



THE QUARLES' BUZZ

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WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that September has come to an end. We have had a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to thank all our parents and guardians that have helped make the transition to a new school a success. We consider our whole school community a family and as such, are here to help support each other. Please reach out to Quarles administration, Ms. Arlene Ng and Ms. Gina Edone with any questions, needs or concerns.

We are excited and proud to present our September Quarles monthly newsletter for the 2022-2023 school year! We hope that you enjoy learning about all the activities going on in our classrooms and gain helpful strategies from our talented faculty members to assist you at home. In September's newsletter we highlighted each classroom and how they began the school year. We will continue to highlight each month's events in our monthly newsletter. Our monthly newsletters will be sent out the last week of each month. Our Newsletter will be distributed through our SeeSaw communication platform and listed on our Donald A. Quarles Website. We hope you enjoy our September newsletter!



Ms. Arlene Ng
Principal



Ms. Gina Edone
Vice Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER



Please see our highlights for the month of October 2022 below:

- **October 3-7, 2022** - Week of Respect - Spirit Week Dress Up Themes (See flyer on next page for dress up days.)
- **October 3, 2022** - "Bee True to You - Anti Bullying assembly - PreK & Kindergarten



- **October 6, 2022** - Hispanic Heritage Month - Mexico Beyond Mariachi Assembly



- **October 7, 2022** - Fire Prevention Presentation to PreK & Kindergarten Students. Quarles' students will receive a visit from the Englewood Fire Department and tour their fire trucks while learning about fire safety.







- **October 11, 2022** - PTO Meeting
- **October 30, 2022** - PTO Trunk or Treat at Dwight Morrow High School.



Week of Respect

October 3 – 7, 2022

D.A. Quarles Early Childhood Center
School Counselor – Venus Rose

October 3, 2022	<p>Show Respect for Self</p> <p>Dress like a Superhero</p>  <p>Pledge of Respect</p> <p>I am smart, special and a valuable person. I respect myself and others. My words and actions are kind and honest. I accept only my best in all I do. I AM PROUD TO BE ME!</p>
October 4, 2022	<p>Show Respect for Others</p> <p>Wear Mix and Match Clothes</p>  <p>Students will share one way to show respect to others - students and teachers.</p>
October 5, 2022	<p>Yom Kippur/District Closed</p>
October 6, 2022	<p>Stomp Out Bullying</p> <p>Wear Your Favorite Sneakers</p>  <p>Students will say hello or compliment a student who they don't know.</p>
October 7, 2022	<p>Show Respect for School and Community</p> <p>Wear School Colors – Maroon and Navy</p>  <p>Recycle cans, bottles and paper at school and home.</p>



Donald A. Quarles has a new PTO President for the 2022-2023 school year. Rosie Rodriguez is a teacher at Quarles, mother and lifelong resident of the Englewood community and is looking forward to working with parents and staff in order to create a memorable experience for the children of Englewood.

A Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a formal organization that consists of parents, teachers, and school staff. The organization's goals include parents volunteering, encouragement of teachers and students, community involvement, and the welfare of students and families. Your involvement in the PTO is directly tied to the things that make our school such a great community. The advantages of volunteering for the PTO include but are not limited to connecting to the school and making connections in our community with other people who share your interests and concerns. The PTO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers. By volunteering with your PTO, you put your skills, talents, and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community. We are currently running our biggest fundraiser of the year and are in preparations for October events. PTO believes we can make every child's potential a reality—but we need more believers.

We need you.

**Please reach out to Rosie Rodriguez at
DAQuarlesPTO2022@gmail.com to sign up today!**



A MESSAGE FROM JULIE KLAPPER, SCHOOL NURSE

Hello and Welcome back to school! The goal of the Health Office is to ensure that each student has a happy, healthy, and successful school experience. Healthy children are better learners and your child's health is important to his/her success. The school nurse works closely with teachers, administrators, and support staff to ensure the overall wellbeing of both our students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by phone 201-862-6112 or email jklapper@epsd.org.

