

# Quaker Farms School



**Office of Rachael Cacace  
Principal of Quaker Farms School**

**May 14, 2019**

## **Celebrations & Events**

- QFS will be participating in the Look for The Good program from May 6 – May 17. The Look for the Good® Program is a two-week, school-wide gratitude and kindness campaign where students and staff work together to uplift their school community. The program is tailored for K - 6 schools and is led by one supervising adult (Rachael Cacace) and a group of student leaders (if appropriate). The Program starts with a Kickoff Assembly that was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and is followed with two weeks of morning announcements to remind students and teachers to participate in the program. During the program...
  - Temporary floor stickers (called “Gratitude Spots”) are installed throughout the school to remind students to share their gratitude with one another.
  - “Kindness Cards” are shared between students and teachers to encourage compliments. Students and teachers add their gratitude to a colorful “Gratitude Wall” of sticky notes which serves as inspiration for the whole school.
  - Students surprise a loved one with a “You Matter Letter” which they must read to them at some point during the campaign.
- The annual second grade class picture took place on May 8.
- The PTO Book Fair will take place from May 14-16.
- OHS student readers will be reading to students on May 15.
- The United Girls Choir will be holding auditions for first and second students (with parent permission) at QFS on May 16.
- The PTO Spring Plant Sale will take on May 22.
- Our monthly STAR assembly will be held on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with a focus on both Memorial Day and Flag Day. All students in Grades PreK-2 will be participating in this STAR assembly and have been learning many patriotic songs during their weekly music classes. Students and staff are invited to wear Red, White and Blue on this day.
- First grade students will be taking a field trip to the Beardsley Zoo on May 30.

- Second grade students and parents will be visiting OCS on May 31. This will allow for students and parents to meet Mr. Hendershot as well as some of the OCS staff and students and take a tour of Center School.
- Kindergarten Book and Blanket will take place on June 1 where parents are invited to read a story to their kindergarten child as well as listen to their child read a book(s) to them while sitting on a blanket having a snack.

### **Curriculum and Student Achievement**

- Many grade level assessments will be taking place in May. The DRA 2 (Developmental Reading Assessment) will be given individually to each child in grades K-2 to assess fluency, word accuracy, reader engagement, and comprehension. Unit assessments, performance tasks, a writing prompt and the STAR testing will be administered to all students as well.

### **Communication**

- Kindergarten registration took place formally in April. We are continuing to register students on an as needed basis. Parents are encouraged to contact the main office to set up a specific day and time to register their child. Currently we have registered 90 students for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. This number does not include any possible retentions. This time last year we had 90 students registered for the 2018-2019 school year. As always, I will continue to keep the Superintendent of Schools aware of the numbers as we move into the summer months.

### **Facilities & Safety**

- A scheduled Fire Drill will take place this month.

Respectfully submitted,  
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