



ON THE QT

JUNE, 2011

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Have A Happy And Safe Summer

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, August 25

Kindergarten Orientation

Ice Cream Social – 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, August 29 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

As you being to plan for next year's vacations,
please keep the PSSA testing windows in mind.

Please DO NOT schedule vacations during these times:

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Reading and Math – March 12-23, 2012

5th Grade Writing – April 16-20, 2012

4th Grade Science – April 23-27, 2012

A classic facility full of rich history and character; a dedicated staff that works together to support the needs of the children; students that radiate childhood energy and a passion for learning about the world; and a community with a sense of connectedness and pride for their school, that is how I have come to see the parts that combine to form Quakertown Elementary School. In my short time here, I have discovered what you have already known – **this is a special place.**

This is our June edition of *On the QT* and the summer is close. But it is not here quite yet. Please continue to ask your student(s) about their day and to support their education as they close out their journey of this year.

In the following pages, you will find a list of many important dates and information for the remainder of the school year. We hope you get the chance to come to school and to support the students for some of these great events. When you are here, please stop by the office and say "hello". I always enjoy meeting more of the Quakertown Elementary community.

Lastly, and most importantly, I wanted to let everyone know that I have been in regular contact with Dr. Winters; she is doing very well and hopes to be back for the last few days of school!

Warmly, Adam Schmucker, Acting Principal

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

On the last day of school, June 16, elementary students **will dismiss at 12:20 PM.**

Kindergarteners will ride the buses with our first through fifth graders.

Please adjust your drop off times: Kindergarten: add 40 minutes
(for example: if drop off is typically 11:50, it would be about 12:30 PM).

Grades 1-5: subtract 3.5 hours

(for example if drop off is typically 4:00 PM it will be about 12:30 PM).

JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 Fifth Grade Picnic
- 2 Second Grade Field Trip
- 2 Talent Show Rehearsal–3:45 PM
- 2 Market Day Pick Up 5:00 -6:00 PM
- 3 First Grade Field Trip
- 7 Move Up Day–9:30
- 7 Kids Program At Lunch Recesses
- 7 QE Math 24 Tournament–2:00
- 8 Fourth Grade Walking Trip
- 9 First Grade Pen Pal Picnic – 9:30 AM
- 9 PIE Meeting – 4:00
- 9 Kindergarten Graduation–6:30
- 9 Second Grade Field Trip Raindate
- 9 School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 10 Fifth Grade Field Trip Raindate
- 10 Fourth Grade Walking Trip Raindate
- 13 Thank You Day
- 14 Mis-Match Day – Wear Crazy Clothing

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REMINDERS, REMINDERS, REMINDERS...

ACCOUNTS – Now is the time to find those overdue library books and check your lunch accounts. Students with lost, unreturned books or owing money to the cafeteria DO NOT receive their final report card unless parents settle their child's account.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY – The QE Awards Assembly, for Grades 3, 4 & 5, will be held on Thursday, June 16 at 9:30 AM. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

CAFETERIA REMINDER – All outstanding charges must be paid by June 15. Any money that is in your child's cafeteria account at the end of the school year will be carried over to the following school year.

END OF THE YEAR - The last day of school will be Thursday, June 16, school **will dismiss at 12:20 PM**. NO lunches will be served.

KINDERGARTEN – Wednesday, June 15 will be the last day of school for PM Kindergarten students. AM Kindergarten will attend on Thursday, June 16, with dismissal at 12:20 PM.

LOST AND FOUND – Please remind your child/children to check out the Lost and Found, if they're missing an item of clothing, lunch box, jewelry, etc. We seem to have acquired quite a lot of lost items, small and large. Items are displayed in the cafeteria.

SERTOMA ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The winner of this year's annual Sertoma Club Essay contest for fourth graders was Eric Bechtel from Mrs. Nolan's classroom. This year's topic was: "If I Could Change The World". Eric received a \$50.00 savings bond and was honored at a breakfast at McCoolle's Red Lion Inn on May 5, 2011. Eric enjoyed the company of his mother, aunt & uncle, Mrs. Nolan, Dr. Winters and other winners and their guests. Eric shared his winning essay at the breakfast.

CALLING ALL FIRST GRADERS

Attention QE parents! If you know of a family member, neighbor, or friend whose child did not attend a school within the Quakertown Community School District for kindergarten but is planning to for first grade, please pass this information along. Registration for next school year will begin immediately! Please ask your family member, neighbor, or friend to call Mrs. Fothergill (215-529-2001) in the District Service Center to make an appointment for registration.



