Edgeworth Elementary School

It is our shared vision to become a thriving community of learners in an environment that embraces a culture of thinking.

Welcome Back to Edgeworth Elementary! In this newsletter, you will find important information on back-to-school events, student roster assignments, and information explaining important procedures at the school. Additional information will be provided to parents during Elementary Curriculum Meetings.

Your child's classroom assignment is included in this packet. Class lists are developed with a great deal of thought and care. Each child has been placed in a particular classroom based on what we have determined to be the best environment to meet the individual needs of that child. Teacher recommendations and analysis of data are important to this process. Please understand that switching students from one room to another can jeopardize our ability to best meet the needs of our students. Therefore, we ask that you do not request to change your child's room assignment. Your understanding and support in this process is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to greeting all of our students on the first day of school. It is my continued honor to serve as your child's principal as we strive to be a thriving community of learners who embrace a culture of thinking. I wish you the best for the 2017-2018 school year! If you should have any other questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to contact the main office at (412) 749-3000.

Sincerely,

Carol Sprinker

Carol Sprinker, Principal

Follow Mrs. Sprinker on Twitter @EdgeElementary

First Day of School
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

School Hours: 8:45 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

Important Dates

Kindergarten Curriculum
Meeting: Wednesday, August 23

Grades 1-5 Curriculum Night:
Thursday, August 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

PTA Meeting:
Monday, September 11, at 9 a.m.

Your child's classroom assignment:

Please note: bus information will be mailed separately.

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Communications

News and information regarding Quaker Valley School District are available from a variety of mediums.

- **www.qvsd.org:** District's website

- **Monday Memo:** District's weekly newsletter. Sign up to receive this in your email. Visit www.qvsd.org>Quick Links>Monday Memo

- **QV eLink:** The district's email news service. Subscribe or update your email address and preferences by selecting "QV eLink Signup" on the district's website under Quick Links.

- **Automated Calls:** The district's automated calling system is used in the event of emergencies and/or cancellations. The system uses contact information provided to PowerSchool. Update your contact information through your school office.

The District is also active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

QV Cafe

The QV Café serves breakfast and lunch daily at all Quaker Valley schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, breakfast is $1.50 and lunch is $2.90 per day. Premium meals are offered at the middle and high schools for $3.75. A meal includes an entree (usually grain and protein), choice of two fruits (juice is available as a fruit), choice of two vegetables and choice of milk. Bottled water is available for purchase at $.85/$1.00 or students can fill up reusable bottles from the water cooler in the café at no charge. *Federal regulations do not include water as a beverage choice with a meal.

If students do not take a combination of at least three of the five food groups, they will be charged the á la carte entree price of $3.00 or the premium á la carte entree price of $3.85.

Quaker Valley offers free and reduced price meals to students who qualify under state guidelines. Parents may obtain an application at any school office, at www.qvsd.org, or apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us. Participants must reapply each year.

The QV Café uses a computerized system for meal purchases at all four Quaker Valley schools, which allows parents to pay in advance for meals and/or a la carte items, but students can still pay daily with cash. Parents can make deposits either electronically by visiting www.MySchoolBucks.com or by check. Checks – made payable to "QV Café" – are collected at each school cafeteria or can be mailed to the district office. The district's negative balance policy can be found at www.qvsd.org>District>School Board>Board Policies>800 Operations>804 Food Service

Attendance

Regular school attendance is required by law and is essential to student academic performance. The Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 allows for 10 absences. Students may be excused from school for the following reasons only:
- Illness
- Quarantine
- Death in the family
- Court appearances
- Family emergencies
- Essential health care
- Observance of religious holidays
- Approved educational trips
- Impassable roads
- Public disasters

All other absences are considered unexcused. After three unexcused absences, a notification letter will be sent home reminding parents of this policy. Participation in after-school activities and athletics is dependent upon student attendance on the day of the specific activity or sport.

Parents are asked to contact the school on any day their child is absent. If the parent does not call, the principal or his/her designee will call to confirm the absence.

Family vacations do not qualify as educational trips and shall be recorded as unexcused absences. Educational trips shall be approved only when there is a clear relationship to the curriculum and when the principal, in consultation with the student's teacher(s), certifies the assignments provided and means for the evaluation of the student's work.

Additional information regarding absences and tardiness is available under School Board Policies on the district's website: www.qvsd.org.

Student Demographic Information Changes

Please check the demographic information included in this back-to-school mailing. Any changes need to be sent to the school office before September 20, 2017.

Information for the student directory will be taken directly from PowerSchool. Please make sure this information is updated.

Transportation Tips

- Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival
- Wait for the bus in a safe place – well off the roadway
- Enter the bus in an orderly manner and promptly take a seat
- Follow the bus driver's instructions
- Remain in the seat while the bus is in motion
- Keep head and arms inside the bus at all times
- Keep the aisles clear at all times
- Be courteous to the driver and other passengers
- Be alert to traffic when exiting the bus
- Pets and other animals are not permitted on buses, except for service animals
- Projects/instruments too large for a student's lap are not permitted

Parents requesting permission for their student to ride a bus other than the assigned bus must provide advance written permission to the school's administrative assistant. Such requests are to be made for emergency situations only.

