



ON THE QT

JUNE, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Have A Happy And Safe Summer

Dates To Remember:

Thursday, August 26

Kindergarten Orientation

Ice Cream Social – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday, August 30 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

As you begin to plan for next year's vacation,

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 14-25, 2011

5th Grade Writing – March 28 - April 1, 2011

4th Grade Science – April 4-8, 2011

Sincerely, Dr. Kathy Winters

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

On the last day of school, June 17, 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).

CALLING ALL NEW FIRST GRADERS

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



JUNE CALENDAR

June 2

Third Grade

Walking Trip

Last Day for

Big Brother/Big Sister
Program

June 3

Second Grade

Field Trip

To Philadelphia Zoo

Kindergarten Field

Trip Rain Date

Math 24 Tournament

2:15 PM

Market Day Pick Up

7:00-8:00 PM

June 4

School Spirit Day

Student Council

Breakfast 8:30 AM

June 8

KIDS Program Visits

At Lunch Recesses

June 9

Fourth Grade

Walking Trip

Flyers Assembly

1:45 PM

June 10

Bucks Co. Library

Visits Classrooms

PIE Meeting 9:15 AM

Kindergarten

Graduation 6:30 PM

School Board Meeting

7:00 PM

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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 17 at 9:30 AM. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

CAFETERIA REMINDER – 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 17, school will dismiss at 12:20 PM. NO lunches will be served.

KINDERGARTEN – Wednesday, June 16 will be the last day of school for PM Kindergarten students. AM Kindergarten will attend on Thursday, June 17, 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.

NURSE'S NOTES - Fifth grade parents, as the end of the school year approaches, please remember to return any completed physical forms for the middle school to the nurse. Second grade parents, if you have a completed dental form, please return it to the nurse so we can update files for third grade. For attendance in all grades students need the following immunizations: 4 doses of tetanus and diphtheria, usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT to Td (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday), 3 doses of polio, 2 doses of measles and mumps, usually give as MMR, 1 dose or rubella (German measles), usually given as MMR, 3 doses of hepatitis B, 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease. New additional requirements for children entering 7th grade in 2010/2011: 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap), if 5 years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization, 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD'S MIND SHARP:

1. Suggest a summer project: record summer experiences through a journal, collection of photos, or interviews.
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 a very easy way to increase conversation, observe the natural 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 and information about healthy eating can be found at <http://www.mypyramid.gov/>.

From Mr. Palen, ESL Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPELLING BEE WINNERS!!



- First Place:**
Vincent Davies
- Second Place:**
Maddie Neiman
- Third Place:**
Brendan
Rosenberger

JUNE CALENDAR CONT.

- June 11**
Fifth Grade Picnic
- June 14 Thank You Day**
June 16
Beach Day/Eat With Your Teacher
- June 17**
Awards Assembly 9:30 AM
Dismissal at 12:20 PM
- August 26**
Kindergarten Orientation
Ice Cream Social 11:30-1:00 PM
- August 30 First Day Of School**

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 Miss Ludy'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. A library representative will be visiting QE to talk to your children about the summer programs they will be offering.

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

The QE Reading Room

3RD AND 4TH GRADE RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING

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. 3rd and 4th graders 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 soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

"The things I want to know are in books!" (Abe Lincoln)

Thanks for participating in our first Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Our chorus was wonderful, the artwork was impressive, the students, faculty and staff had fun and we raised money for our library. Congratulations to Nick Kline for winning the "Name your favorite drink contest, Blue and White Dynamite; Ryan Suida, Casey Bruchak, Emil and Amanda Ferrer for winning Barnes and Noble Gift Cards; and to Tyler Richardson, Angelina Caro and Julia Taylor for winning 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.scholastic.com/summer

Take the Scholastic Summer Challenge and help set the world record. Our kids can get credit for reading and making Quakertown Elementary famous. Begin logging in your hours on May 1st.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free!" Frederick Douglass

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Please be advised that with the warmer weather comes the need to use good judgment about choosing appropriate school clothing for children. While we do not have a specific dress code, I am asking parents to follow some basic guidelines in terms of choosing clothing that is appropriate for school. For example, please avoid having children wear tops that may be to revealing for the age group. This can become an issue particularly with the intermediate age children.

Also, flip flops and high heeled sandals don't work well on the playground and in the wood chips. During recess children like to run around and play games and I am asking that you help your children enjoy this time by choosing clothing that matches their outside activity.

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

If you need to speak with your child/children, please come to the office and sign in. We will have your student brought to the office, please do not call them to the fence during their recess time.

Thank You.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations to all of the participants in our spring concert involved in the band, chorus and Orff ensemble. The performance was a great success and our student musicians deserve to be commended for their hard work. Now that the school year has come to a close, it doesn't mean you need to stop playing!

If you are interested in private lessons this summer to continue to improve and learn more about your instrument, please contact Mr. DiRenzo at pdirenzo@qcsd.org

- Please make sure you have all of the necessary supplies to be ready to go at the beginning of next year (reeds, cork or slide grease, valve oil, etc.)
- Keep your instrument in good playing condition! Have it brought to a local music store for a tune-up to make sure everything is working properly

Students with school-owned instruments need to return the instruments by the end of the school year or see Mr. DiRenzo to sign them out for use over the summer

I'm very excited for the next year to begin with a bunch of brand new faces!

Have a great summer and keep practicing...**Mr. DiRenzo, Instrumental Music Teacher**

BABYSITTER/DAY CARE REQUEST FOR 2010-2011 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QE CARES WINNERS

Week of May 3:

Joanna Olivares – Grade 4
Lani Brown – Grade 4

Week of May 10:

Kimberly Shannon – Grade 3
Dakota Fisher – Grade 3
Eliza Craig – Grade 3

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs. Skonier's 1st Grade Winners! They won the Campbell's Labels Baseball Contest with 6 home runs and 3 hits. They will enjoy a baseball theme party to celebrate. The labels collected from Dec to June will be sent in to Campbell's and be in our "bank" to save for another Video-Data Recorder. **A new Campbell's Labels coordinator is needed for next year.** The duties may be divided between a few people (collecting and cutting the labels; adding the total of labels and sending them in; and contests).

Please call Sue Wilsey 267-261-6202 or let a PIE officer know you can help.

The BOXTOPS contest runs through June 11. All boxtops that expire in June 2010 are worth double, check the dates on the boxtops.

The Nestle's water label collection program has been discontinued by Nestle's.

Please continue to save your TYSON product labels, Redner's grocery tapes and soda tabs.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising please see a PIE officer.

PIE NEWS

Congratulations to our newly elected PIE officers for 2010-2011:

Co - Vice Presidents - Jennifer Kratz & Lisa Wilson

Secretary – Jennifer Fisher

Treasurer – RuthAnn Barndt

PIE will be hosting the Student Council Breakfast on Friday, June 4. If you would like to help, please see one of the officers.

Thank You Day is scheduled for Monday, June 14. This is an ALL day event filled with FUN for our Quakertown Elementary students. Volunteers are still needed.

Our last PIE meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 9:00 AM. Hope to see you there.

PIE wishes all of our students and parents a safe and fun summer.



