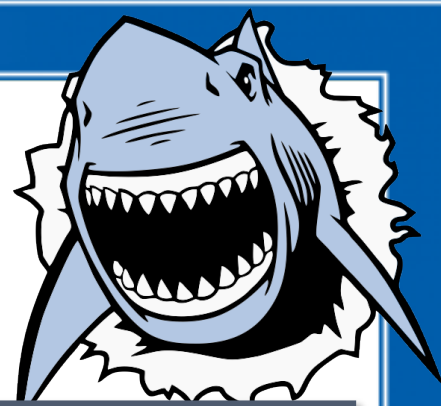


QUENTIN STEM ACADEMY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an amazing first quarter we've had at Quentin. Students and teachers successfully engaged in distance learning and continued their commitment to high expectations. As we begin 2nd quarter we encourage students to focus on their studies and ask for help as needed. Teachers are here to help and provide students with additional support. We also want to remind families and students to log on to class daily. Attendance is extremely important. Finally, as we enter the holiday season we ask our community to continue to practice healthy habits and stay active. See you soon Shark Nation!

PLAYWORKS

This month we will be focusing on **motivation**! It's not only important to motivate ourselves and our peers, but **also our students**. Everyone needs to be hyped up from time to time and some of our students are seeking that appreciation! We will **celebrate** the small victories with students who might need it to push them through to their next assignment or project. Parents you can help us and do the same. A simple "great job on your math assignment" can go a long way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/21-10/2—Shark Fitness Challenge - via Flipgrid
- 10/5—PTA Meeting @ 5pm - via Zoom
- 10/6—Governing Board Meeting @ 6pm - via YouTube
- 10/8-9—Conferences held via Google Meets
- 10/12-16—Fall Break (no classes)
- 10/30—Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat @ 5pm - Quentin parking lot

TECHNOLOGY

Has your student shared DreamBox with you yet? Dream-Box was recently purchased by our district to support students in math. In 2019, DreamBox was Awarded Best Math Learning Solution by EdTech. Research has also shown that 60 minutes a week can improve math scores by up to 60%! Ask your student to show you how they use DreamBox today! Or reach out to your students teacher.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

In art students have been doing lots of digital projects like learning how to make animations with pixel graphics and digital collages. They have also been learning about different art media such as drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, and fiber. Some projects have been 3D buildings with recycled boxes, and weaving with paper strips or string on cardboard looms.

MYD

We ask that all students turn on their cameras when in class. This helps the teacher know that students are present and engaged in the learning. If your students camera is not working please let the front office know so we may work on a repair.

STUDENT AGENCY

How well does your student manage their time? Are they focusing their time on learning and completing assignments? Or are they losing track of time and not doing their school work? One way to help is by eliminating distractions. Between cell phones, social media, and friends, there are a lot of activities that can distract students from their school work. When it's time to get down to work, have your child turn off his or her cell phone and sign out of social media accounts.



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou