



KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

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A NOTE FROM MRS. SPREITZER

Thank you so much to our students, and staff for the great start to our new school year! It has been fun having the school house full of excitement as the new year begins!

A few housekeeping items:

- Please be sure to read the newsletter when it comes out each month. It will have important dates, information, and classroom updates. A copy of each newsletter can also be found on our website for future reference.

A reminder about dropping off students in the morning.

- If you need to assist your child (exiting your car, putting on a coat, backpack, etc) please pull all the way around to the east side of the circle or park in the parking lot.
- When cars stop for an extended amount of time in the circle, the traffic back up to the street causing a safety hazard.

- For safety reasons, please exit from the passenger/curb side of the vehicle only.
- If we are doing it right, several cars can be unloaded at the same time, making traffic flow smoothly.

Student CMAS results will be handed out during parent teacher conferences on 9/24 and 9/25 for students currently in 4th - 8th grades. If you would like your child's report sooner, please stop by the office between 7 and 3.

KEY DATES

9/9 - PTO Meeting 2:45 pm

9/13 Paid Dress Down Day

9/19 Kinder Literacy Night 6:00 pm

9/20 Paid Dress Down Day

9/23 No School (In-Service)

9/24 - 9/25 PT Conferences

9/27 Free Dress Down Day

10/1 Count Day

10/3 Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/4 Paid Dress Down Day
Movie Night @ 6:00 pm

10/11 Paid Dress Down Day

10/14 PTO Meeting 2:45 pm'

10/17 - 10/18 No School (In-Service)

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Dear Parents,

We would like you to be aware that we have children in our school with nut or other

These allergies may be severe, even life threatening. We therefore are asking you to avoid sending snacks or birthday treats to your child's classroom that contains nuts or nut products such as peanut butter, almond oil, or peanut oil, and check with the classroom teacher for other food allergies. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Estimados Padres,

Quisieramos dejarlos saber que hay varios ninos en nuestra escuela que tienen alergias a las nueces y a los cacahuates. Estas alergias pueden ser severas hasta pueden amenazar la vida. Por lo tanto, les estamos pidiendo que no manden bocadillos o convites de cumpleaños para la clases de su hijo que contienen nueces o productos de las nueces como mantequilla de cacahuete aceite la almendra, or aceite de cacahuete. Tambien es importante a prequntar el professor de su hijo si hay estudiantes con otras alergeias de comida. Gracias por su ayuda con este asunto tan importante.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Conversation Starters That Engage Your Children (no one on their phone, please!)

Praise the child/teen:

"I really like the way..."

Build's Self-esteem

"What was the best part of your day?"

Shows interest in their lives/encourages verbal expression/connection

"What's your plan for the day/evening?"

Encourages strategic and realistic thinking

"What worked last time you had this problem/issue?"

Encourages reflective thinking

"If you could do it again, how would you do it differently?"

Encourages learning and applying changes.

TAKE NOTE: VETERAN'S DAY ESSAY

We will be sponsoring an Essay Contest in honor of our Veterans. The subject is "Why do we celebrate Veterans Day?" All KQA students (K - 8) are invited to participate. Parents may assist students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Essays are due Monday, October 21 to either the student's classroom teacher or the office. The essays will be judged by our local Johnstown/Milliken VFW.



KINDERGARTEN!

Welcome to Kindergarten!

During our literacy time, we are working on learning our letters and their sounds. With writing, we are working to learn how to form our letters.

In math, we are identifying and writing our numbers of 1 - 10.

Our science time has us learning about ourselves while in social studies we are learning rules, maps, globes, and directions.

Don't forget, on Sept. 6th we will go to Miller farms and learn about vegetables and pick our own.

Also, join us for our Kindergarten literacy night on the 19th at 6 pm.

FIRST GRADE

We have had a wonderful start to our year and we are so proud of all the first graders already!

In our literacy block, we are currently learning all the different building blocks of reading! In writing, we are working on writing sentences independently and our handwriting.

