Queen Creek
Unified School District Newsletter

April 28, 2016

Award Winning District

Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD) accepted five awards from the Arizona School Public Relations Association (ASPRA). QCUSD and Town of Queen Creek Representatives were honored at the Superintendents' Luncheon and ASPRA*tions Awards on April 27th at Arizona Broadway Theatre.

QCUSD received multiple awards: Award of Excellence for QCUSD email newsletter; Queen Creek Town Council Member Jeff Brown, an avid supporter of QCUSD, received the Award of Excellence for advocacy and political contributions to education. Town of Queen Creek (Official) joint partnership with QCUSD, earned an Award of Excellence for contributions to public education through community awareness programs.

In addition, QCUSD also received the ASPRA Awards of Distinction for Queen Creek USD #95 Family Resource Center overall excellence in multicultural relations; and excellence with a district Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program.

Photos Courtesy of: Town of Queen Creek

Books on Display (Grades 3-5)

Our new 3rd-5th grade student and teacher book kits are up for a Supplementary Materials adoption. Per Regulation DJR textbooks and supplementary books for common schools recommended by selection committees will be placed on display in the District Office for a period of at least sixty (60 days) prior to the meeting at which the Board will consider their adoption.

The books on display are:

3rd grade

"The Librarian of Basra" by Jeanette Winter, "Nazarenes Secret School" by Jeanette Winter, "Rain School" by James Rumford, "The Boy Who Loved Words" by Roni Schotter, "The Incredible Book Eating Boy" by Oliver Jeffers, "My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books are Brought to Children around the World" by Margriet Ruurs, "Thank you, Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco, "That Book Woman" by Heather Henson, "Waiting for the Biblioburro" by Monica Brown, "Dragon of the Red Dawn" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Japan" by Colleen Sexton, "Seasons of the Sandstorms" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Carnival at Candlelight" by Mary Pope Osborne, "India" by Jim Bartell, "Italy" by Walter Simmons, "Iraq" by Lisa Owings, "Crazy Day with Cobras" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Face to Face with Wolves" by Jim Brandenburg, "Aesop's Fables" by Jerry Pinkney, "Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China" by Ed Young, "One Well: The Story of Water on Earth" by Rochelle Strauss.

4th grade

"Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech, "A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams" by Jen Bryant, "If You Lived in Colonial Times" by Ann McGovern, "The Scoop on Clothes, Homes and Daily Life in Colonial America" by Elizabeth Raum, "Divided Loyalties" by Gare Thompson, " The Hope Chest" by Karen Schwabach.

5th grade

"Esperanza Rising" by Pam Munoz Ryan, "The Boy Who Invented TV" by Kathleen Krull, "Investigating the Scientific Method with Max Axiom" by Donald B. Lemke, "Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America" by Sharon Robinson, "Eight Days: A Story of Haiti" by Edwidge Danticat.

These books will be on display from *Wednesday, April 20, 2016 until Monday, June 20, 2016* at the District Office (20217 East Chandler Heights Rd). Book review forms are available for you to fill out and place in the envelope.

QCUSD Alumni Spotlight ... Your voices, your stories.

Colton Darger, who attended Queen Creek Elementary School and a graduate of the Queen Creek High School Class of 2011, has just been accepted by Harvard Law School and will begin attending this Fall 2016! QCUSD and Colton's family is thrilled about this incredible opportunity he has been given!

Colton graduated from NAU with a B.S. in Microbiology with minor in Chemistry in May, 2015. Colton is especially interested in Environmental Law, Human Rights, Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics.

His family took a moment to express their gratitude to QCUSD and all of Colton's former teachers at Queen Creek High School who helped to lay the foundation for his future academic success.

"As a parent, I have always appreciated the countless hours and hard work teachers put into providing the very best education possible to prepare our children for the future. As students graduate and go on to take the next steps on the path of their life's journey, often times teachers don't know where that journey takes them," said Kelly Darger, Colton's Mom. She continued, "It is so fun to celebrate the accomplishments of our kids. It really does take a village!"

