

# ON THE QT



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### *Dear QE Families:*

Some children, like some adults, are naturally self-motivated, while others may not be inclined to perform until the walls are closing in. Motivation and effort are problems that can be avoided if we instill in children the desire to achieve. Think of a time that you were motivated by another adult or peer and what a difference that made to you.

Our grade 3, 4, and 5 students will be involved in PSSA reading and math testing, April 7-14. Grade 5 will be testing in writing, April 19-22. Grade 4 will be testing in science, April 28 & 29. Please take the time to talk with your child about the tests and provide encouragement during the testing. The QE staff has provided your child with content knowledge and problem solving processes.

You can provide that critical missing piece, by complimenting your child, encouraging them and building their confidence.

We are confident that the children will put forth their best efforts. As always, thank you for your help and support.

*Sincerely, Dr. Kathy Winters*



## READING OLYMPICS COMPETITION!

On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Quakertown Elementary was proud to send one fabulous team to the annual Bucks County Reading Olympics competition. This celebration of reading took place at Pennridge North Middle School with other school districts and non-public schools in Bucks County. The event encourages children of all reading levels to share the excitement of reading good books with their friends. This year our team titled *The Olympians*, consisted of 12 members who included: Bryce Wadsworth (captain), Shayna Austin, Kelly Brecker, Alisa Buonanno, Brandon Craig, Vincent Davies, Amanda Ferrar, Ryan Keller, Raeann Moyer, Maddie Neiman, Brendan Rosenberger, and Julia Taylor. These twelve members read books from a list that consisted of over 40 titles. The team met every one or two days every cycle in the library with Miss Catalogna for lunch dates in order to practice questions and have mock competitions. During the night of the competition our team faced three other teams in order to earn points for answering questions correctly. The students did a great job and came home with a first place ribbon. We're very proud of their accomplishments and their excitement for reading.

### APRIL CALENDAR

- 1-5** Easter Holiday
- 1** Market Day Pick Up  
7:00-8:00 PM
- 7-14** Grades 3, 4, 5  
PSSA Reading  
& Math Testing
- 8** Parent/Teacher  
Confs. 4:00-7:00 PM
- 8** School Board  
Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9** Student Council  
Meeting 8:30 AM
- 12** Report Cards  
Go Home
- 15** PIE Meeting  
9:00 AM
- 19-22** Grade 5  
PSSA Writing Testing
- 22** School Board  
Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26** Non-Instructional  
Day
- 26-29** Kindergarten  
Registration  
at District Service  
Center
- 28 & 29** Grade 4  
PSSA Science Testing
- 29-30** Book Fair

## TEACHER REQUESTS

It's hard to believe that we have completed three quarters of the school year. At this point in the year, the staff begins planning for the upcoming school year.

The process for class placement for next year is one of those areas that we begin to work on in May. The teachers, counselor, reading specialists, learning support teacher, ESL teacher and principal work together to balance classes so all students needs can be met. In recent years, QE has been reduced to 2 teachers in each grade level making it a challenge to create the most optimal grouping for children.

In the past, parent requests were taken in May and every effort was made to honor the requests. After much reflection, I am asking parents, who feel a strong need to make a request for a teacher, to schedule a meeting with me. There are certainly some extenuating circumstances which may warrant a request and each one will be carefully considered.

Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Dr. Kathy Winters, Principal**

## REPORT CARDS GO HOME MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

### NEWS FROM THE NURSE

The Pennsylvania School Health Law requires the following criteria to be met before your child may attend the 2010-2011 school year:

Proof of specific immunizations.

Children **IN ALL GRADES** in 2010-2011 need the following:

- 4 doses of tetanus and diphtheria\* (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles and mumps\*\*
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles) \*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- **2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or history of disease**

\*Usually given as DTP or Dtap or DT or Td

\*\* Usually given as MMR

Children **ENTERING 7<sup>TH</sup>** grade in 2010-2011 also need the following:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)  
(if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

A medical examination upon original entry to school and in grades 6 and 11.

A dental examination upon original entry to school and in grades 3 and 7.

Please Note: The dental and physical exams **MUST** be completed after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to your child's entrance to school.



### SNOW DAY MAKE-UPS

The board approved district calendar includes two snow days. Since the snowy winter weather has caused us to use four snow days, we will add two days onto the end of the year, as specified in the approved calendar. That means that the final day of school will now be June 17 instead of June 15. The calendar for the rest of the school year will be unaffected. Graduation will still be on June 15, 2010.

The **BLOOD DRIVE** held in February at Quakertown Elementary was a huge success. A total of 72 pints of blood were donated to the American Red Cross. We'd like to say a special thank you to all who donated a dessert.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The QE band rehearsals will be starting soon. Please mark the dates and times on your calendar at home. Remember that the rehearsals are before school which will require transportation on your part. Carpooling is always an option and has worked well in the past. See if a neighbor has a child in band and set-up a plan.

