

MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

March 15, 2024



Greetings QCA Parents:

Today was another wonderful, wacky day here at QCA. The school was dressed in a sea of GREEN, as we celebrated Saint Patrick's Day that brought out a "little Irish" in everyone! Mrs. Dunn's "Forbes Irish Step Dancers" entertained us at an early morning assembly and the little ones searched around the building to try to find the elusive leprechaun, who left multiple shamrocks as evidence around the building! These are the fun moments that breathe such JOY into school life.

We shifted gears in the afternoon and ended the week on a powerful, spiritual note with our all-school liturgy honoring two great saints – Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. Both men devoted their lives to follow God's will – no matter how daunting it must have seemed.

Saint Patrick is credited for converting thousands of people in Ireland to Christianity. Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, was a faithful and prayerful man who loved and trusted God very much. Both men lived very virtuous lives and offer us an example of how to live our lives – to be kind, trustworthy, compassionate, courageous, and boldly faithful.

The opening prayer at the liturgy was beautifully shared by Evelyn in grade 4. She said:

"As we journey through this Lenten season, we strive to be more saint-like by praying more deeply, letting go of things that keep us from loving God and giving of our time, talent and treasure to help others. Help us to spread the good news like Saint Patrick did. Help us to care for others as Joseph did for Jesus and Mary. May we bring peace within our own family, school, and world".



A Quick Look at Next Week:

- Sunday, 3/17 *Quincy Choral Society* Concert performed at QCA – 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, 3/19 Regional *Spelling Bee Competition* at Saint Paul School in Hingham.
Good Luck to – Soha Shiffas (8), Tayla Jiang (8) and Helina Adugna (7)
- Wed. 3/20 *Lenten Penance Services* at church (grades 3-8)
- Thursday, 3/21 *Ted's Crazy Critters* K2 In-House Field Trip
- Friday, 3/22 *Happy Friday!*
- Sunday, 3/24 **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** – *Sponsored by Divine Mercy Parish***
- 9:30 Procession for Palm Sunday
 - After 10:00 Mass – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in QCA Café

Mark Your Calendar

Early Dismissal on April 5, 2024 – Please note this change from the original calendar. Students will dismiss at 11:30 (K2-8) and 11:15 Prek-K1). Our teachers will be participating in an important afternoon Professional Development Workshop

BOOK FAIR

We just wrapped up our successful 4-day **BOOK FAIR**. I hope the kids were able to add a few good titles to their home collections. There is no greater gift than to instill the love of reading. I am so impressed to see so many of our students reading for the simple pleasure of reading. Good literature expands the imagine, opens our eyes to worlds beyond our own and touches the soul. Keep reading!!

A very special thanks to our amazing and dedicated FSA moms who once again pulled off a Herculean Event to benefit the QCA Student Experience. I am so grateful to them. If you are interested being more involved with the FSA (we need you desperately!), please let me know or reach out to FSA reps, Kristen Breen and/or Catherine Quinn. A strong Parent Association ensures a strong school community. 😊

FUN RUN 2024

Our annual Fun Run will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2024 (Rain date: Friday, April 26, 2024) at Cavanagh Field for grades 1-8 and in our gym for PK – K2.

This year's theme is "**BROADWAY MUSICALS**". Children may wear a "**CLASSROOM CHOSEN BROADWAY MUSICAL**" themed costume. This is a major fundraiser for the school. We are hoping that every student will participate!

General information and sponsorship opportunities are attached to this communication. Children who raise at least \$25 will receive a Broadway Musicals Fun Run T-Shirt. Sponsorship forms and T-shirt designs are due in the office ***no later than*** Monday, March 25th.

SUMMER PROGRAM 2024

Believe it or not, registration for our Summer Enrichment Program is beginning NOW! Details about the 2024 Summer 8-Week Program went home in hard copy with the students today. If you are interested in the Program, please review the materials carefully. Remember, unlike many other Summer Programs, you can tailor-make your schedule to meet your daily, weekly or even Summer needs. Tracy Rixham will be overseeing the program. She does an amazing job! Any questions, see Tracy or call the main office!



REPORT CARDS and Attendance Reminders

Term 2 Report Cards went home with students today. Most of the kids did very well. Kudos! If not, Term 3 offers an opportunity for improvement and redemption! Clean slate... finish strong!

Some of you may be receiving an additional letter if your child has had excessive absences of "tardies" this year. This is not meant to be a "scolding", but simply a reported update and a reminder of how important it is for your child to be IN school and ON time For their best interest! Thanks for your cooperation.

Attachments:

- FUN RUN forms (Parent Letter; Sponsor Form; T-Shirt Design form)
- March Lunch Menu

