

# Quaker Farms School



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## **Celebrations & Events**

- Students participated in a fire coloring contest back in October and three lucky winners enjoyed a ride to school on a fire truck on November 3rd.
- QFS is participating in the district wide Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the GOMS 8th grade class to benefit the Valley Food Bank. Each classroom was assigned a specific item to donate.
- During the week of November 6th, students and staff will participate in a project known as “The Pajama Program” which collects new pajamas and books for children who are less fortunate. On Friday, November 10th all students and staff are encouraged to wear their pajamas to school to recognize the importance of this program.
- QFS will celebrate Veteran’s Day the week of November 6th. Students will engage in various activities throughout the week learning about the meaning of Veteran’s Day. Students will also create letters, cards, and pictures to send to the Veterans.
- First grade students will be taking a field trip to the Yale Museum of Art on November 10 and 17. Students will participate in a guided tour called “The Language of Art” where they will explore how artists tell stories. Through a visual exploration of mood, setting, plot and character, students will articulate the narrative aspects of works of art at the Gallery.
- On November 13, a QFS second grade boy and girl along with a parent, Paraeducator, and Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the Superintendent’s Award Ceremony at Oxford High School at 7pm.
- Our monthly STAR assembly will be held on November 21 with a focus on Veteran’s Day and Gratitude. Mrs. Tokarz, Mrs. Deptula, and Ms. Dean’s classrooms will be showcased.

## **Curriculum & Instruction**

- On November 7th, Quaker Farms School teachers participated in a district-wide Professional Development Activity called EdCamp. Teachers had the opportunity to attend 6 different sessions of their choosing to personalize their learning for the day. Sessions were run by other teachers and consultants. A survey was sent out to all certified staff regarding this day.

## **Assessment Data**

The following data summarizes the Fall MAP Testing. We will be able to compare these percentages to the winter and spring data. We will also be able to use this data to determine what percentage of students are making projected growth and how much of that growth is being made.

Grade KDG	Low (Bottom 20th Percentile)	Middle (21st - 79th Percentile)	High (top 20th Percentile)
Reading	12%	77%	10%
Math	12%	77%	10%

Grade 1	Low (Bottom 20th Percentile)	Middle (21st - 79th Percentile)	High (top 20th Percentile)
Reading	13%	59%	27%
Math	11%	63%	26%

Grade 2	Low (Bottom 20th Percentile)	Middle (21st - 79th Percentile)	High (top 20th Percentile)
Reading	12%	55%	37%
Math	12%	57%	35%

### **Communication**

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Grades will close on November 17<sup>th</sup> and report cards and Fall MAP scores will be distributed at conferences.
- Teachers continue to email families weekly to keep them updated on both school and classroom news. Weekly office emails are sent providing new information and reminders to all families.

### **Facilities & Safety**

- A scheduled fire drill was held on October 12th. The Oxford Fire Department was present due to Fire Prevention Day. An unplanned fire alarm took place on October 25th due to an assembly where a scientist created a large soap bubble which touched a fire sensor in the gym. All students and staff followed all procedures and protocols as practiced.

**On behalf of Quaker Farms School, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!**

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