



January 2026

Queen of Hearts Nursery Schools  
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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Through the Looking Glass

Dear Parents

We hope you had a great Christmas and wish you a very happy New Year. It is wonderful to hear stories of the children having so much fun over Christmas. Temperature dependant, we will be continuing this fun as much as possible at school so please make sure your child comes with labelled snow gear and two pairs of mittens (labelled). Christmas also came early with the Canada Wide Childcare Plan funding promise from the Province and more spaces available for Grey County. As we start to roll this out, I would like to thank you for your patience. Any refunds will be backdated to January 1st and applied as soon as our first CWELCC funding is received. Please also read the notice regarding vacation, we will still need you to inform the Nursery Schools (preferably in advance) when your child is on vacation or unable to attend. An email to myself or Heather will suffice. Many thanks and Happy New Year. Carron

### JANUARY'S REMINDERS



#### Parent Appreciation Morning - Thursday January 22

Start your day the Queen of Hearts way and join us any time between 7:15am to 8:45am. Spend a little time with your children in their classroom before heading off to work. Refreshments will be served and take outs are available for those needing to "grab and go".

#### Cuddle up and Read Day - Tuesday January 27

We are asking the children to come to school in their pyjamas and perhaps bring in a favourite snuggly toy and book (please put their name in the book and on their snuggly if possible).



#### Little People Big Voices - Friday January 30

On Friday January 30 we will continue to look at ways to care for our earth. To show your support, it would be great if you could send your child **in green**.

#### Medication

Reminder - Queen of Hearts staff can administer medication if there is a prescription signed by a medical practitioner. We are not allowed to administer any other medication including over the counter pain relief/fever control. For safety reasons, please do not leave any medication in the children's bags and always hand prescribed medication to a teacher.

#### Sick Days

If your child is sick and unable to attend, please let the office know either by phone or e-mail before 8am that day. This will allow programs to run much more effectively for those children attending that day

#### Vacation

Taking a vacation? Please email [carron@queenofheartsnurserieschool.com](mailto:carron@queenofheartsnurserieschool.com) with as much notice as possible.

Need to cancel a vacation? Please email

[carron@queenofheartsnurserieschool.com](mailto:carron@queenofheartsnurserieschool.com) or telephone your Nursery School before arriving. For your child's safety and our Ministry licence we need to ensure we have correct staffing ratios. Please do not use the Parent App as this does not highlight to us that your child is away or attending.

Thank you for your continued diligence in this matter.

#### January's Theme: Winter and Healthy Habits

During the month we will be looking at the characteristics of Winter and all that it brings. Intermingled with winter we will also be exploring how we look after our bodies and minds to keep us healthy.

#### Our Character Attribute: Energetic

To always try our hardest and be active, and to keep our bodies and minds healthy.

#### Geography: China and Japan

We will start off the New Year on the opposite side of the world as we explore the different traditions, foods, music and animals that make up these unique countries.

#### Bread and Milk Bag Collection

We are asking that families save and bring in empty usable plastic bags to your child's school. We use these for sending home wet or soiled clothing each day, and prevents messes in the children's drawstring bags. We are also collecting empty flat milk bags for the volunteers who make them into rugs for the homeless. Please continue to send these to your school for this worthwhile cause.

#### Interim Reports

Reports will be out to parents in February. These reports give you an idea of what development areas we are working on with your child as an individual. The teachers will be completing these throughout January. We strongly believe all children are individuals and therefore learn at different speeds and in very different ways. Combining the best of many educational theories allows our teachers to adapt the learning to suit the child, not adapt the child to suit the learning. An opportunity to discuss the reports will be available to all families.

#### Personal Belongings

Please ensure your child comes to school with snow pants, jackets and hats. Your child will also need **two pairs of mittens** as we don't have enough time to dry them after morning play before they go outside in the afternoon. Please **label all your children's clothing**. Many items look similar and therefore it is very difficult keeping track of whose items are whose, both for the teachers and your children. Thank you



# UPDATES



## Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Update

Please note we will be issuing credit notes for the rate difference in January as soon as we receive the CWELCC funding.

A CWELCC County form will be coming to all families at Queen of Hearts Owen Sound and Queen of Hearts Owen Sound North beginning of next week. Please sign and return this form to your Nursery Manager by January 9th. The form needs a witness and your Nursery Manager will be happy to be the witness and sign as needed. Only a signature is needed and we can complete all other details to ensure you are registered for the CWELCC funding.

If any parents has questions regarding the Child Care plan or funding, please contact Carron at [carron@queenofheartsnurseryschool.com](mailto:carron@queenofheartsnurseryschool.com).



Drop your draw ticket off at the front reception for your chance to win a Weekend Adult/Child Pass

**Draw date: January 31st**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



No extra charge extended hours 7:15am to 5:45pm

## QYC Specialty PD Days Winter & Spring 2026

Kindergarten to 12 Years \$65 per day Meal Plan Included



### January 30

Children will participate in traditional Chinese Ink Washing painting and experience Snowshoeing and Quinze building



### April 24

Children will create their own Cinco de Mayo Tacos and create Self Portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo



### June 5

Become a Global Guardian and discover our wonderful Pollinators and Wildflowers.

Based out of Greystone Recreational Trails. Transportation Provided

### June 26

Children will create their own Vegetable Chilli and Blueberry Bread Pudding. Bring birds to life through our woodworking shop.



Located at the QYC Fun Factory on 3225 East Bayshore Road, Owen Sound

## QYC Classic PD Days Winter & Spring 2026

Kindergarten to 12 Years \$45 per day, additional \$10 per day for Meal Plan Available

No extra charge extended hours 7:15am to 5:45pm

### January 30 Hawaiian Day

Beat the winter blues - join the luau with a day of limbos, leis, Hawaiian treats and more



### April 24 Superhero Day

Calling all Superheroes! Bring your capes and masks and join in a full day of superhero fun!



### June 5 Silly Science

Spend a day becoming a scientist, with ooey gooey experiments!



### June 26 Circus Day

Step right up for the greatest day on earth - the last day of the school year!



Located on the West side of Owen Sound

For more information on any of these School Age programs, please contact:  
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