Wednesday, April 14 8:00-9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 20 8:00-9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 27 8:00-9:00 AM

Friday, May 7 8:00-9:00 AM

Thursday, May 13 8:00-9:00 AM

Thursday, May 20 8:00-9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 25 6:30 PM Band and Chorus Program

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!**

## APRIL GUIDANCE NEWS FROM MRS. BRUCHAK

Quakertown Elementary School is full of Terrific Kids!

It is so wonderful watching our students exhibit such super qualities!  
Terrific Kids for February (Character traits: Self-Discipline/Capable)

And the Winners are ....

- Kindergarten** - Thomas, Beau, Julia, Tyler K, Kimberly, Anthony, Elizabeth C  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Brittany S., Tyler R., and Brianna K., Rachel S., Tabitha W., Marcus M., Angel L.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Kenia E., Aileen G., Andrew M. Erin W., Alexis D., Tia W.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** -Giacinta B., Jordan B., Megan J., Logan W., Dade K., Bhaveraj P  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Kellyn N., Rebecca M., Amber T. Jacob L., Tynan W., Jada S.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Jay P., Amanda H., Michael M., Karlie W., Brendan R., Steven C.

There is a possibility that a parent presentation for On-Line Safety will occur this spring in the district. More information to come! Check out [www.center-school.org/pko/](http://www.center-school.org/pko/) for more information and to see the video.

Here are additional sites for resources on bullying, internet safety, and parenting resources.

### **Cyber Bulling Research Center**

<http://www.cyberbullying.us/resources.php>

**Internet Safety and Civility** <http://brunerelementarycybersafe.pbworks.com/Parent-Resources>

<http://www.safekids.com/>

### **Cyber Bullying Information and Resources**

<http://www.nsba.org/SecondaryMenu/TLN/UsefulInformation/CyberbullyingInformationandResources.aspx>

### **Free Parental Filter Software**

<http://www.safefamilies.org/>

### **Internet Safety Brochure**

<http://www.shuntington.k12.ny.us/Internetsafetyfinal.pdf>

### **NOVA Bullying**

<http://www.novabucks.org/bullying.html>

### **Bullying Resources**

<http://www.bullying.org/hm/main.cfm?content=1060>

### **Parenting Resources**

<http://www.upperbucksparentingcenter.org/index.php>

### **Penn Foundation Resources**

<http://www.pennfoundation.org/services-programs/resources/resources.html>

### **Bully Free Program**

<http://www.bullyfree.com/resources>

### **Free Bully Manuals**

<http://www.bullies2buddies.com/resources/download-free-manuals>



## QE LIBRARY NEWS

### NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH

*"It's Not Just Academic At Your Library"*

#### **Library Events:**

- April 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> National Library Week
- April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair  
(Details will follow!)

Save the date: Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Barnes and Noble Book Fair at the Promenade 5:30-7:30

**Websites of the Month** – Shaky Sites - Earthquake Resources Online [www.fema.gov/kids/quake.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/quake.htm)

#### **QE PA Young Reader's Choice Award Winners**

*Knut; How One Polar Bear Captivated the World*  
(Grades 1-3)

*Henry's Freedom Box* (Grades 4&5)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Quakertown Community School District Art Show will take place at the High School on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Times and other specific details will be forthcoming. We hope to see you there!

**Mrs. Copeland and the QCSD Art Department**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QE CARES WINNERS

**Week of March 8:** Katrina Stevens – Grade 2,  
Ryan Suida – Grade 4, Foster Barndt – Grade 5

**Week of March 15:** Monica Pineda – Grade 5,  
Emily Kratz – Grade 5, Cody Moyer – Grade 4

## COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**BoxTops** contest during the NCAA March Madness ends April 2nd. Keep collecting!!

**Campbell's Labels:** A new *Video -Data machine* arrived thanks to everyone contributing 43,500 labels in the last few years. Good job!! The **Baseball Contest** will take place again in April. Winning team will have an in-class party with a baseball theme.

REMEMBER to **save the UPC code** NOT the picture or front of the labels. New labels collection sheets are in the lobby.

A new *Cambell's Labels coodinator* is needed for next school year. Call Sue Wilsey 267-261-6202 or tell a PIE officer.

**Tyson** products: Save the entire top of the Tyson bag and entire "Support your school" label from the boxes. It will say "Project A+" on the labels. Save **Redner's** grocery tapes, **Nestle's water** labels and **soda tabs**. Collection boxes and collection sheets are in the lobby. Keep on saving!!

