

Who is the program for?

The Adventure Class is open to any family in Hastings and Prince Edward County. While the majority of students live in the vicinity of Queen Victoria School, some come from quite a distance to take part.

Students who are enrolled in the Adventure Class represent a cross-section of a typical classroom in the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Sheryl Parker
2010 Sir Mackenzie Bowell
Educator of the Year



Camping at Presqu'île Provincial Park
"Our outside classroom"

"My son feels very secure in this environment. He adores his teacher and knows he will have her for another 2 years. He's come to trust the other parents who are often in the class helping out."

Goals of the Adventure Class

To offer families an opportunity to be more involved in the education of their children.

To encourage children to become independent thinkers with well-developed problem solving skills.

To create an environment that is challenging and stimulating and offers opportunities to explore individual areas of interest.

To nurture the social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth of the whole child.



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The Adventure Class

Queen Victoria Public School
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Where parents play an active role in the classroom



What is the Adventure Class?

Older students helping younger students...parents sharing their skills...hands-on activities...community outings and an accent on real-life learning and discovery.

The Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board's Adventure Class at Queen Victoria School, Belleville, delivers standard Ontario curriculum in an innovative and alternative format.

The Adventure Class is located on the lower level of Queen Victoria School and features Primary (Grade 1 – 3) and Junior (Grade 4 – 6) programs in a dual-classroom, multi-grade setting. The program emphasizes hands-on learning, real life discovery and integrated life skills. A lively mix of ages, academic levels, skills and interests is further enriched by family and community involvement.

The Adventure Class was founded in 1985 by a group of community-minded parents interested in greater involvement in their children's education.

The program offers a warm, family-like learning environment with an emphasis on sharing, cooperation and mutual support.

"We value the emphasis on daily physical activity."

Mission Statement

To provide a multi-aged community where parents are an integral part.

To provide a variety of child-centered learning activities where skills are developed for holistic growth.

To have fun developing academic, problem solving, and inter-personal skills.

How are parents involved?

The most effective way that a parent can be involved is to be actually in the classroom, helping the teachers. Given the multi-age environment, there is a challenge to meet the needs of individual students simultaneously. With small class sizes and parents assisting, a low adult to child ratio helps to meet those needs.

There are many ways to be a part of this program, such as serving on the parent executive or one of the numerous committees, attending monthly parent meetings, fundraising or developing resources.



The Teaching Team

Mrs. Sheryl Parker, Primary (Gr 1–3)

Mrs. Susie Charles, Junior (Gr 4–6)

"The multi-age environment allows for interaction with children of different ages and levels. My daughter appreciates the opportunity to work alongside students from other grades."

Examples of Extra Activities in the Adventure Class

- Junior class trips to Ottawa, with overnight stays at an old jail (hostel) and the Museum of Civilization
- Trip to Medieval Times in Toronto
- Student Art Show & Sale at the Belleville Club
- Monthly visits to the Belleville Public Library and Art Gallery
- Hands on local artist led workshops (e.g. *Kristen Morrison*)
- Performances and workshops by musicians (e.g. *Rhythm & Stomp*)
- Queen's University Arts and Sports Day
- Visits to local farms, markets and museums
- Adventure Class Family Day at the Frink Centre
- Local Arts/Theatre events - Empire and Stirling Theatres, Centennial High School
- Weekly physical educational instructional program outside of the classroom (e.g. *12 weeks skating, 12 weeks swimming*)
- Overnight family camping trip in June
- A number of monthly parent meetings



"Spring" and "Summer"

Student group canvasses auctioned at Art Show