BABYSITTER/DAY CARE REQUEST FOR 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR

If your child(ren) will be using a babysitter or day care provider for the next school year, please be sure to complete an Adult Supervision Form (available from the school office). Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you consider your arrangements: **1.** A request must apply to every school day. Requests for changes on miscellaneous or alternate days will not be considered. **2.** If busing is involved, students are restricted to one morning bus assignment and one afternoon assignment. **3.** Babysitter requests must be renewed each year.

GUIDANCE NEWS

What a great year we had! I can't believe it is June already! We are looking forward to meeting our new students that will be coming to QE next year due to re-districting at Welcome Day on June 9th. I know that all of our current students will make them feel comfortable. We have a special morning planned for them. I also look forward to seeing all of our QE students at our Ice Cream Social before the next school year starts! I still have some extra book bags so please let me know if your child could use one. The end of the year is a fun time with a lot of special activities. Enjoy these last few days and have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Eileen Bruchak - School Counselor
215-529-2413 (ebruchak@qcsd.org)

NEWS FROM THE BAND ROOM

The concert Thursday evening, May 26, was a huge success. The students' hard work was evident.

For parents who have leased an instrument this school term, you have been given the opportunity to buy your instrument at a special reduced price. Payment plans are available through the store. Your child will need his or her instrument over the summer to keep those mouth muscles "in shape." DeVoe's Music Store information can be found on my webpage.

The third and fourth graders will hear the instruments of the band demonstrated on May 31 at 9:30 a.m. to help them better choose what they might want to learn to play. Parents are strongly encouraged to come to the high school cafeteria on June 6 at 7 p.m. to learn about the lease program. Information about the meeting will be on my web page. If parents are considering purchasing an instrument rather than leasing, please seek the advice of a district instrumental teacher for help.

Mrs. Z. (fzimmerman@qcsd.org preferred, or voicemail 215-529-2421)

SUMMER READING

Summer is approaching and our schedules are quickly filling up with swimming, sporting events, barbeques, and vacations. As you begin to plan for the warm weather, try to set time aside for summer reading.

You can read to your child, with your child, or have your child read by him/herself. By having your child read at least 15 minutes each day during the summer, you may be helping to prevent the summer reading slide that most often occurs in children who don't practice reading for an extended period of time. Remember, books are easy to take along to the pool or park too!

Stay tuned! There are many great summer reading ideas to come! In June, check out the district's website for **The Dr. George Shelly Literacy Award Book List**. Each elementary classroom in Quakertown votes for their favorite books. The list is compiled by grade level and can be used for ideas when choosing books for your child's summer reading. Your child will also receive a **summer reading log** where he/she can record books read over the summer. Up to five books from the summer reading log can be used towards next school year's Book Goal. Please keep a lookout for **QCSD's Summer Reading Brochure** which includes reading tips, fun websites, incentives, and more! For even more at home reading activities, check out Mrs. Groller and Mrs. Casel's **websites**.

Finally, how about taking a field trip to the local library? The James A. Michener Library offers many free, exciting children's programs during the summer. You can find more information by visiting www.buckslib.org.

Wishing you a summer filled with fun and books! Happy Reading!

The QE Reading Room

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS FINISHING 3RD AND 4TH GRADES

Students finishing 3rd and 4th grade will be receiving a letter about recommended summer reading. 3rd and 4th graders district wide will receive a list of books and be asked to read at least one of them. The books from the lists are available at the local library and bookstores. There will also be a limited number of lending copies available here at QE that can be borrowed for up to two weeks. Students will need to be prepared to discuss the book they read over the summer at the beginning of the next school year. Reading this book will count towards your child's 25 Book Goal for next school year. More information on this district wide summer reading recommendation will be coming home soon.

QE LIBRARY NEWS

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." Confucius

Barnes and Noble Book Fair - Thanks for participating in our second Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Our chorus was wonderful, the students, faculty and staff had fun and we raised money for our library. At press time we were still waiting to see who won our raffles and had lunch with a favorite teacher.

Websites of the month - www.buckslib.org

Check out the public library this summer. Remember that the programs are FREE! Enjoy the activities, books and reading!

www.readingrockets.org

This site offers strategies to help children read and improve their reading.



CONGRATULATIONS QE!

