

ON THE QT



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear QE Families:

A NEW YEAR—A NEW BEGINNING

2010 is here! And it's a great time for you, and your child, to make a fresh start. For example, why not make the second half of the school year better than the first?

Here are some New Year's resolutions from parents determined to make 2010 a great year for their children. After you read them, write down a few of your own to help your child.

Start With Good Reading Habits

"We heard over and over how much reading skills can be improved by regular read-aloud times. But we never made them part of our schedule. We've agreed to read every night at bedtime, even if it's only 5 minutes. We're also going to make a weekly trip to the library."

Make School A Priority

"I've decided not to let TV and video games take up so much of my kids' time this year. Ten hours a week will be the limit. And on weekdays, homework must be done first!"

Put Goals In Writing!

"We used to talk about our goals each new year, but we soon forgot about them. This year, we put our goals in writing, like a contract. Every few weeks, we'll sit down as a family to see how we're doing."

Show Them You Care

"This year, I'm going to show my children how much I care about their education. First, I'm going to stay in touch with their teachers by writing notes. I'll also ask them about their day, look over their homework, and read papers that are brought home. Finally, I'm going to tell them how proud I feel with they try their best."

Sincerely, Dr. Kathy Winters

THE VALUE OF HARD WORK

Does your child realize that good "old-fashioned" hard work is often the key to success in everything? If not, tell him or her about the long and challenging practice sessions of great athletes, musicians, or entertainers.

OUR SCHOOL PLEDGE

"I will show respect to others. I will show respect to our school.
I will practice good safety rules. I will practice good learning habits.
We all know what's right. We all know what's good.
We will do the things we know we should."

**REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2

Report Cards
Go Home

4

Market Day
Pick Up
7:00-8:00 PM

5

Student Council
Meeting 8:30 AM
Bingo Night
6:45 PM

8

Let's Read Math
Night (K-5)
6:30-7:30 PM

11

PIE Meeting
9:00 AM

12

Bingo Night
Snow Date
6:45 PM

15

No School

22

Let's Read
Math Night
Snow Date

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Beginning February 1, 2010, appointments will be taken for registration of children who will be entering Kindergarten next fall. If your child will be five before August 31, 2010, please call **215-529-2001** between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM to schedule an appointment for Monday, April 26th, Tuesday, April 27th, Wednesday, April 28th, or Thursday, April 29th at the District Services Center.

**REGISTRATION IS BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY**
so please start calling in February
to make your appointment.

K-5 LET'S READ MATH NIGHT!

Where: Quakertown Elementary School

When: Monday, February 8

(Snow date is Monday, February 22)

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Come join us for a fun-filled night of math and reading! We will be reading books and doing math activities while making connections at the same time.

Materials will be provided so that you can continue using the activities at home with your child. Hope to see you there!

These nights are designed for students in Grades K-5. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Please contact your building reading specialist if you would like to attend or have questions.

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EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL

QCSD uses the Connect-Ed phone messaging service to notify parents of a school closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather or other emergency. This system enables all parents of student to receive a phone call from the district within minutes of making a decision to close school. It is important that the QE office be kept informed of any changes in your contact information. School closing info will also be available on the district website at www.qcsd.org, or by calling the Inform-A-Line (215-529-2010), or by turning to the following television stations: WFMZ (69) or NBC (10). PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE. A rush of calls jams the phone lines and prevents emergency calls from being made. It is imperative that you rehearse with you child what they should do in case school closes early. Every student turned in and EMERGENCY BACK UP FORM in the beginning of the school year. That is what we follow if there is a reason to close school early.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit, in partnership with Associates for Counseling and Education Services (ACES), is excited to announce upcoming Parent Workshops throughout the Spring of 2010. Opportunities for Parent Workshops in February 2010 include:

February 9, 2010

Teens--Navigating Social Networks

Parents should call ACES directly in order to register at 215-345-7868. Educators may attend for Act 48 hours as well. Educators must call ACES to register AND register online with the Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit.