Congratulations Colton!

Time	Age Group
8-10:00	HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION Boys Grades 9-12
9-10:30	JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION Boys Grades 6-8
10:00-12:00	HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION Girl's Grades 9-12
10:00-12:00	JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION Girls Grades 5-8
12:30-2:00	ELEMENTARY DIVISION (COED/MIXED) Boys and Girls Ages 8-12/12 *Free Basketball* Those that sign up for Both Weeks
2:00-3:00	ELEMENTARY DIVISION (MIXED) Boys and Girls Ages 7 and Under *Free Basketball* Those that sign up for Both Weeks

Queen Creek High School (K-9 Kagers)
Basketball Skills Camp
2016

Session Dates

Elementary Divisions
(Rising into grades K-5 Boys)
(Rising into grades K-6 Girls)

Session#1
Session #1 May 31st - June 3rd
(Tuesday-Friday)

Session#2
Session #2 June 6th – June 9th
(Monday-Thursday)

Session#3 (LS Only)
Session #3 June 13th – June 16th
(Monday-Thursday)

Free Basketball
Ages 5-11:
Will receive a K-9 Kager Basketball if signed up for both weeks
While Supplies last

Camp Directors
Kylee Bean
(kbean@qcusd.org)
Boys Basketball Coach:
Troy Gibson
(tgibson@qcusd.org)
Girls Basketball Coach:
Rick Payne
(rpayne@qcusd.org)

Triple Threat Drill

Session Cost

On/Before MAY 2nd
Early Registration
1 Session: $50
2 Sessions:
Preseason/Elementary: $100
Middle/High: $70

After May 2nd
Late Registration & Walk-ups
1 Session: $70
2 Sessions: $100
3 Sessions: $125

Registrations
Drop Off or Mail In
-Queen Creek H.S-
22149 E. Ocotillo Rd
Queen Creek, 85242
ATTN: Coach Bean
Coach Gibson

REGISTRATION

Make Checks Payable to K-9 Kagers
Return Form & Payment to Queen Creek High School C/O Kylee Bean or C/O Troy Gibson

Participants Name: _____ Grade Entering: ____ Age: ____ Sex: ____

Session or Sessions Attending: (Check all that apply)

Week 1 (May 31st - June 3rd) ____ Week 2 (June 6th - 9th) ____ Week3 HS Only (June 13th - June 16th) ____

Camp Divisions (Check One)

Preseason (7 & Under) ____ Intermediate (8-11) ____ Junior High (6th-8th) ____ High School (9th-12th) ____

T-Shirt Sizes
___ Youth Small
___ Youth Medium
___ Youth Large
___ Adult Small
___ Adult Medium
___ Adult Large
___ Adult X-Large

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

As a condition to prevalent to participating in the K-9 Kager Basketball Camp, I as the parent or legal guardian of _____ agree to maintain health insurance for my son or daughter while he/she participates in this camp. If I do not maintain health insurance for my son or daughter, Queen Creek High School & the K9 Kager's Basketball Camp will not be held responsible or liable for any injuries.

Parent Signature: _____ Phone # or Emergency Contact #: _____

Get More Forms or Copies @ http://www.qchsathletics.org/

Queen Creek High School has scheduled its 18th annual basketball camps for the weeks of:
May 31st-June 3rd (Session I),
June 6th-June 9th (Session II), and
June 13th-June 16th (Session III – H.S Only).

The camps are open to boys and girls kindergarten through 12th grade.
Camp hours are:
8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Boys H.S),
9:00-10:30 (Boys Jr/Middle School),
10:00-12:00 (Girls H.S & Jr/Middle School),
12:30-2:00 (Boys and Girls 8-12yrs old), and
2:00-3:00 (Boys and Girls 7 and under).