280 pounds of food was collected for Operation Helping Hand. All food was donated to local food pantries.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD'S MIND SHARP:

1. Suggest a summer project: record summer experiences through a journal or a collection of photos.
2. Take your children to the library. Get them used to visiting the library before school is out, so they can get the most out of it during the summer.
3. Prepare for fall. Talk to the teachers from the upcoming grade level about the material that will be covered next year, preview it.
4. Encourage physical activity, and set a limit on video game or TV time.
5. Seek out a community service project, and get your children involved. This is a great way to foster your child's social development.
6. Practice math daily. Track temperatures, add and subtract at the store, use fractions looking at recipes.
7. Take walks regularly with your children. Walks are an easy way to increase conversation, observe the world around us, and promote physical health.
8. Encourage your children to explore their passions, whether they be creative writing, science, nonfiction reading, etc. Summer is a great time for learning and discovery to be specialized.
9. Have your children track their daily eating habits in a journal or log. Important tips about healthy eating can be found at <http://www.mypyramid.gov/>.

From Mr. Palen, ESL Teacher

NURSE'S NOTES

Although this school year is ending, it's not too early to begin to prepare for next year. For instance, if you are the parent of an upcoming 3rd or 6th grader, now is the time to make either a dentist or doctor appointment. The state requires 3rd graders to have a dental exam and 6th graders to have a physical exam. If your child has already had either exam sometime this past school year, after September 1, 2010, you can have your doctor or dentist complete the form at this time. The state exam forms that the dentist or physician must complete can be found on the QCS D website. At the top, click on Services and choose Student Health Services. On the bottom left, choose Health Forms which will display a variety of forms. Please choose either Private Physical Exam Form or Private Dental Exam Form. These forms are to be handed in the first few weeks of school to avoid receiving letters and phone calls from the nurse. Please don't hesitate to contact the nurse if you have lost your medical or dental insurance and need assistance obtaining exams for your child. We want your child to have a happy, healthy childhood.

New School Immunization Regulations for 2011-2012 school year

All children grades K-12 need the following immunizations:

- 4 doses of tetanus (1 dose must be on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria (1 dose must be on or after the 4th birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles
- 2 doses of mumps
- 1 dose of rubella
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses varicella

Please obtain an updated immunization list from your doctor whenever your child receives a shot and forward it to school.

**The Department of Health offers free immunizations;
however, you must call 215-529-7000 for an appointment.**

JUNE CALENDAR CONT. FROM PAGE 1

- 15 Last Day Of School For PM Kindergarten
 - 15 Bucks Co. Library Presentation—2:50 PM
 - 15 Beach Day – Bring a towel & a favorite book
 - 16 Grades 3-5 Awards Assembly – 9:30 AM
 - 16 Wear Quakertown Elementary T-Shirts Day
or Blue & White
 - 16 **Last Day – 12:20 Dismissal**
 - 23 School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
 - August 25 Kindergarten Orientation
& Ice Cream Social 11:30-1:30 PM**
 - August 29 First Day Of School**
- Calendar Available at www.qcsd.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QE CARES WINNERS

For the Week of May 2:

Katie Koob – Grade 2

Isabelle Wade – Grade 5

Jackson Auger – Grade 2

For the Week of May 16:

Jack Burke – Grade 3

Noah Vivian – Grade 2

For the Week of May 23:

Brittany Slabaugh – Grade 2

Jennifer Abraham – Grade 2

Blake Koval – Grade 1

PIE NEWS

Congratulations to our newly elected PIE officers for 2011-2012:

President – Cathy Covaleski – kc.covaleski@verizon.net

Co-Vice Presidents – Lisa Jackson – LMJbaskets@hotmail.com

Paul Solliday – njsolliday@hotmail.com

Secretary – Sarah Henry – SarahHenryPIE@verizon.net

Treasurer – RuthAnn Barndt – ruthybarndt@verizon.net

Thank You Day is scheduled for Monday, June 13. This is an ALL day event filled with FUN for our Quakertown Elementary students. Volunteers are still needed, anyone who wants to volunteer, please call Cathy Covaleski at 215-538-0855.

LOOK FOR INFORMATION COMING HOME ABOUT A SUMMER MARKET DAY SALE!!

PIE information can also be found on the QE website at www.qcsd.org/quakertownes

Our last PIE meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9 at 4:00PM.

PIE Wishes All Of Our Students And Parents A Safe And Happy Summer!

