

MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

April 26, 2024



Greetings QCA Families:

We are officially in “the home stretch” as we turn the calendar to May 2024! This morning a student informed me that we only have 35 school days left this year! In disbelief, I counted the days myself and discovered that, indeed, starting next week, we have exactly 32 school days left (and even less for our 8th graders!!) Yikes.... Loaded with activities and culminating events, this is a wonderful time of year to tie things together, involve students in lots of hands-on learning opportunities and celebrate the successes of the year. It’s also a time when students can become distracted and preoccupied with sports and outdoor activities and where family obligations can become cumbersome. As always, we seek balance. As the treadmill of life begins to pick up speed, let us remain focused and reminded that God’s plan for us is not one of frenetic turmoil, but rather one of peace and equilibrium. May we approach these finals weeks with youthful enthusiasm along with a spirit of peace and serenity, trusting that God is in control. Enjoy the ride!

God bless,

Mr. Kelly

FUN RUN SUCCESS

A word of huge THANKS to Mrs. Hines, the teachers and the team of volunteers, who helped to make our FUN RUN such a big success! From start to finish, the event went off without a hitch, concluding with an enthusiastic Dance Party in the school yard. The level of JOY was palpable... In spite of the early chilly temperatures, the beautiful blue sky offered a perfect backdrop for this fun event. Thank you all for your financial and participatory support! Go Team QCA!!



Events Happening Right This Weekend

Friday, April 26	Progress Report distributed
Friday, April 26	GLOW PARTY/DANCE from 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, April 27	CONCERT HONOR BAND CONCERT @ QCA at 1:00 pm
Monday, April 29	“Cinderella” Cast & Crew Party from 2:15-3:45

Reminders:

- **UNIFORM FITTING** – Collegiate Uniform Company will be at QCA measuring and ordering on Wednesday, **May 8 from 7:30-8:30 and Friday May 10 from 7:30-8:30**. Orders can also be made on-line at www.collegiatehouse.com (just click on Quincy Catholic Academy) or by visiting the store at 14 High Street, Medford, MA
- **QCA TALENT SHOW** - Auditions for the upcoming *Talent Show* will be held on **Tuesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 10** after school. Students in grades 2-8 who are interested in performing a 2-minute talent need to complete an audition form and sign-up in the office for an audition slot. The Talent Show will be in late May. Bring on the talent!!
- **DENTIST VISIT** – The volunteer dentist is coming back to QCA on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14 to do a cleaning for students who were seen in the Fall.
- **SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM** – QCA will be running our Summer Camp Program this summer from **June 17-August 9** (*note the dates in last week’s Newsletter were incorrect!*). Information and registration for the Program (including a brochure for our week-long Summer Camps) was sent home recently and is also attached digitally in the Newsletter. Sign-up ASAP so we can begin planning!!
- ◆ **RED SOX GAME NIGHT** for QCA – There is a **DATE CHANGE** in the QCA Red Sox Game Event, from May 10 to **May 31st**. Click on this link to get your tickets!!!

EARLY CHILDHOOD (PreK - K2) ~ JOIN US!!!



Sunday, May 5, 2024

1:00-3:00 pm

Early Childhood OPEN HOUSE/FUN FAIR

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at QCA to celebrate our amazing Early Childhood Program.

Bouncy House, Face-Painting, Cookie Decorating, Balloon Animals, Fun & Games

SPREAD THE WORD New Students ...

Invite you family, friends and neighbors to meet the teachers and take a tour

If you bring a friend who ends up successfully registering for next year,

you can win \$100 Gift Card

Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your May Calendar Get Ready!!



- May 1-3 Grade 8 Trip to Washington DC
- Friday, May 3 11:30 Dismissal for Students (Extended Day until 2:30 pm)
- Sunday, May 5 Early Childhood Open House/Fair from 1:00-3:00
- Monday, May 6 NWEA Spring Testing Begins (grades K-8)
- Tuesday, May 7 Grades 3 and 4 Field Trip: Commonwealth Museum
- Wed/Friday, May 8 and 10 **Uniform Fitting** from 8:30-8:30 am
- Thursday, May 9 Ascension Thursday – 12:00 Liturgy at church
- Saturday, May 11 **First Communion** for grade 2 QCA students – 11:00 at SH
- Thursday, May 16 Field Day ☺
- Friday, May 17 May Procession – 1:00
- Wed., May 17 Pre K/K1 Field Trip: Franklin Park Zoo
- Tuesday, May 21 Honors Band performs at Faneuil Hall 11:00-1:00
- Thursday, May 23 Field Trip: Grades 1 and 2 ~ NE Aquarium
- Monday, May 27 NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, May 28 Band Concert at school – 1:15
- Thursday, May 30 Field Trip: PreK and K1 ~ Franklin Park Zoo
- Friday, May 31 Talent Show at 1:00
- Friday, May 31 NWEA Testing Ends

We are excited to add **TWO ADDITIONAL SUMMER CLUB OFFERINGS**

If you are interested in either of these Clubs or any other Club which was already announced, please print and complete the attached registration form.

Pokemon Club with William Huang and Stephanie Lyang



Grades: Students entering grades 1-5 (maximum of 15 students)

Dates: July 15-19

In the Pokemon Club (an Arts & Crafts style club), students will engage in different activities that spark their creativity. Students will perform different tasks ranging from decorating items to building projects from scratch. We will strive to create an inclusive space where young adults can express who they are through the use of arts and crafts. As Pokemon is gaining more popularity, this club will provide a great opportunity to these like-minded students to interact and build strong connections.

Science Exploration Club with Ms. Malatzky, MS Science Teacher



Grades: Students entering grades 4 and up

Session #1: July 15-19

Session #2: July 22-26

Enter the lab and get ready to explore! Each day students will explore a new science topic and take part in hands-on experiments. Students will learn how to design their own experiments and dictate what subjects we explore. One day we might make our own slime and bouncy balls and another we might explore the densities of different soda cans or find out how bath bombs work. The Science Exploration Club will challenge students to ask why and then try to answer their own questions through research and experiments. During the week students will also visit the Harvard Museum of Natural History to learn more about the natural world and inspire their investigations.