

Quaker Farms School



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Celebrations & Events

- Students are currently participating in a fire prevention coloring contest and three lucky winners will be selected to enjoy a ride to school on a fire truck at the end of November.
- 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.
- Beginning the week of November 5th, students and staff have been participating in a project known as “The Pajama Program” which collects new pajamas and books for children who are less fortunate. On Friday, November 16th 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 on Monday, November 12. Students will engage in various activities learning about the meaning of Veteran’s Day. Students will also create letters/cards/pictures to send to the Veterans. Students are invited to wear red, white and blue on this day!
- On November 12, a QFS second grade boy and girl along with a parent and paraeducator will be recognized at the Superintendent’s Award Ceremony at Oxford High School at 7pm.
- Our monthly STAR assembly will be held on November 30th with a focus on Veteran’s Day and Gratitude. Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Deptula’s classrooms will be showcased.

Curriculum & Instruction

- On November 6th, Quaker Farms School teachers participated in district-wide Professional Development with a focus on Cultural Competence and Social/Emotional Learning. A survey was sent out to all certified staff regarding this day.

Communication

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 28^h and 29th. Grades will close on November 16^h and report cards 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 will be held this month.
- On November 5, all of QFS staff participated in a half professional development day focusing on ALICE training. The three ALICE trained instructors received very positive feedback from staff regarding the training.

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