Please note the following:

- 1.** Make sure your child's/children's emergency contact information is up to date in Genesis. This includes emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your child/children from school. When picking up your child, please remember to bring identification.
- 2.** Immunizations: Please make sure your child's vaccines are up to date and documentation is submitted to the Health Office. The Flu vaccine is required for all students in PreK 3 and PreK 4. Children who do not have documentation of receiving the flu vaccine or do not have a valid medical or religious exemption by December 31st will need to be excluded from school until the end of flu season, which is up until March 31st in New Jersey.
- 3.** Medications: If your child requires medication (OTC included) to be given during the school day, please have your physician complete the medication authorization form. This form can be found on our website under the Quarles' health page <https://www.epsd.org/o/quarles/page/medication-in-school>. All medication should be brought to school in the original container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacy.
- 4.** Illness: Please DO NOT send your child/ children to school if they are sick and/or have COVID like symptoms. You will be called to pick up your child IMMEDIATELY from school. It is important to note that guidelines and recommendations are subject to change at any time from the CDC and NJDOH. We ask that parents/guardians monitor their child/children for signs of infectious illness every morning and to please keep them home if they are symptomatic. According to the CDC, "The most important thing that you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands." Hands should be washed frequently with soapy water for at least 20 seconds. Please practice with your child / children proper hand washing.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child/children to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Julie Klapper, RN, CSN

CELEBRATING OUR SECURITY TEAM

The third week in September is National Security Appreciation Week. We are so fortunate to have a great security team at our school to keep us safe. Thank you, Mr. Medina, Mr. Colon and Mr. Harris for all you do.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Activities are taking place in the classrooms to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Pictures and write-ups will be included in the October Newsletter to show how the classes celebrated and learned about hispanic culture.



PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Vera's Class

Picture Day! Mrs. Vera's Incredibles threw out their arms and struck a final, triumphant pose.



Ms. Kucukkaya's Class

In September we talked about our routines, how to be a good friend and what we liked about school.



Ms. Bedoya's Class

In classroom D3 we are learning how to play nice and safe with each other, we are also learning our classroom rules.



Ms. Hrbek's Class

Ms. Hrbek's class has been learning our class routines. We are having fun being at school and making new friends.



PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Thomas' Class

The boys and girls in Mrs. Thomas's class are getting to know their new school and learning the routine of the classroom. We have been taking walks around our campus, learning to walk in a line, and learning where our classroom is located. We are enjoying being in school!



Ms. Anderson's Class

Ms. Anderson's class this year is running very nicely. All the of the children are adjusting to our new classroom routines and spending quality time learning academic and social language.



Ms. Gilliard's Class

The school year is off to a great start. The students come to school with a willingness to learn and explore in various ways. It is wonderful to see them learning in their own way.



Ms. Senese's Class

Mrs. Senese's class has been working on learning about shapes. We practiced making circles and squares using play-doh.



PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Hollander's Class

The boys and girls in Ms. Hollander's class are getting to know their new school and learning the routines of the classroom. We love singing the songs that go along with our routines also. We are enjoying being in school!



Ms. Bickoff's Class

Mrs. Bickoff's class has been learning how to follow our classroom rules and make new friends. We've been moving our bodies during letter and number songs. The class has been exercising during the day, to help our bodies move and improve our learning quality.



Ms. Green's Class

Students in Ms. Green's class are getting their morning started with planning their center time choice using their Play Plan Sheets. The children are off to a great start!



PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Walker's Class

Happy September!

It has been a pleasure getting to know your child. During the first few weeks of school, children have been learning rules, routines, and the difference between lines and curves used in letters, numbers, and shapes. They are also learning to build a sense of community and enhance their social-emotional awareness through direct and indirect instruction. Our class is full of love and energy.

We are looking forward to your partnership and a great school year!



Ms. Kimble's Class

We have spent the month of September exploring the materials in our classroom, getting to know our class mates and creating a classroom community.

We love drawing, writing, building and dancing in H7!



Ms. Fjorek's Class

We have started the new school year with so many new and exciting things! We have been making new friends, learning the classroom rules along with the daily routine, and how to work in various centers. We are having a great time and learning so much!



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Donnelly's Class

In C-1, we have been practicing our classroom procedures and working together as a team. We have learned about Bucket Filling and what that means in the classroom. We started ABC Bootcamp and math, writing, and science instruction and can't wait to keep learning new things this school year!

