

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY

October 9, 2026



Greetings QCA Families:

One of the best parts of my day is standing at the front of the school at the beginning of each day. It's so entertaining to watch the cast of characters as they begin their school day. The little guys tend to run up the stairs with huge smiles, offering hugs and enthusiastic greetings: "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly!!" I'm not sure why they have trouble saying "Mr.," but I'll take it!! By the time they get to the 4th grade, you usually get a polite, but somewhat subdued, "Morning. Have a nice day." By the time the Middle School students arrive, the tone changes as they lumber up the stairs, eyes half closed, half-grumbling, "Mornin'", as they drag their over-loaded backpacks up the unnerving three flights of stairs.

It's a daily, fascinating lesson in child psychology, for sure. But I have to tell you, in all seriousness – your children are so polite and respectful. Whatever their level of enthusiasm, they look you in the eye and they greet you with sincere courtesy. I'm very blessed to start my day with their welcoming and good hearts.

Switching gears... The calendar seems to be on the fast track... The next few weeks will be very busy at school. Luckily, we start this week with a holiday, which is always a bonus – But then we shift into high gear.

Monday, October 12 – NO SCHOOL *for the Holiday*

Wednesday, October 14th - Picture Day. Order forms from LifeTouch were sent home with the students today. Please see below for more details.

Thursday, October 15th - Auditions for the Talent Show immediately after school for all students in grades 2-8 who seek the spotlight!

Friday, October 16th - Progress Report will be sent home with the children. We will be half-way through Term 1, so now is a good time to review your child's academic progress – to celebrate their success and to address any areas of weakness, which might require additional support or attention. Any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teachers or me.

And finally, on **Friday Night, October 16th**, please come back to school for Father Lou's big Halloween Event – **TRUNK or TREAT** from 6:00-8:00 pm. The street in front of the school and rectory will be shut down for the festivities; police details will be present.

You can participate in two ways:

- ◆ #1 – We are still looking for more decorated cars (trunks). There will be prizes for the best decorated cars! If you are enthusiastically creative and would like to decorate your car and provide candy treats for the trick-or-treaters, please contact Kristin Breen for more information at kmiko24@gmail.com. We would love at least 6 more cars!!
- ◆ #2 - Simply come to the street party on Glover Ave between 6:0-8:00 to check out all the trunks, do some trick-or-treating and enjoy the fun. The Haunted Rectory will also be open for a spooky visit!! ALL ARE WELCOME!! You can park in the side lot where we do drop-off every day!

God bless,

Mr. Kelly

SOME IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS:

- ◆ Many thanks to all who stopped by the **CAR WASH** last Saturday to support our 8th graders. We got. A great turn out; the kids worked hard for three hours straight; they had tons of fun (soaked to the bone!), and, best of all, we made about \$1000 towards their Washington DC trip. Many thanks to all!
- ◆ **No bikes or scooters** at dismissal time. There is a lot of activity in the school yard at dismissal time. Thank you for helping us monitor the children. Once all the students have been picked up, students may ride their scooters and bikes with parent supervision. Don't forget to wear helmets! Thank you!
- ◆ Just a reminder that children in grades K2 and grade 1 should be dropped off at the front door. Now that we are several weeks into school, the students should be more independent. *We ask that parents **not** escort them to their classrooms.* Thank you for your cooperation.
- ◆ **E-BIKE RAFFLE** – Amazing Opportunity!! Father Delaney, one of our parish priests, has donated his incredible E-Bike to us to raffle off. The E-Bike is worth \$2000 and only has 35 miles on it... it's basically brand new! It is a large bike, really for adults and young adults (not children). We are selling the raffles for \$35 each or (2) for \$50.00. We will only sell 150 tickets, so your chances of winning are much stronger. If interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, please see the attached flier and tickets or stop by the school office! Thank you for your support and GOOD LUCK!!

◆ **Picture Day – Wednesday, October 14, 2026**



- All students will have their picture taken.
- Students are allowed to dress up and OUT of uniform, if you/they choose.
- Parents should complete the Picture Day packets form and send it in with your child on Picture Day
- There is a retake Picture Day scheduled for later in the year

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



Friday, October 16 – TRUNK or TREAT – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE!!

Father Lou's Halloween Bash, outside on Glover Ave and in the Haunted Rectory! Come in costume ready to kick off the Halloween season with candy, activities and lots of spooky surprises!

Friday, October 23 – Our annual HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY –

The fantastic **MONSTER BASH!!!**

Sponsored by our fabulous FSA... Please read...

The FSA "Monster Bash" tickets will on sale next week. Pre-Sale tickets are strongly encouraged. All those that purchase pre-sale tickets will be entered into a BOO Basket raffle!! More information coming your way next week!!

Attachments:

- November LUNCH menus (2)
- Trick or Trunk Flyer

- Halloween Monster Bash Flyer and Pre-Sale Tickets Form
- E-Bike Raffle flier and tickets