The camp focuses on basic fundamentals which includes instructional stations, drills, and daily contests. All Campers will receive a camp T-shirt and prizes/treats will be awarded every day at the end of Camp. Elementary and Peewee divisions will receive a "Camper of the Day" medal and those that sign up for both weeks will receive a Camp Basketball. The skills camp is run by the Queen Creek High School Coaching Staff along with some of their current players.

Early Registration is on or before May 2nd. Early Registration Fees are $50 for 1 Session, $75 (High School) or $80 (Peewee & Intermediate) for both sessions and $100 for all Sessions I, II, III (High School Only). Camp Registrations can be dropped off in the front office of Queen Creek High School or mailed to that address (Attention Coach Gibson) – 22149 E. Ocotillo Rd, Queen Creek 85242.

Walk-Ups and Late Registrations Pricing: $80 for 1 Session, $90 for 2 Sessions and $125 for 3 Sessions (H.S Only).

For info contact: Boys Varsity Coach Troy Gibson at tgibson@qcusd.org or Kylee Bean at kbean@qcusd.org

AzMERIT | Arizona's Statewide Achievement Assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics

- **AzMERIT 2016 State Testing Windows**
  - Dates: March 28 - May 6, 2016
  - Subjects: Math, Reading, Writing
  - Grades: 3rd – High School
  - *Please check with individual schools for your child's specific testing dates.
- **AzMERIT** goes beyond multiple choice questions which will allow students to better demonstrate what they have learned during the school year.
- **AzMERIT** is untimed and your child will be given as much time as needed to complete each portion.
- **AzMERIT** includes a writing portion, two reading portions and two math portions. Each student will be tested over the course of 2-3 days.
- **AzMERIT** student test data is protected via a number of state and federal laws including: A.R.S. §§ 15-1041 through 15-1045, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA).
- For more AzMERIT information please visit:
  - http://www.qcusd.org/AzMERIT
  - http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmerit/
- **As a reminder during test week, please make sure your child...**
  - Gets enough sleep.
  - Eats breakfast.
  - Comes to school with a mid-morning snack and water bottle.
  - Is encouraged to do their best!
- Check out the menus provided at www.qcusd.org/Child_Nutrition for breakfast options and prices at your child's school.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Queen Creek is participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative. **On Saturday, April 30th** residents are invited to bring their unused, expired and unwanted medications to the local collection event at the parking lot north of the **Queen Creek Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Properly disposing of medication reduces potential safety and health hazards.

NEW Spring 2016 AVID Newsletter ...

Phoenix Suns Night...Pictorial Review...Dates to Remember...all this in the first issue of Newell Barney Junior High AVID Newsletter! Click to view or download the newsletter.

For the 2016-2017 school year, Newell Barney will distribute to their AVID team and AVID parents, a monthly newsletter highlighting what their AVID program is working on, spotlight an AVID teacher, showcasing student work, and more!

Visit the AVID home page for more about the program.

Summer Enrichment Camps

Discovery Kids licensed Summer Camp registration is now open! Two camp sites: Gateway Polytechnic Academy & Queen Creek Elementary. Field trips, science, art, movies, swimming... something for everyone!

Field Trip List and the Calendar of Events has more details about the programs. To register, visit www.qcusd.feepay.com.

Questions? Contact Community Education at 480-987-5935.

Please be patient as the teachers are finalizing Reporting Period Grades. To help expedite the process, **Gradebook will be turned off on Friday, May 13th at 8 am and turned back on Wednesday, May 18th at 4 pm.**

Contact Us

District Office

Desert Mountain Elementary

Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary

Gateway Polytechnic Academy

Jack Barnes Elementary

Queen Creek Elementary

Queen Creek Middle School

Newell Barney Junior High School

Queen Creek High School

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The Queen Creek Unified School District is one of only nine districts in the state to have been graded "A" by the Arizona Department of Education for four consecutive years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14). To learn more about the district, visit www.qcusd.org.