Ms. Rosenzweig's class

C2 is off to a great start in kindergarten! We are making friends and learning how to support and care for others in our classroom community. We are working on learning alphabet letters and their sounds as well as recognizing and counting number amounts.



Ms. Song and Ms. Moronta's Class

C-3 is off to a great new school year! The students in our class are already learning letters and letter sounds, numbers and how to be great classmates and friends. We are excited for all the learning we will do this year!

Ms. Gioffre's Class

The students in C4 are off to a great start in Kindergarten! They have been busy making friends, learning the school and classroom rules, and listening to stories! They are excited for a wonderful year ahead!

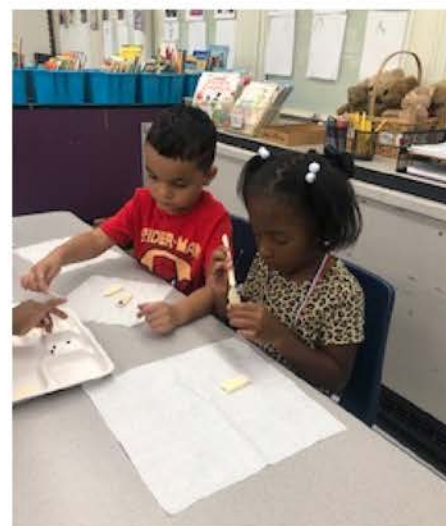
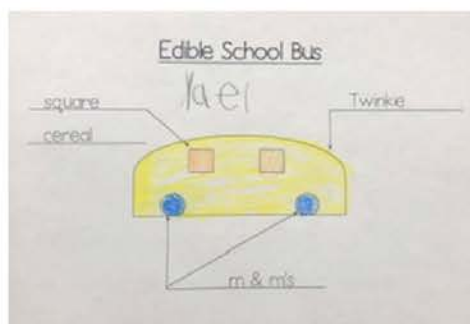
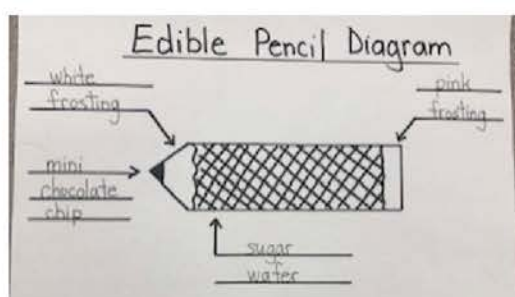


KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Borowski's Class

Mrs. Borowski's class learned about diagrams. They used sugar wafers, frosting and chocolate chips to make edible pencils. And Twinkies, frosting, m&m's and Cinnamon Toast Crunch to make Edible Buses.



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Soriano and Ms. Walker's Class

The students in E2 were very busy the first month of school. They were meeting new friends, learning routines and how to be a bucket filler. Miss Soriano and Mrs. Walker are very excited to help our students continue to grow and learn.



Ms. Richard's Class

The students in E3 have been busy learning the routines of the classroom and having loads of fun doing so. We have begun ABC bootcamp where the students dive deeper into the letters and their sounds. In the picture to the left, we were using Mat Man to learn how to draw people.

Ms. Molloy and Ms. VanValkenburg's Class

E4 is off to a great start this school year! We are busy reading new books, learning our numbers, and displaying our student work throughout the classroom. Some of our class highlights are starting our ABC bootcamp and learning our number formation songs. To work on our fine motor skills, our students are practicing writing their numbers and names with hands on activities such as playdough. In addition to all the hard work everyone is putting in, we are having fun and making new friends along the way!



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Navarro's class

In Ms. Navarro's class we are learning how to follow routines. We are also learning about numbers 1-5 and learning the alphabet. As a class we are learning our classroom rules.

Ms. Khan's Class

Our class has been working on "ABC Bootcamp". We focus on a different letter every day and come up with words that start with that letter. After we brainstorm words, we add that letter with pictures to our Alphabet Book!



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

The Kindergarten Dual Language class is settling in nicely. We are working on routines and learning many new academic programs. We have begun working on letters and sounds in one of our newest programs Estrellitas.



Ms. Del Arca's Class

In F4, we have been learning routines and practicing how to be more independent. We have learned how to treat our materials in class and how to sit like a good listener. We learned that a good listener sits and listens with his eyes, ears, mouth, legs and arms.

