

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY

### October 6, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

At its best, a school creates an environment that is buzzing with the desire and the excitement for learning. Ideally, a school sees itself as a community of learners whereby students learn from teachers, teachers learn from students and students learn from other students. When the learning process is experienced in a positive, relevant way, the academic challenges become not only achievable, but also enticing. Successful teachers need to have a love for learning that drives them to continually develop their own craft and to constantly reinvent themselves. Ultimately, when invested from the heart, they will pass that passion on to their students.

In the real world, this kind of learning does not occur around the clock. In fact, there is a time and place in the academic arena where drill and practice are a necessary component and where quiet reflection brings about more thoughtful learning.

However, we, as a school, do believe in the experience of learning and we try to create an environment that promotes such an engagement. In the short time that I have been here at QCA, I have observed lots of positive teaching and learning. I've walked into classrooms where children are working together like inquisitive scientists; I've overheard lively discussions about fantasy novels versus science fiction; and I've observed countless educational songs and dances as our youngest students interact with their own learning and each other. Indeed, a simple stroll through the halls at QCA offers a glimpse into the education adventure at its best!

We are blessed to be part of a school that buzzes with the joy of learning invites children to become life-long learners. May the adventure continue throughout the year!

God bless,  
Mr. Kelly

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Monday, October 9                      Columbus Day                      NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 11              MS Field Trip                      Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Friday, October 13	Dress Down Day	Theme: Pink ~ Support Breast Cancer Awareness ~ \$1.00 donation
Friday, October 13	All-School Liturgy	1:00 ~ hosted by grade 7 ALL ARE WELCOME!
Friday, October 13	Progress Reports	Distributed to students
Wednesday, October 18	School Pictures	Lifetouch Packets will be sent home next week.... Be on the lookout!
Thursday, October 19	MS Field Trip	Blue Hills Reservation
Friday, October 20	HALLOWEEN PARTY	6:00-8:30 pm

### **REMINDERS**

- Our Fall **CLUBS** started up this week and so far, everything is going great. We would love to expand our CLUB offerings in the Winter and Spring sessions and we need your input. Attached (and hard copy sent home with your children) you will find a **CLUB SURVEY**. Please take a few minutes to discuss the list with your children and weigh in on their/your TOP 5 choices for future clubs. Please return the completed survey to school by next Friday. Thank you for your input!
- **School Pictures – Wednesday, October 18 – An Information Packets will be sent home NEXT week**
- We are sending home the **November Lunch Order Form** one week earlier than usual. Thank you for completing and returning it next week.
- Important **Parent Workshop** – Ursuline Academy in Dedham is hosting an important workshop of October 11 focusing on the dangers of On-Line Navigation for young teenagers. A flier is attached, if you are interested in attending.

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY** – *Friday October 20, 2023*

Our Family School Association (FSA) is very excited to host our annual Halloween Party. Last year we had almost 500 people attend this event. It was a blast!! We anticipate another blockbuster event this year, so, more than ever .... WE NEED YOUR HELP!! In order to make the event run smoothly, we need many volunteers to sign up through an app called "SIGN UP GENIUS", to ensure we have plenty of helpers. There are lots of ways you can help including: Set-up and Decorations; Running Games; Selling Raffles; Snack Bar; Break-Down at the end of the night.

Most of the volunteer positions will only require 30-45 minutes of your time before, during or after the Party!

Please read the FSA message below and sign-up through the app to volunteer and/or donate snacks. As we always say ... "We're all in this together". Thanks for your support!

### **FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Happy Weekend All!!!**

**The FSA (Family School Association) has some great events coming up in the next few weeks. We need Parent help and are also looking for donations. Please see the attached Flyer and link to click on to Volunteer through SignupGenius for a job and time slot or to Donate off our Amazon WishList. Either way is helpful and appreciated.**

**You can also email us at [gcafsa370@gmail.com](mailto:gcafsa370@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase an item at BJ's, Or Walmart or Target. there will be a list at the end of this email.**

**Our Upcoming events are the Halloween Extravaganza on October 20th at QCA . Flyer attached gives details and Our Comedy Night on November 10th 7pm at Pho Countryside Doors Open at 7pm. See Attached Flyer for details.**

**Please join our Facebook page QCA Family School Association Page (FSA)**

**Volunteer Link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA4AA2AA0FDC16-44987452-qcahalloween>

**Donation Link:**

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/33W6K7NN1TI7M>

### **Item Needs for Halloween Snack Shack**

Variety flavored Gatorade packs 8oz or 12oz  
Variety boxes of Chips or popcorn  
Sweedish Fish Individually wrapped  
Skittles individually wrapped  
Airheads Variety individually wrapped  
Sour Patch Kids Variety individually wrapped

**Thank You all, Have a Great Weekend!!!**

***Kristin Breen and Catherine Quinn FSA Leaders***

## ATTACHEMENTS

- **CLUB Survey** (*please print, complete and return – Hard copy was also sent home*)
- **Halloween Party Details** – *Halloween Volunteer Form and Halloween Dance Flyer*
- **Grade 8 Fundraising Raffle Flier** (*Halloween Raffle Basket*)
- **November Lunch Order Form**
- **Ursuline Academy Parent Workshop – Teenage Social Media**