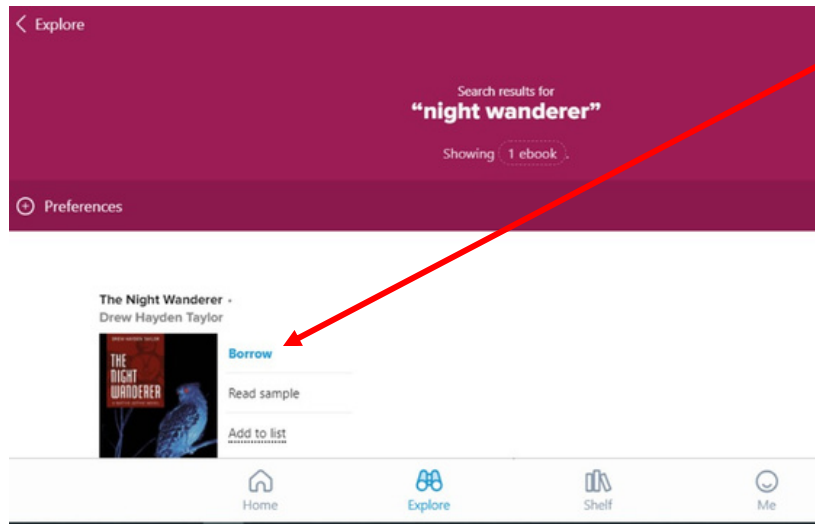
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Now you can go to **Search** to enter the name of the book you want.

You can look up books by the name of the author, the title of the book, and even what the book is about.

Hint: There are also lots of lists you can browse through, like **New eBooks additions**, **New audiobook additions**, or **Most Popular**, and curated lists, like **MYRCA Awards**, **Read in French**, **Read in Spanish**, and more.

Let's say you search for a book you want to read: **The Night Wanderer**. Enter it into the **Search for a book box**, and hit enter. The search says we found one ebook called "**night wanderer**"



Click on **Borrow** and the book will be checked out to your account. Start reading!

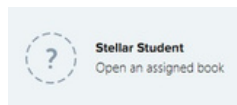
You will have the book for 28 days. When the book is due, it will just disappear from your account.

If the book is not available, you will see a **Place Hold** button. Click on it and you will be in the waiting list for the next open copy.



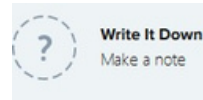
At the bottom of the screen, you can always see the Home button. And a button called **Me**.

Click on the **Me button** to get stats – how many books you've read, how long you've spent reading. Here are some of the other features you'll find there:



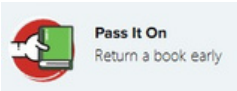
Stellar Student
Open an assigned book

Stellar Student -- find books your teacher assigns you to read.



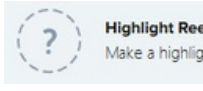
Write It Down
Make a note

Write It Down --make notes on books. The notes always stay in your account



Pass It On
Return a book early

Pass it on – return a book early



Highlight Reel
Make a highlight

Highlight Reel – highlight parts you really like (or hate!)



Don't Let Go
Renew a book

Don't Let Go – keep a book longer

Need some help? Contact your school library staff or email us at WSD Library Support Services. You can reach us at wslslibrary@wsd1.org, even during the summer, winter & spring breaks!