

Principal's Monthly Report
Quaker Farms School
October 10, 2017

Celebrate Children and Learning

- 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 10, 11, and 12 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 12.
- Fire Prevention Day will be held on October 12 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 show *Kiddie Chem* will take place on October 25 and will present a first look at the amazing world of chemistry through a fun, exciting series of demonstrations with exotic materials. Students will learn about solids, liquids, gases and chemical reactions.
- School picture day will take place on October 26th.
- The Halloween parade will take place on Tuesday, 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).

Curriculum and Student Achievement

- Students in grades K-2 began taking the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments in the content areas of ELA 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 process of completing our School Improvement Plan Year 3 based on the Strategic Operating Plan for the district.
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- Writer's Workshop model is being implemented in all K-2 classrooms.
- Teachers in grades K-2 are implementing our math program, *Investigations* with updated on-line resources that are aligned with the CCS.
- Teachers in grades K-2 are in their second year of implementing a phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, and spelling program called *Foundations*. Trick word journals which go home nightly have been established for all students in K-2 which emphasize fluency of commonly used words.
- QFS will have a PBIS STAR assembly on October 27th focusing on Anti-bullying and Kindness.

School Safety

- Our monthly fire drill will take place on Thursday, October 12. The two-way radios continue to be utilized on a daily basis among staff members at QFS. Our school security and safety plan has been updated for the 2017-2018 school year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Principal