

MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2024



Dear QCA Families:

Welcome to the month of March... one step closer to SPRING! God is good!

This past Wednesday, we gathered in the gym as a faith community to launch the season of Lent. We want our students to somehow understand the beauty of this season, when it is approached with intentional purpose and perseverance. My personal memories of Lent are deep-rooted and powerful. From a very early age, I can recall the seriousness with which we approached the long, dark 40 days leading up to Easter. The sacrifices (less TV, no candy, no Pepsi!) seemed daunting, if not impossible. The time frame, endless. And yet, there was always a certain amount of excitement about facing the challenge and somehow becoming a better person in the end. On one end of the spectrum, the ritual of child-like sacrifice now seems a bit meaningless. On the other hand, there was a certain gift in the experience, coming to understand that the Lent, when observed with faithfulness, ultimately draws us closer to Jesus.

We journey into the Lenten desert with hopes of better comprehending the great love of God through the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. We must experience the desert to better appreciate the rich blessings beyond. We must experience life's difficulties and obstacles in order to more freely allow God to lead us and unfold His will to us. Lent invites us to be transformed. The children easily relate to the symbolism of caterpillar to butterfly cycle, emerging into something beautiful after a period of darkness and quiet growth.

Isn't God wonderful, how He manages to transform our own frailties into something meaningful and life changing? Let's allow Him to work on us this Lent by humbly submitting to His call to follow Him, to trust Him and to be used by Him.

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

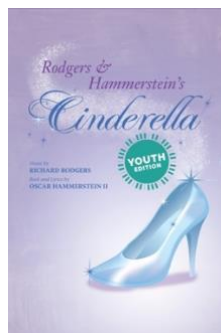
Calendar Correction: April 5, 2024 will be an **EARLY DISMISSAL** (11:30 for K2-8 and 11:15 for PreK and K1). This was not in the original calendar.
Teachers will be participating in Professional Development Workshops

♦ **CONGRATULATIONS:** Let's hear it for our **5/6 Grade Boys Basketball Team**...the

athletes had a good season. The level of improved skill soared over the past couple of months and the bonded comradery between the players inspired. Kudos to our amazing coach, Mike Mullins, for your dedication and leadership. We are so grateful to you!

- ◆ The **Re-Registration Process** for 2024-2025 is ongoing. If you have not yet re-registered for next year and are planning to return to QCA (Hopefully everyone!), please complete the on-line process as soon as possible. Simply go to our new website and follow the steps. Any questions, just call the office.
- ◆ **End of Term** – Next Friday marks the end of TERM 2. *Report Cards* will be distributed and sent home with children on March 15th.... Be watchful!!
- ◆ **Extended Day Reminder:** Just a reminder. Pick-Up for After-School Program ends at 6:00 pm. It is very important not to be late. Anyone who is late for pick-up will be charged \$1.00 per minute. After three late pick-ups, you will run the risk of continuing with the program. Thank you so much for your cooperation and compliance. 😊
- ◆ Annual Scholastic **Book Fair** – Our FSA (Family School Association) is excited to host our annual Book Fair on Tuesday-Friday, March 12-15. More details will follow and a hard copy of the book lists and instructions will be sent home next week. Interested in volunteering, please let us know!

“CINDERELLA” ~ Let the MAGIC BEGIN!!



QCA Fine Arts Program is proud to present our Spring Musical “**Cinderella**” next week!! The cast & crew have been working hard for two months and it’s time to bring the magic to life on stage! Whether your child is involved or not, we hope you join us for one of the performances. It’s great! Here are the details:

- ◆ Dates: Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Tickets are only \$5.00 for Students and Seniors and \$10.00 for Adults. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time (see attached form) but will also be available at the door. Don't miss it!!

For all Parents whose children are involved, a reminder that rehearsals next week on Monday and Tuesday (March 4 and 5) finish at 5:00 pm. All cast and crew are required to be at both rehearsals until 5:00.

We will be performing the show during school for students and teachers on Wednesday, March 6th at 12:30. Parents of children in PreK and K1 are invited to join us and sit with your children during the show, if you would like. We hope you can make it!

Summer Program:

QCA is happy to announce that we will once again be offering a Summer Enrichment Program. The program is open to all current QCA students, incoming students, and their siblings (ages 4 and up). It will run Monday, June 17 through Friday, August 9 from 8:00am until 5:00pm (closed June 19, July 4 and July 5).

The schedule will be the same as last year:

Half Day: 8:00-12:00

School Day: 8:00-2:00

Full Day: 8:00-5:00

A list of additional programs and clubs will be sent home in April. These are one-week programs that run from 9:00am until 12:00pm and are separate from the Summer Program.

A registration packet will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Attachments:

- March Calendar
- Cinderella Ticket Form