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LEAD OUT LOUD CONFERENCE

This week more than 200 Queen Creek Unified School District students were part of “Lead Out Loud”, the first ever district-wide student leadership conference. This conference is part of the QCUSD Strategic Plan: Excellence through Leadership; and is designed to help students and staff develop strong leadership skills. All eight QCUSD schools were represented at the conference with about 25 students coming from each campus.

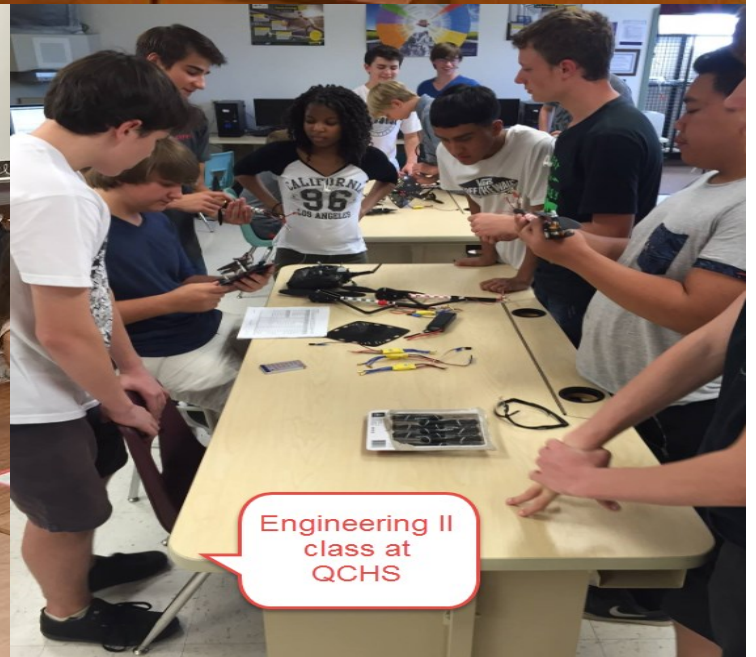
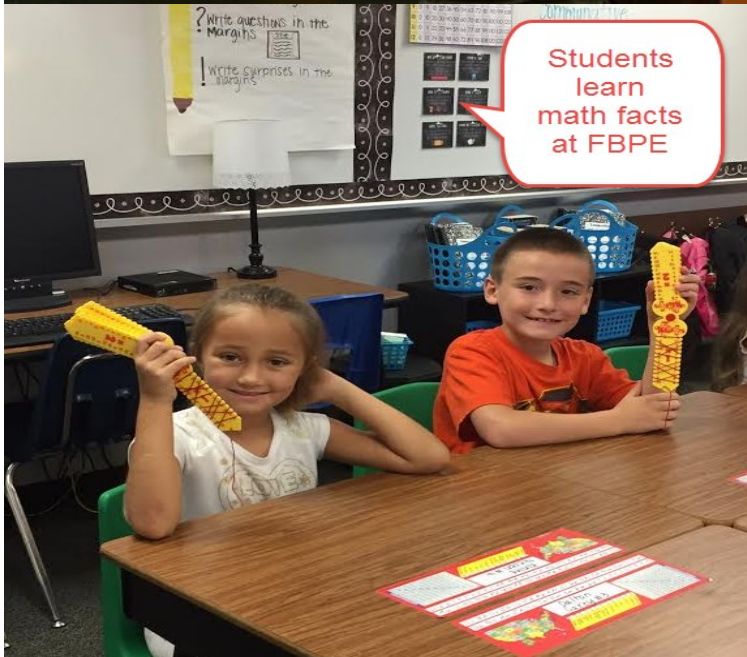
At the conference, students learned what makes a strong leader and how to put leadership into action; then students were tasked with the 2016-2017 Leadership C.A.R.E Challenge. Leading with C.A.R.E means being a champion in the community, appointing others, raising school spirit, and energizing leadership activities with publicity.

Students who attended the conference now have a goal to develop a written C.A.R.E. Leadership Plan for their school. They will then present that plan to Superintendent Dr. Berry in September and to the QCUSD Governing Board in December.

Thank you to EVERYONE who made the “Lead Out Loud” conference a HUGE success!



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



AROUND THE DISTRICT

CREATING A SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

The Queen Creek School District is proud to host and lead training sessions for school counselors in the East Valley. The sessions are offered by the **Maricopa County Education Service Agency**. Professionals from the Gilbert, Combs and Higley Districts will come to QCUSD for five training sessions over several months. Participating counselors will learn how to support and assist students who have experienced adversity and trauma in their lives.

