

ON THE QT



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear QE Families:

*"Life doesn't require that we be the best,
only that we try our best."*

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Tell your child's teacher if you can help them out at school or home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank you note or an email.
- Contact your youngster's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

Sincerely, Dr. Kathy Winters

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

On Tuesday, March 2, Quakertown Elementary will be honoring Dr. Seuss's birthday by participating in Read Across America Day. Students may wear Dr. Seuss attire or the colors, red, black, and white on this day. The National Honor Society students and life skills class from the senior high school will help us celebrate by running literacy centers for our students. Each grade level will have the opportunity to play literacy games and create literacy art. All students and staff members will be participating in a school wide DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read.) There will also be a book trivia in which students will answer literacy questions and have the chance to win a free book!

This is a day for us to celebrate and encourage reading. You can also help to celebrate this day by showing your children the importance of reading. You may want to share your favorite book, take a trip to the public library, or visit the website www.seussville.com.

Happy Celebrating!
Mrs. Groller



MARCH CALENDAR

- 2** Read Across America Day
- 4** Market Day Pick Up 7-8 PM
- 5** Student Council Meeting 8:30 AM
- 5** School Spirit Day
- 9-11** Operation Helping Hand
- 9** Second Grade Concert 6:30 PM
- 11** PIE Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11** School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 16** Science Fair 6:00 PM
- 17** Wear Green For St. Patrick's Day
- 25** School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26** Science Explorers Assembly 10:45 AM
- 31** Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM

CONNECT ED CALLING

Our Connect Ed system is used to inform parents of any changes that would occur before or during the regular school day. Connect Ed can call up to six phone numbers and send an email. At the beginning of the school year, your child's emergency form was sent home for you to update, if you did not fill in any additional phone numbers, only your home number will be called. If you would like to make a change or addition to your information, please call the QE office at 215-529-2410.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Art Day will be Saturday, March 6 at Strayer Middle School. There will be art projects and activities from 9am-1pm, including storybook readings throughout the day. Bring a used book to trade if you'd like to participate in a book swap. There will also be a display of student artwork during this time, lasting until 2pm. All students are invited with their families for a day of creativity and enjoying the arts!

****Also, watch for more information about our district art show, coming in May!**

THE PSSA'S ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

In April, our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the reading and math portions of the PSSA. This will occur between April 7 and 16. Our fifth graders will be taking the writing portion of the PSSA tests from April 19 to 23. Finally, our fourth graders will take the Science PSSA test between April 27 and 30. Please do not plan any vacations during this time periods. Also, please begin to stress the importance of doing well on these state-wide assessments.

SCIENCE FAIR

This year's science fair will be held on Tuesday, March 16 from 6:00-7:30 PM. The science fair is a wonderful opportunity for students to show off their scientific thinking through the creation of scientific research projects or experiments. To enter, please make sure you return the Science Fair entry form that was sent home with your child.

Specific details about the event and some helpful resources can be found in the Science Fair brochure that was also sent home with your child. It is recommended that each participant creates a tri-board to display information about their research or experiment.

Each tri-board should have the following content on it:

- Title – this should be an attention getter
- Purpose or Problem
- Hypothesis (educated guess about what will happen from performing your experiments)
- List of materials
- Procedure (step by step)
- Data – what did you observe?
- Results/Conclusion – This is the answer to the purpose or problem

If you have any questions about the Science Fair, please email Mr. Wieand (rwieand@qcsd.org).



OPERATION HELPING HAND

Quakertown Elementary will again participate in Operation Helping Hand. This collection of non-perishable food items will be held on March 9, 10 & 11, 2010. All donations go to local food banks, which are in great need this year. Look for more information, coming home soon, on this worthwhile project.

QE WEB SITE

Please be sure to access the Quakertown Elementary web site. The information presented on the site may answer many common questions. On the site you will find your child's teacher's web site, copies of the On The QT newsletters, excuse forms, lunch menu, parent resources, and updated calendar section and much more. look!

READING OLYMPICS IS HERE AGAIN!

Our fifth grade Reading Olympics team is formed and the kids are reading some great literature! Every Day 2, the students meet with their team and Miss Catalogna in the library to share their questions and talk about the books they are reading. Each student is reading about one book a week! Students are also going to have the opportunity to share questions and respond to the books they are reading on a wiki page with Reading Olympics members from other schools in the district. We are proud of their efforts. Keep encouraging their reading!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Our school is full of Terrific Kids!

Congratulations to the winners for the month of January who exhibited compassion/thoughtfulness:

K (AM) – Logan P., Sarah S., Sarah W.

K (PM) – Rebecca J., Julian C.M., Kimberly R.

Grade 1 – Olivia S., Genieva Z., Dominic W.

Grade 2 – Matthew P., Taylor V., Emil F., Samantha J., Nolan P., Damien K.

Grade 3 – Olivia H., Mitchell H., Bhaveraj P., Kimberly S., Malcolm W., Eliza C.

Grade 4 – Samantha F., Lani B., William F., Dylan G., Amanda D., Haley G.

Grade 5 – Nathan A.D., Foster B., Isabel C.

Earlier this year students in 4th grade participated in an “Internet Safety” presentation and our 5th grade students participated in a “Cyber-Bully” presentation given by the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA). Below are some helpful tips from the presentation. Take time to review these tips and have a discussion as to why it is so important to be safe online.

