

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY September 29, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

At our Back-To-School Night, I mentioned our efforts to launch a new concept this year called ***“The QCA Way”***. Our hope is that this simple phrase will identify a set of value-based standards that encapsulate our expectations for student behavior. It’s a phrase that can be used as positive reinforcement for excellent behavior choices and, conversely, as a relevant and realistic reminder when students veer “off-path”. *“The QCA WAY”* will hopefully serve as a lighthouse beacon, guiding the choices our students make. Teachers and students weighed in with their input and the combined ideas helped us create the set of values that identify *“The QCA Way”*, which include: *Respect, Kindness, School Pride, Empathy, Teamwork, Acceptance and always doing your best work*. I think it’s a pretty impressive list of standards to strive to uphold.

As the principal, I am proud of our students for the way they typically treat one another with respect and kindness and empathy. However, as in every school, children do not always uphold these expected behaviors. At QCA, we do not tolerate meanness and unkindness, or in more serious cases, harassment or bullying-behavior. With that in mind, we want to remind all parents and children how important it is to report any concerns about any observed negative behaviors to a teacher or staff member, so that we can do the necessary investigation to determine the appropriate next steps. If you have any concerns, I encourage you to review the QCA Student Handbook section which addresses Bullying, including a copy of the Bullying Form, which when completed, begins the process of investigation. Ideally and most often, once a situation is identified and properly addressed, the negative behavior changes and the students are able to coexist peacefully and without conflict.

“The QCA Way” provides a proactive roadmap for us all to be our best selves and to represent our school with pride, dignity and honor. Our prayer is that together, we stay on the right path and build a school that is reflective of God’s love and grace.

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

And now for some important UPDATES:

BASKETBALL UPDATE

- We are excited to recruit 12 student athletes to form a 5/6 Boys Basketball Team this year. Once again, Mike Mullins has generously stepped up to coach the team. THANK YOU Mike!! Coach Mullins will be in touch with the team members about practices and games. The season does not officially start until after Thanksgiving, but I'm sure there will be practices and drill sessions prior to the official start of the season. Stay tuned!

Unfortunately, we did not have enough students sign up for the other groups (boys or girls), so at this time, we are not able to form any additional teams. I have reached out to other schools to see if we could possibly join forces to form a coop-team. I'll keep you posted. We are considering offering an internal Basketball Intermural Club here at QCA for students interested in playing for fun here at school. Again... stay tuned!

Clubs start next week!! The following Clubs are already FULL: Lego, Cheerleading and Dance. There are still some openings in: Board Games, Art Club and Reader's Theatre (which will have its first meeting on Thursday, October 12th) Interested, complete a registration form by Monday, October 2nd.

We will be offering a variety of different CLUBS in the WINTER Session and SPRING Session, hopefully offering more options for the younger students.....

BAND LESSONS begin on Tuesday, October 3rd!

FSA UPDATE:

Happy Fall Everyone! Thank you to all who came to our meeting and all who turned in the form providing your name/email to the FSA. We are working on a list of volunteer needs as well as the Wish list for donations for the Upcoming Event October 20th Our HALLOWEEN PARTY. We will email the request to everyone next week. If you have not provided your email but would like to be included on our distribution list please send an email to QCAFSA370@gmail.com. **Also Please Join our FaceBook Page QCA Family School Association (FSA).**

Families!!!Do you have any old used or unused Halloween Costumes you want to get rid of that are in decent condition? Please send them into the school office. We will clean and fix them up for resale the next few weeks after school to those that are looking for something. The funds made will go towards some of the costs for the Halloween Party.

Any questions, comments, concerns Please email us at the enclosed Email Address.

Have a great Weekend!

Your FSA Team!

DATES TO NOTE:



Monday, October 2	After School	<i>CLUBS</i> Begin/Piano Lessons
Tuesday, October 3	After School	Instrument Lessons/ <i>BAND</i> begins
Friday, October 6	11:30 2:30	Early Dismissal for all students Extended Day ends early
Monday, October 9	NO SCHOOL	<i>Columbus Day</i> ☺
Wednesday, October 11	9:00-1:30	MS Field Trip to Museum of Fine Arts
Friday, October 13	1:00	<i>School Liturgy</i> – All are welcome !
Friday, October 13	Dress Down Day	“Pink” for <i>Breast Cancer Awareness</i>
Friday, October 13	Progress Reports	Distributed to students
Friday, October 20	Halloween Party	6:00-8:30 pm ☺

Attachments:

1. Anti-Bullying Information
2. QCA Apparel Form