Additional workshops and information can be found at www3.bucksiu.org and follow the links.

ATTEDANCE REMINDER

Parents have three school days to turn in a written excuse once a student returns to school after being absent. As per PA State law, the District cannot accept written excuses after this three day period. Doctor excuses will need to be provided once a student has exceeded 10 absences in a school year. Thank you for your cooperation and attention regarding these guidelines.

FOOD SERVICE REMINDERS

If you would like to know the balance of your child's lunch account, you can call our Food Service Manager, Mrs. MaryAnn McGettigan at 215-529-2415 or by logging onto www.MealpayPlus.com.

Also, if you have told us that your child is not allowed to charge lunch but has asked to do so, a phone call, to home, will be made to ask your permission.

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!

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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, February 15, 2010

1:30 PM-7:30 PM

In The Quakertown Elementary Gym
Appointments are preferred.

Please contact: Tasha Keller at 267-773-7374

LIBRARY NEWS

Black History Month

Interesting Fact: Did you know that research in Pennsylvania, Colorado and New York shows the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers?

Olympics on the Web

Olympic.org: Official Website of the Olympic Movement
<http://www.kathimitchell.com/olympics.html>-
Great link to various websites

You've Gotta Have Art! All fifth grade students are participating in the district wide- art-research-writing assessment. Did you know the Philadelphia Museum of Art is open on Sundays and admission is FREE? This is a great outing for your child to see actual paintings by the artists being studied. Think about making a day out of it! **There will be a Pablo Picasso exhibit at the museum from February 24th – April 25th, 2010.**

Enhance your project at your library!

Please contact me at anolte@qcsd.org or 215-529-2861 if I can be of assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QE CARES WINNERS

All of the QE CARES tickets have been saved by class since the beginning of the school year. We have totaled them and will be providing the winning class with a small gift of congratulations for having the most students that were caught being kind. Here are the totals:

Mrs. Pierce – 21 tickets
Mrs. Skonier – 9 tickets
Mrs. Altner – 19 tickets
Mrs. James – 18 tickets
Mrs. Goldcamp – 7 tickets
Mrs. Rosica – 19 tickets
Mrs. Nolan – 17 tickets
Mrs. Yerger – 42 tickets
Miss Catalogna – 9 tickets
Mr. Wieand – 2 tickets

CONGRATULATIONS TO

MRS. YERGER'S CLASS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We will be starting our count over and will be looking forward to seeing more random acts of kindness!

PHYS. ED NEWS

Quakertown Elementary students have completed our gymnastics and tumbling units during the months of December and January. Students will begin work on hockey and stick manipulative skills in grades one through five.

As of January 19th, students have logged 580 hours of home workout time through the use of fitness logs. I encourage students to participate in an effort to build on their lifetime fitness goal.

Our annual Field day will be held during early May.

More detailed information will be forthcoming as Spring approaches.

Keep Active And Get Fit,

Mr. Flynn



THANK YOU FROM QE

Thank you to Boyer's Food Market for donating a cookie/brownie tray for each grade level. Students participated in a coloring contest sponsored in December. Congratulations to all our winners and to **Kellyn Neville, Grand Prize Winner**, who received a \$25 Toys R Us gift certificate.

Miss Burrows – Jacob Reish
Mrs. Skonier – Naia Sanchez
Mrs. Altner – Abigail MacMullen
Mrs. Rosica – Kyra Wrecsics
Mrs. Nolan – Kellyn Neville

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Dr. Winters,

The Division of Federal Programs allocates a portion of Title 1 funds to Title 1 schools making AYP for two or more consecutive years. Quakertown Elementary, 1 of 1000 schools, has been selected to receive this Title 1 Academic Achievement Award during the 2009-10 school year. These funds are to be used by the Title 1 building to support current Title 1 programs being operated within the school. The targets for AYP are higher than ever and will continue to increase each year, making this achievement very significant and noteworthy. Clearly, the staff within Quakertown Elementary School is implementing programs and strategies allowing the students to meet the high academic goals that have been established. I congratulate you and your staff on the success you are experiencing within your school.

