

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY

October 20, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

I must say, being around your children offers unexpected joyful surprises every day! Here are just a few quick stories that made my day.

The other morning, one of our delightful little guys arrived at the bottom of the stairs, arms outstretched, huge smile and said to the three adults standing at the top of the stairs...
“OK, who’s up for group hug!?!” Needless to say, we all huddled up and began the day with a big hug!

On Wednesday, Picture Day, one little boy, who looked so sharp all dressed up in his shirt and tie, pointed at me in **my** shirt and tie and squealed with delight, “Look Mr. Kelly ... we’re twins!”

And yesterday, a Kindergartener proudly read a little book for me and exclaimed, “I think I’m a genius!”

I tell you, that’s the stuff that makes it all worthwhile! Don’t get me wrong, the day can be full of challenges and obstacles, but those little moments can go a long way. I guess that’s what life is all about, isn’t it? Stopping to smell the roses; enjoying the simple things; seeing God in every day moments.

We’re all gearing up for tonight’s big event – **the Halloween Party!** I’m looking forward to seeing all the kids dressed up as all the adults look at their watches wondering how 2 hours can feel like 2 days! No doubt, it will be a fun time, I’m sure. And I’m so grateful to the amazing FSA Team and the crew of parent volunteers (and 8th graders!) for pulling off such a Herculean feat. These events are community building and so important to the essence of a strong school – *We’re all in this together, for the same reason ... the kids!* Amen to that!

God bless,
Paul Kelly

Reminders:

- Our annual **Veteran’s Day Celebration** is scheduled for November 9th. In preparation for this event, we need your help. Please read the attachment below for details (*this was also sent home in hard copy with students*)
- **First Term** marks close on November 17th, less than a month away!

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Monday, October 30 Grade 8 “hangs out” with the younger students for a series of Games, craft making and Big Brother/Big Sister bonding

Thursday, October 26 Grade 4 Field Trip to Boston Symphony Hall

Monday, October 31 **Halloween Day!**



- Costumes for Pre-K through Grade 2
- Free Dress Down Day for Grades 3-8 (Fall Colors)
- Costumes optional for Grade 7 to help at Father Lou's *Haunted House* in the Rectory for grades Pre-K through 5.

Wednesday, November 1 **ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

- Children will participate in the 12:00 Parish Mass
- Grade 6 will host the mass
- Grade 3 will dress up as Saints to represent the Holy Day ☺

Friday, November 3 **Early Release for Students**
11:30 Dismissal
Teacher's Meeting/Professional Development



- **SCRIP GIFT CARD**

We will be running the Scrip Gift Card holiday fundraiser again this year. Hard copies were sent home on Thursday (10/13). Please see the attached flier to buy gift cards at many, many stores with a percentage of proceeds going to QCA!! Please support this simple, but important effort. We will be placing orders until December 9th. Happy Shopping and thank you for supporting our school!

Any questions, email Teresa King in the main office:
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- **COMEDY NIGHT EVENT** for QCA ADULT Community – Please join us for a fun-filled evening of great comedy, delicious food and good company. One of our major goals this year is to build the QCA Parent Community, believing that the stronger our partnership is, the stronger our school will be!

This event is one way for us to build the QCA Community. We appreciate your support and presence on November 10th at the Pho Countryside Restaurant (owned and operated by our own Trinh Family!). Please see the attachment for more information. We hope to see many of you at the Comedy Night!

Attachments:

- Veteran's Day Project
- November 2023 Calendar
- Scrip Fundraiser Info
- Comedy Night Flier