

Quaker Farms School



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Principal of Quaker Farms School**

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Celebrations & Events

- This month the kindergarten students will be visiting Jones Farm, the first grade students will be visiting Blue Jay Orchards, and the second grade students will be visiting Rockhouse Hill in Oxford.
- The PTO Book Fair will take place on October 15-18 where a variety of books will be available for students to purchase. There will also be an Ice Cream Social and Book Fair night on October 18.
- School picture day will take place on October 10th.
- Fire Prevention Day will be held on October 11 where the Oxford Fire Department will present fire safety tips to all the students. The students will get to see the fire trucks and ask questions. There will also be a coloring contest for students in grades K-2. One winner will be chosen from each grade and will get to ride a fire truck to school!
- The Halloween parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31 at 2:15. A Harvest party will also take place for those students who do not celebrate Halloween. Parents are invited to attend as well.
- All QFS students have purchased T-shirts with our STAR logo on them to wear during school events (i.e. field trips, special events, field day, STAR assemblies each month, etc).
- Power of Pink t-shirts are also being sold district wide to help raise Breast Cancer Awareness. Staff and students are encouraged to wear their t-shirts on October 30th.

Curriculum and Student Achievement

- Students in grades K-2 began taking the STAR Assessment in the content areas of Early Literacy and Math beginning on September 18. This universal screening tool will be administered to all students at the beginning, middle and end of the school year in order to measure student growth over time and provide teachers with data that will assist in both informing and differentiating instruction.
- QFS school improvement team is in the beginning phases of completing our School Improvement Plan Year 1 based on the Strategic Operating Plan for the district.

- Reader's Workshop model is being implemented in all K-2 classrooms. We had our first Reading Workshop coaching day with Lauren Kolbeck on September 20th where she met with each grade level team individually. This time consisted of a preconference, a lab site visit, and a debrief for each grade level.
- Teachers in grades K-2 are in their second year of implementing Writer's Workshop.
- Teachers in grades K-2 are in their third year of implementing a phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, and spelling program called *Foundations*.
- QFS will have a PBIS STAR assembly on October 25th focusing on Anti-bullying and Showing Kindness.

Communication

- All classroom teachers have created email distribution lists where information is communicated to families on a regular basis.
- Our school web site is updated often to include the monthly calendar, lunch calendar, principal reports, daily events, reminders, etc.

Facilities & Safety

- A scheduled Fire Drill will take place this month.
- The building principal attended ALICE Training on October 4 and October 5. There will be a half day of professional development regarding school security on October 26th for all staff.

Respectfully submitted,
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Principal