Important Dates

Aug. 26 QCHS vs Hamilton Varsity Football game at home

Sept. 5 Labor Day - No School

Sept. 9 Grandparent's Day

Sept. 14 All Schools Early Release

Sept. 30 End of First Quarter

QUEEN CREEK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Queen Creek is committed to building leadership within their employees! The QCLA is a one-year leadership development program designed to recruit, train, support and retain high quality leaders who will be able to help increase student and staff achievement. Thank you to the 18 current QCUSD employees who applied to the Queen Creek Leadership Academy.



D-BACKS
TEACHER APPRECIATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28



**GET A DISCOUNTED GAME TICKET, TOTE BAG,
SCHOOL SUPPLIES & MORE.**

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Julie MacDonald!

6th & 7th grade science teacher at GPA

I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri! I have one older brother named Joe. My mother and father are **both** teachers. My mother teaches preschool, and my father teaches at the university level! My favorite activity is exercising! I have a Mini-Schnauzer named Pepperoni, and I love to take him for long walks! Thankfully, Mr. MacDonald is passionate about exercise as well! We love exercising, and we cannot wait for football season to begin! GO New England Patriots!!

I moved to Arizona eight years ago, after graduating from Fontbonne University with a degree in Dietetics! After working at a local hospital in the nutrition department, I felt unhappy, and I could not deny my secret wish to become an **AMAZING** teacher! So, as they say, the rest is history!! I went back to school, and I obtained my Masters of Education Degree from Arizona State University.

Learn more about Mrs. MacDonald in our quick QCUSD Q & A!

What three traits define you?

I am always energetic! I am completely and utterly passionate about teaching and my life! I am unbelievably happy and appreciative of everything in my life!

What is one thing you couldn't live without?

(Well of course my husband and dog!!)

With that being said....it is a strong tie between coffee and Lenny and Larry's Protein Cookies!

What is one thing you cannot resist?

Office Supplies!

Where is your favorite place to be?

My classroom, (or the gym of course!)

What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

Honestly, I have wanted to be a teacher for a very, very long time. If I couldn't teach any longer, I would want to be a motivational speaker in the fitness industry, or a dog rescuer!

What has been the most important innovation you have witnessed in your lifetime?

As a Type 1 Diabetic, self-dispersing insulin pumps were one of the most important innovations I have witnessed in my lifetime thus far!! Although it does not make having Type 1 Diabetes any better, it has surely made my life a little easier!

Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

I hate roller-coaster and fireworks!

QCUSD IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Black's 6th grade Achievement Hour at QCMS was featured on ABC15! The class is learning about budgeting and finance.

STEAM at Gateway Polytechnic Academy was featured on KTAR News Talk Radio. STEAM curriculum prepares students for careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.



OTHER NEWS

Support QCHS Choir!!

On Saturday, August 27, 2016, Queen Creek High School Choir is pleased to host a one of a kind fundraising event!

It's the 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser. Did you know 1 in 10 people buy a new mattress every year? This is the time to buy and save up to 50% off retail, all while supporting our program. There will be 20+ sets on display and a team of experts on hand to answer any questions you may have

When: Saturday, August 27, 2016

Where: Queen Creek Cafeteria

Time: 10 am - 5 pm



FROM THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK FACEBOOK PAGE:

This is a beautiful new mural at Queen Creek Middle School, painted by artist Terry Allen. You can help preserve our unique heritage by doing your part to take care of our community. Remember: trash and recycling carts must be curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day, with the lids completely shut. [#ShutYourLid](#) [#DoMoreBlue](#) [#PreservetheQC](#)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

With four early release days coming up in September, it's a good time for QCUSD teachers, staff and parents to plan ahead and register for Discovery Kids! You can do so at qcusd.ce.eleyo.com.



BOND FACTS

PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS

If approved, the bonds will provide the following:

- Second new high school - \$57M
- Two new elementary schools - \$33.6M
- Technology to support existing and new schools - \$4.4M

PROPOSED BOND

\$95 Million

Election – November 8, 2016

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Voting Information

Contact the Maricopa County Recorder's Office
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ESTIMATED STUDENT ENROLLMENT - 5 YEARS



Why?

Hyper-Growth – The district is estimated to add 3,000 students in the next four years

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