In math we are currently practicing five groups and we will jump right in with some addition and subtraction strategies. We will also be working on our math mountains.

Science has us taking a look inside of the earth and learning about different kinds of rocks and our first social studies unit will be on maps!

SECOND GRADE

We have had such a GREAT start to 2nd grade!

We are working on Realistic Fiction genre during our literacy time and in writing we are working on Compare and Contrast writing pieces, narrative writing and handwriting in general.

In math, we are reviewing basic math concepts and practicing our math mountains.

Our science time has us discussing weather and completing our STEM challenges.

In social studies we are working with Core Knowledge Fairy Tales from around the World and Geography



THIRD GRADE

Third grade is off to a great start! We are enjoying getting to know the students, and have been impressed by the kindness and respect that many of them are showing to their peers and teachers.

In literacy, we are studying narrative stories. While reading, we are practicing identifying sequence and asking questions about the text.

In writing, we are practicing the writing process while drafting and revising personal narrative stories.

Math has us practicing multiplication and division while working on developing the skills and understanding to solve word problems.

With science, we will be starting a unit on motion and forces and social studies has us wrapping up our unit on Rivers of the World where students have learned about major rivers around our world, as well as why they are important to the communities that are near them.

FOURTH GRADE

Welcome to Fourth Grade where we are building something great!

We are looking at informational texts, where we will find the main idea and evidence. In literature, we will summarize and identify theme and elements of plot.

We are also learning to write to analyze. We are beginning with short-constructed responses (SCR), usually one-two paragraphs.

Our first unit in math is about place value. The most important take-aways include patterns in place value and identifying the value of each digit in a number.

We are beginning with Earth science by learning about Earth's features and hazards.

We are all about geography this first few weeks of school during our social studies class time.

Remember, our first field trip to Centennial Village in Greeley for History Fest is on 9/16.

Chaperones are still needed for this trip!

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth grade has hit the ground running and already accomplishing a lot of great things.

In literacy, we are relating nature to our own experiences, while using our auditory skills for comprehension and understanding.

In writing, we are working on cursive handwriting skills as well as some creative writing.

In math we are comparing fractions, simplifying, and un-simplifying.

For science, we are taking a look at "matter." Matter matters. Also, we are working on understanding the scientific method for future labs we will conduct in class.

And in social studies, we have taken a look into the formation of our country with the exploration of our national symbols and their importance.

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|The Intermediate Grades have an |
|upcoming field trip in the works |
|to Poudre Learning Center on |
|October 1st. Watch for details to |
|be sent home soon! |
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boys Basketball

Please be looking for more information regarding boy's basketball, which will start at the end of September. Letters will be sent home with boys who show interest closer to the start date for the season.



Fall Dance and Festival

KQA Middle School will also be hosting a fall dance and festival on November 15th. We will have carnival games to play and food to eat. If you have items that you would like to donate as prizes, please contact Mrs. Cherico at jennifer.cherico@weldre5j.org.

LEGO ROBOTICS - HELP WANTED

KQA's first two LEGO League teams are seeking sponsorship from our school community. Please consider having your business provide financial support for them as we head into our competitive season with the 2019 theme, City Shapers.

Please contact Mrs. Odbert at diane.odbert@weldre5j.org for additional information. Thank you!

Investigation Friday In-School Dance

KQA Middle School will be having an in-school dance during 6th and 7th periods on Friday, September 20th. SLT will be providing a snack bar where students can purchase drinks, candy and other snack food items ranging in cost from \$.50 to \$1.50.

This will be our first IF (Investigation Friday) for the school year. In order to be eligible to participate in IF events, students must not have any Ds or Fs, and must have no written warnings so far this school year. For students who need extra time to get in missing work or redo insufficient work, a workroom will be provided for them at this time. Please help your child be eligible by checking Infinite Campus and having conversations with them about their grades.



NEWS FROM OUR SPECIALS...

Mr. Stody's Physical Education Class

Kindergarten: Our youngest kiddos will be working on basic locomotor skills and underhand tossing.

1st - 2nd Grade: At this level, we will be focusing on our throwing and catching unit, with an emphasis on hitting targets with different types of throws.

3rd - 5th Grade: At the intermediate level we will be working on skills that can be used for games such as flag football, specifically, throwing, catching, carrying, and punting. The emphasis will be on skill development, but we will have opportunities to apply skills at a basic gameplay level.

Middle School: At this level, we will be focusing on skills that can be used for flag football. Skill development is still a part of our unit, but a good deal of emphasis will be placed on strategies for gameplay.

Mrs. Dermer's Art Class

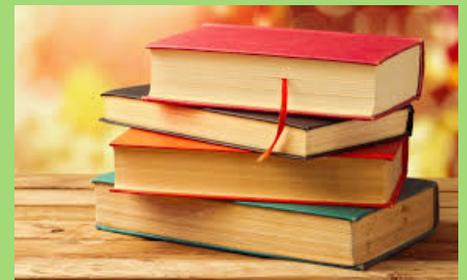
We are off to a great start in the art room. Our first creativity activity for 1st - 6th grade students we designed ourselves as a LEGO mini figure. Come check them out. They are displayed by the front office with Mrs. Spreitzer's encouragement: "Build something great this year!"

Next, we are getting ready to start our Original Works projects. This is our main fundraiser for art supplies and materials for the year. More information to be sent home with your student in the middle of October. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year of art!

Mrs. Ortiz's Library Time

Welcome parents to a new school year! With such a great year last school year, I am excited to have the kids come and check out some new books that we recently acquired from our Book Fair proceeds.

With this being said, I would also like to ensure that all library books are being taken care of as well as enjoyed. Please encourage your child to respect our library books so that everyone can enjoy them.



KQA MUSIC CONCERTS - FALL/WINTER

Thursday, October 10th @ 1:45 & 7 pm – Show Choir
Monday, December 9th @ 6:30 – Band/Orchestra & Show Choir
Tuesday, December 10th @ 1:45 & 6:30 – First/Second Grades
Wednesday, December 11th @ 1:45 & 6:30 – Fifth Grade
Thursday, December 12th @ 1:45 & 6:30 – Third/Fourth Grades
Friday, December 13th @ 9 am ONLY – Kindergarten

TECHNOLOGY TIDBITS

Students have been getting on their computers and learning/remembering their user accounts and passwords.

Grades 4-8 have been signing into Infinite Campus and learning ways to access their grades and assignments, so they can be more responsible for what they are doing in classes. Students are aware that what they see for their grades, mom and dad can also see it as well.

Parents, if you are not able to get onto infinite campus or cannot remember your password, please contact Mr. Johnson by email at djohnson@weldre5j.org and I can assist you.

There is a new app that is now being used (some parents may have downloaded it last year when it was available as an option) called **Campus Parent**. Campus parent is your window into your child(ren)'s grades, as well as contact information, and to pay fees and lunch accounts.

The Campus Parent App is limited in what you can see and do, but works great to see your child's grades. Logging on a computer gives you full access to all parts of Campus Parent.

There is a Quick Link called INFINITE CAMPUS at www.kqatrailblazers.org for easy access.

Please watch for an email coming soon for information to get connected to text messages for reminders and emergency information.

If you do not have your contact information updated in Infinite Campus, please do it now so that we can get you connected when that information is sent out.



NOTEWORTHY

Reading Intervention/ELL

Welcome back to another great year of Reading and ELL!!

I'm so excited to share new books and materials with my students and offer support and encouragement in their education.

Please let me know if I can help answer any questions for you!

Andrea Hatch

Reading Intervention/ELL

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Fall and Holiday Craft Market

Crafters Wanted for our Fall and Holiday Craft Market!!

Crafters, Artisans and Homemade Items only please.

Saturday October 12, 2019

8am-4pm

\$25 per table (\$5 extra for electricity)

Proceeds go towards KQA's Kindness Committee/KQA's Sunshine Committee

Please contact Andrea Hatch @ 587-5742 x102

andrea.hatch@weldre5j.org for registration