Think before you click! Offline or online safety rules apply all the time!

Think...Before you post something online...it stays online forever!

Think...Before giving out any personal information: your name, address, phone number, town, or school.

Think...Before sending or posting any pictures...you can't get them back.

Think...Before adding someone to your buddy list...do you know them in the real world?

Think...Before ever agreeing to meet someone offline...

you always need to have your parent/guardian's approval.

If someone sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable: **Stop, Block, Tell (find support).**

Visit the website www.safeschool.info to watch a short video and get more helpful information. Please let me know if you would be interested in having me schedule a presentation for parents by a law enforcement officer trained in *Protecting Kids Online*.

The Upper Bucks Parenting Center also offers free parenting workshops and classes. Visit their website to find out more: www.upperbucksparentingcenter.org
As always, if I can ever be of any assistance to your child and family please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Eileen Bruchak

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LIBRARY NEWS

It's Women's History Month!

Website of the Month: Read Across America

<http://www.learneronline.com/weekly/archive99/week8/index.htm>

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN? Thursday, May 20, 2010

WHERE? Barnes and Noble at the Promenade

WHY? Special Quakertown Elementary Library Book Fair

SPECIAL EVENTS 5:30PM-7:30PM

* 4TH and 5TH Grade Chorus

*Guest Readers

*Scavenger Hunt

*Prizes

*Art Display

*Fun for all!

All purchases, all day, including food (excluding gift cards) will benefit our school library.

You may use gift cards to purchase your items.

Just say, “I am part of the QE Book Fair!”

More details to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QE CARES WINNERS

Week of January 11: Kassie Hill – Grade 1

Shannon Ball – Grade 3, Robby Sledge – Grade 4

Week of January 19: Taylor Vitko – Grade 2

Madeleine Barlow – Grade 1, Foster Barndt – Grade 5

Week of January 25: Julia Taylor – Grade 5

Dylan Gibson – Grade 4, Lizet Honorato – Grade 5

Week of February 1: Angel Lew – Grade 1

Justin Ross – Grade 1, Jordan Burden – Grade 3

Week of February 8: Abigail MacMullen – Grade 2

Caitlyn Covaleski – Grade 1, George Fisher – Grade 4

Week of February 16: Jada Starrett – Grade 4

Jesus Nunez – Grade 5, Grace Henry – Grade 4

Week of February 22: Kevin Nguyen – Grade 2

Rachel Sanchez – Grade 1, Kevin Pierce – Grade 1

MARCH 17 IS "GO FOR THE GREENS DAY"

This is a day to encourage healthy eating.

Vegetables are full of vitamins that keep our body strong and healthy, yet many people do not eat the recommended number of vegetables required every day to maintain good health. Eating the recommended servings of vegetables each day is easy. MyPyramid recommends that kids and adults eat 2 ½ cups of vegetables every day.

To add more vegetables to your family's diet, try these ideas:

- Shred carrots or zucchini into meatloaf, burgers or casseroles.
Place chopped vegetables in pasta sauce, lasagna, soups, chili and mashed potatoes.
- Eat veggies at lunch. Put lettuce or slices of cucumber, tomato, green pepper or roasted red pepper in a sandwich. Or, add a side of baby carrots.
- Ask for more veggie toppings (mushrooms, peppers, or broccoli) and less cheese on your pizza.
- Cook a vegetable stir-fry and let your child help prepare the meal.
- Start a vegetable garden at home so your kids can eat the foods they grow. Visit a farm or farmer's market.

Remember to keep trying! On average, it takes 10 tries for a child to accept a new food. Set a good example for your child and be sure you eat lots of vegetables, too.

Looking for new ways to fit more fruits and veggies into your day? Visit the Fruits & Veggies More Matters website at <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org> for healthy, fruit & veggie packed recipes.

VERY VEGGIE SNACK PIZZA

Makes 1 Serving (1 serving = 1/2 cup vegetables)

Ingredients:

- 1 whole wheat English muffin
- 1 Tablespoon low-fat garlic/herb cream cheese
- 1/4 cup broccoli florets
- 1/8 cup carrots, diced
- 1/4 cup tomatoes, diced



- Instructions:** 1. Toast the English muffin. 2. Spread the cream cheese on the English muffin. 3. Add the chopped veggies and enjoy! 4. Try changing the veggies depending on your personal preference.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR GREEN ON MARCH 17.

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Boxtops Super Sundae Party: Mrs. James's 2nd grade class squeaked past Mr. Wieand's 5th grade class to win. Congratulations!! In total, the contest brought in over \$675 for QE PIE. Our next contest will be during the NCAA March Madness; all sheets turned in now will be counted when this next contest comes out. April 2nd will be the final collection date, this is the day before the 2 Final Four games. 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 Campbell's coordinator is needed for next school year, call Sue Wilsey at 267-261-6202.

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. Also save **Redner's** grocery tapes, **Nestle's water** labels and **soda tabs**.

COLLECTION BOXES ARE IN THE LOBBY. KEEP ON SAVING!!



PIE NEWS

It was great to see everyone at Kid's Bingo. Thanks to all who organized the event and to everyone who volunteered that evening. The Science Fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:00 PM. Come out and see our students creative minds at work.

Planning has begun for Thank You Day which will be held in June. Volunteers are always needed.

The next PIE meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 PM.