Contact Dr. Barbara Mellett or Mr. John Demkowicz with any busing questions. Concerns regarding student behavior on buses should be discussed with the school's principal.

Quaker Valley School Police

Quaker Valley School District School Resource Officer Aaron Vanatta works to provide safety among all QV buildings while incorporating educational programs to educate and mentor students about safety in a friendly environment. Officer Vanatta currently serves as the district's police officer while also being a guest speaker in classrooms and acting as an informal counselor to help students, faculty, and staff and providing them with community resources if necessary. He also forms outreach programs and assemblies to educate students on law and safety. Be sure to "Like" QV School Police on Facebook.

The Edgeworth PTA

The Edgeworth Elementary PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering our families and community to advocate for all children. All families are encouraged to join the PTA. With many volunteer opportunities available, there is something to fit everyone's schedules and needs; however, you do not need to volunteer within the school to be a member or receive our communications. Funds raised by the PTA sponsor a wealth of activities including assemblies, holiday celebrations and the Art-in-Motion program. The PTA welcomes new members at any time of the year. General membership meetings are held at Edgeworth Elementary School in the Large Group Instruction Room on: September 11, October 16, April 9, and May 7, at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Amy Dwyer, President, at quiggs14@hotmail.com.

News from the School Nurse

All medications, including over the counter medications, must be accompanied by a medication form, available at www.qvsd.org. The form must be signed by the prescribing physician and the parent. Medications will not be given without the form and the two signatures. Quaker Valley's medication procedure is available at www.qvsd.org. **Quaker Valley school nurses will be available in their buildings on Friday, August 18, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** for parents who would like to bring their child's medication to school. Our nurses believe this will help alleviate problems on the first day of school.

New PA School Immunization Requirements 2017-2018

Starting August 1, 2017, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is changing school immunization requirements. Every child must have the required vaccines or they will risk exclusion from school. Under the new regulation, the current provisional waiver of eight months for school children to be fully immunized is reduced to five school days. A complete list of required immunizations is available at www.qvsd.org.

Dental Health Requirements: Kindergarten & 3rd grade

The PA Department of Health guidelines require all students going into Kindergarten and 3rd grade to have a dental examination. The dental exam form is available online at www.qvsd.org >District >Forms & Publications >Health Forms. Please have your child's dentist complete this form and return it to the Edgeworth Elementary School nurse by September 1. If you do not have private family dental insurance, the school's dentist can perform this screening. Please contact the Edgeworth Nurse at 412-749-3637.

Physical Exam Requirements: Kindergarten

Students going into Kindergarten are required to have a physical exam. Please submit your child's physical exam and immunization records to the Edgeworth Elementary School nurse as soon as possible.

Back-to-School Shopping

Please see the Edgeworth Elementary School page of the QVSD website for a list of recommended supplies for the school year. If your family needs assistance with the expenses of back-to-school shopping, please contact the Union Aid Society at (412) 741-9240 or info@unionaidsociety.org.

2017-2018 School Year – *For Family Use*
Approved 1/24/17 – This calendar is subject to change.

AUGUST 2017

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8I	9	10	11
14	15	16I	17I	18I
21I	22I	23F	24Q	25
28	29	30	31	

Total in month: 7 Total in year: 7

SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4X	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Total in month: 20 Total in year: 27

OCTOBER

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9I	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Total in month: 21 Total in year: 48

NOVEMBER

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7I	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17#
20C	21C	22I	23X	24X
27X	28	29	30	

Total in month: 18 Total in year: 66

DECEMBER

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22I
25X	26X	27X	28X	29X

Total in month: 16 Total in year: 82

JANUARY 2018

M	T	W	T	F
1X	2I	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15X	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Total in month: 20 Total in year: 102

F - First Day of School Grades K-9
August 23

Q - First Day of School Grades 10-12
August 24

I - In-service Days (No Classes)
August 16-22
October 9
November 7
November 22
December 22
January 2
February 19
March 2
March 23
May 18

C - Conference Days (No Classes)
November 20; March 5
School Hours: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
or
November 21; March 6
School Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

X – No Classes
September 4
Fall recess: November 23 - 27
Winter recess: December 25 - January 1
January 15
Spring recess: March 26 – April 2
May 28

 # - School Terms End:

November 17; March 1; June 7

P - Prom
May 18

K - Kennywood Picnic Day - May 28

L - Last Day of School – June 7

G - Tentative Graduation Date – June 11

Make-up days will be added as necessary

FEBRUARY

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19I	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

Total in month: 20 Total in year: 122

MARCH

M	T	W	T	F
			1#	2I
5C	6C	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23I
26X	27X	28X	29X	30X

Total in month: 17 Total in year: 139

APRIL

M	T	W	T	F
2X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Total in month: 20 Total in year: 159

MAY

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18P
21	22	23	24	25
28XKK	29	30	31	

Total in month: 22 Total in year: 181

JUNE

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7L	8
11G	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Total in month: 5 Total in year: 186

**District Shut Down
July 9 - July 20**