Sign on for e-mails at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.labels4education.com](http://www.labels4education.com) for info, recipes, and more ways to win for QE!!



## MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Festival students who participated in the Elementary Music Festival on Saturday March 27th. These Students spent the day rehearsing and gave a concert at 2:00. Chorus members were: Amanda Banes, Zoey Benner, Nathan Amey-Duffy, Cullen Wilson, RaeAnn Moyer, Brendan Rosenberger, Jay Patel, Rebecca Miller, Steven Counterman, Samantha Fluck, Angelina Caro, Isabelle Wade, Sarabeth MacMullen, Olivia Mosley, and Kellyn Neville.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

If you'd like to know what activities, events, contests, summer camps, etc. are being offered in the Quakertown area., please click on the Community Bulletin Board at [www.qcsd.org](http://www.qcsd.org) for information that you need. Flyers are often available in the office or posted on the bulletin board as you walk into the cafeteria. Please call to inquire at 215-529-2410. Thank You.

## MATH MESSAGE

As you know, your child works very hard every day to improve his/her math skills. QCSd has set a specific math goal for each grade level that is incorporated into our Everyday Math curriculum. The students are recognized at our Panther Pride assemblies throughout the year when they have reached their grade level goal.

**Kindergarten** – Count to 115

**Grade 1** – Skip count to 100 by 2's, 5's, 10's and 25's

**Grade 2** – Add and subtract 50 facts each to 18 with 90% accuracy in less than 5 minutes

**Grade 3** – Multiply 50 facts 0-12 with 90% accuracy in less than 4 minutes

**Grade 4** – Divide 50 facts 0-12 with 90% accuracy in less than 4 minutes

**Grade 5** – Complete an open ended problem solving question with proficiency

**Mrs. Gerancher – IST**

## OPERATION HELPING HAND

1000's of thanks, that is the number of people who you have helped by your work on Operation Helping Hand. The Quakertown Food pantry feeds on average 1400 people monthly. The pantry is an emergency food pantry and provides 3 days of food every week. They offer food to all who live in the Upper Bucks County area, who need help getting their families fed.

## SPRING CLEANING?

**The Health Room could use girls' and boys' regular pants and sweat pants and socks of all sizes.**

## PIE NEWS

**Just a reminder**, that Spiritwear order forms were due on April 1, 2010.

If you would still like to order QE clothing, orders will be accepted until Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

PIE officer nominations will be coming up again in April. This is when we choose the officers for the 2010-2011 school year. Please see a PIE officer if you are interested.

Thank You Day is coming on Monday, June 14. This is an ALL day event filled with FUN for the Quakertown Elementary students. We need lots of volunteers for this event. If there is any day to take off of work and spend it with your child, this is the day! Watch for more information coming home soon.

**OUR NEXT PIE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15 AT 9:00 AM**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5  NON INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL	6  Chilled Fruit Juice Pancakes and Sausage Potato Puffs Fresh Apple Slices	7  DAY 3  Hot Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Fresh Vegetables with Dip Chilled Mixed Fruit	8  DAY 4  Baked Chicken Nuggets Creamy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Pear Cobbler	9  DAY 1  Personal Pan Pizza Steamed Green Beans Chilled Peaches
12  DAY 3  Steak or Cheese Steak Sandwich Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Chilled Applesauce	13  DAY 4  Macaroni and Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Multi Grain Dinner Roll Fresh Apple Slices	14  DAY 1  Pierogie Bar ... enjoy your potato cheese pierogies with a variety of toppings.....	15  DAY 2  Baked Breaded Chicken Seasoned Noodles Steamed Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches	16  DAY 3  French Bread Pizza Tossed Garden Salad Fresh Orange Wedges
19  DAY 4  Spaghettii with Meatballs Italian Dinner Roll Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mixed Fruit	20  DAY 1  Campbell's Tomato Soup Toasted Cheese Sandwich Fresh Carrot Sticks with Dip Fresh Apple slices	21  DAY 2  Chicken Fajitas Lettuce and Tomatoes Onions and Salsa Parsley Potatoes Chilled Applesauce	22  DAY 3  Hamburger or Cheeseburger Lettuce and Tomato Baked Beans Polish Water Ice	23  DAY 4  Kasa White or Giorgio Red Pizza Tossed Garden Salad Assorted Chilled Fruit
26  NON-INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL	27  DAY 1  Chilled Fruit Juice Ham, Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin Hash Brown Patty Fresh Apple Slices	28  DAY 2  Our Own Made Stromboli Tossed Garden Salad Chilled Mixed Fruit	29  DAY 3  Golden Chicken Nuggets Creamy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Peas and Carrots Pear Crisp	30  DAY 4  Giorgio Pizza Fresh Vegetables with Dip Chilled Fruit