Sincerely, Renee Palakovic, Division of Federal Programs

REGISTERED NURSES (RNS) NEEDED

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of school age children and adolescents? Do you possess good clinical nursing skills? QCSO is looking for licensed RNs that enjoy working independently in our health suites.

Substitute RN positions are currently available.

Requirements include: Current RN licensure, background clearances, Perform accurate nursing assessments and interventions for students and staff with acute and chronic health care needs, Good communication and documentation skills, Ability to professionally interact with students, parents, and staff, Ability to triage and multitask, Flexibility with work hours and assignments, Computer literacy.

Orientations are provided for each of our health suites within the district.

Starting salary: \$85/day

Please send letter of interest and resume to Gloria Hrabina: 215-529-2012 or ghrabina@qcsd.org

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

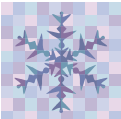
Keep saving **Boxtops, Campbell's Labels, Nestle's water labels, and soda tabs.**

The Boxtop Super Bowl contest continues through Feb. 7 Super Bowl Sunday.

The class with the most touchdowns (box top sheets) will enjoy a Super Sundae party. Remember to ask your friends and family to save the Boxtops and Labels as well, it really adds up! Look for new contests in the new year - 2010!!

NEW collection - **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. All collection point papers and boxes are on the lobby table. Keep on saving!!



PIE NEWS

A big, thank you to all who attended our Movie Night we had a wonderful turn out.

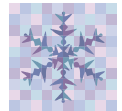
Mark your calendars for our next family fun night, **BINGO NIGHT, February 5 at 6:45 PM.**
 (Snow date Friday, February 12).

During Bingo Night, we will be holding another coin drop, anyone interested please bring along your change to add our growing collection of funds for our students. We will continue to collect change throughout the month of February.

Our coin drop in January raised \$596.76.

REMINDER:

PIE MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 9:00 AM



FEBRUARY, 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 DAY 1	2 DAY 2	3 DAY 3	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 1
Beef Ravioli Tossed Green Salad Garlic Bread Stick Polish Water Ice	Chilled Fruit Juice Sausage, Egg and Cheese on an English muffin Potato Wedges Fresh Apple Slices	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Lettuce and Tomato Baked Beans Baked French Fries Chilled Applesauce	Hot Turkey Sandwich Creamy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Pear Crisp	Personal Pan Pizza Steamed Green Beans Chilled Peaches
8 DAY 2	9 DAY 3	10 DAY 4	11 DAY 1	12 DAY 2
Italian Meatball Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mixed Fruit	Hot Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Carrots/Celery with Dip Fresh Apple Slices	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce and Tomatoes Onions and Salsa Parsley Potatoes Chilled Applesauce	Macaroni and Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Multi Grain Dinner Roll Fruit with Jello	French Bread Pizza Tossed Garden Salad Cheesecake with Topping Happy Valentine's Day!!
15 NON-INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL	16 DAY 3	17 DAY 4	18 DAY 1	19 DAY 2
	Campbell's Tomato Soup Toasted Cheese Sandwich Corn Chips with Salsa Fresh Apple Slices	Our own made Stromboli Tossed Garden Salad Chilled Mixed Fruit	Turkey Club on a Kaiser Roll Lettuce and Tomato Steamed Green Beans Baked Potato Puffs Chilled Pears	Bosco Stuffed Crust Pizza Tossed Garden Salad Assorted Chilled Fruit
22 DAY 3	23 DAY 4	24 DAY 1	25 DAY 2	26 DAY 3
Hot Dog or Cheese Dog Baked Beans Sauerkraut Chilled Peaches	Pulled Pork on a Bun Steamed Corn Fresh Apple Slices	Taco Bar ... enjoy a choice of taco or Tortilla shells with a variety of fillings.....	Baked Chicken Nuggets Steamed Rice Steamed Carrots Pear Cobbler	Giorgio Pizza Tossed Garden Salad Chilled Fruit