



THE QUARLES' BUZZ

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“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.”

-- L. Pernille

Dear Quarles Parents and Guardians,

Fall is a wonderful time of year. A time to recognize the change of seasons, enjoy the warmth of the sun and the crisp chill in the air. As the colorful leaves change before our eyes, we would like to acknowledge the growth in our students here at Quarles. The first day of school seems like yesterday and now our PreK and Kindergarten students are familiar with their campus, teachers, classrooms and routines. We hope that everyone was able to meet with their child's teacher for Parent Teacher conferences this month. As always please do not hesitate to contact Quarles administration with any questions and concerns.

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Administrator's Message (continued)

Quarles students were very busy bees this month! October was filled with fun activities, Quarles students and staff celebrated Week of Respect, Hispanic Heritage, and Fire Prevention month with assemblies and received a visit from Englewood Fire department. Please enjoy our October news articles highlighting several classrooms this month.

As we enter the month of November and the temperatures begin to drop, we want to take this opportunity to remind all families to work with their children by thoroughly reviewing hand-washing and dressing accordingly for weather conditions. Together we can stay healthy and safe! Please enjoy our October newsletter!

Warmest regards,
Ms. Edone & Ms. Ng

October & November Highlights:

- **Saturday, October 29, 2022 - Trunk or Treat , Dwight Morrow High School 1-5PM**
- **Monday, October 31, 2022 Quarles Character Parade : PreK at 9AM & Kindergarten at 10AM - Weather Permitting**
- **October 31 2022 - November 4, 2022 - Quarles Scholastic Book Fair - 11/3 Family Night 2:45PM - 6PM- Music Room**
- **Monday, November 7, 2022 - Quarles Picture Retake Day**
- **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Election Day- No School for students**
- **November 10 & 11, 2022 - NJEA Convention - School Closed**
- **November 15, 2022 - Quarles PTO Meeting 6:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, November 23, 2022 - District Early Dismissal**
- **Thursday, November 24 & 25, 2022 - Happy Thanksgiving/District Closed**

"BE TRUE TO YOU" ASSEMBLY

During the Week Of Respect, students attended the Bee True To You assembly and learned about the values of friendship, kindness and discovering identities through narrative and song.



"MEXICO BEYOND MARIACHI" ASSEMBLY

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, students attended the Mexico Beyond Mariachi assembly and learned about the folk traditions of Mexico through music, dance and storytelling.





A friendly reminder that under New Jersey Code N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 All pre-school students under 60 months of age are required to receive an influenza vaccine each school year between September 1 and December 31. Please call your child's pediatrician to schedule an appointment.

If you do not have insurance, contact one of the following health clinics to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

North Hudson Community Action Corp.
197 South Van Brunt Street, Englewood
(201) 537- 4442

or

Englewood Health Department
73 South Van Brunt Street, Englewood
201-568-3450 ext. 511

Please submit documentation of current flu vaccine by December 15, 2022. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Health Office at 201-862-6112.



Quarles PTO has been busy this month and we are not done yet. The Quarles PTO would like to thank all the families that participated in the fundraiser and those of you that have fed our monsters for the Trunk or Treat. The fundraiser was a huge success, and we hope the Trunk or Treat will be as well. Please be sure to come out to Dwight Morrow High School on Sunday October 30th from 1-5pm for some safe Trick or Treating, food trucks, music and much more. It is sure to be a hit.

In addition, Quarles will be hosting the fall Scholastic Book Fair from October 31st through November 4th with a Family Night/late night shopping on Thursday November 3rd from 2:45 until 6pm. We look forward to meeting our new volunteers at the Trunk or Treat, the Bookfair and next month's meeting on November 15th at 6pm in the Music Room at Quarles. We are always in need of volunteers especially for the bookfair so if you are interested in participating, please reach out the PTO at DAQuarlespto2022@gmail.com.

PTO Board Members:

Rosie Rodriguez, President

Marilex Tavares, Vice President

Brett and Ashley Lastra, Secretaries

Luz Castillo, Treasurer





PRE-K SPOTLIGHT



MS. THOMAS' CLASS

October is filled with changes, but one thing that should never change is the respect we show to others and ourselves. To kick off the month of October, we celebrated respect week. We learned the importance of first respecting ourselves and respecting others. We discussed what respect and being kind means. To wrap up respect week, we had a great performance by "BEE TRUE TO YOU," which the children enjoyed very much.

We also learned about fire safety and had a visit by our local firemen! What a fun month October has been!

MS. SENESE'S CLASS

Mrs. Senese's class learned about the letter F and that letter F starts with firefighter. We got to meet firefighters and learn about their gear that they wear, the tools they use, and what number to call if we ever have an emergency. We even got to see their awesome firetruck!

MS. GILLIARD'S CLASS

What does teaching respect look like in my classroom? The children are working on identifying their feels, naming their friends, and building strong relationships with peers and adults. Every student can identify who their peers are and who they want to play with. We encourage all children to play with each other to build strong social emotional connections. You can notice examples of this when they select the same centers and common play areas on the playground you can observe communication, role playing, and making good choices. This is a wonderful time of the year because the students are starting to display how kind they can be to one another. They are working and playing together in areas of the classrooms. They are enjoying school and each other. The students are good role models for each other.



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT

MS. DONNELLY'S CLASS

In C-1, we learned about making observations and asking questions in science. We conducted a week-long pumpkin experiment. We activated our schema and created a chart about everything we knew about pumpkins. We then read multiple books on pumpkins and added to our schema chart. I brought in a white pumpkin and everyone guessed how many lines and seeds the pumpkin had. Finally, we counted the lines and cut the pumpkin open to see whose guess was the closest. The students got to feel the inside of the pumpkin and learned a lot of new information to add to our schema.

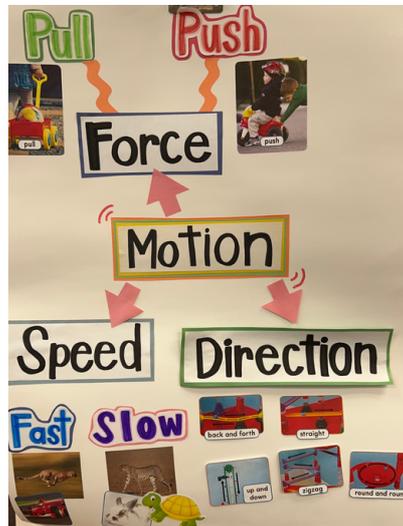
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Marcus	100	1
Pablo	25	25
Yasmin	14	2
Klara	2000	14
Elia	30	30
Ava	18	16
Karen	4	5
Jayden	5	100
Aiden	20	16
Valeria	100	15
Gregory	5	100
Leah	14	14
Isabella	14	100
Gracie	1000	20
James	10	14
Akran	75,000	16



MS. ROSENZWEIG'S CLASS

C2 loves to experiment and our science unit on 'Force and Motion' is providing lots of opportunities!

Our student teacher, Ms. Kim, set up great experiments for us to learn from! Teams built ramps and experimented in figuring out how to increase/decrease a car's speed down a ramp. She also provided opportunities to experiment on changing a cotton ball's direction by blowing on it through straws.



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



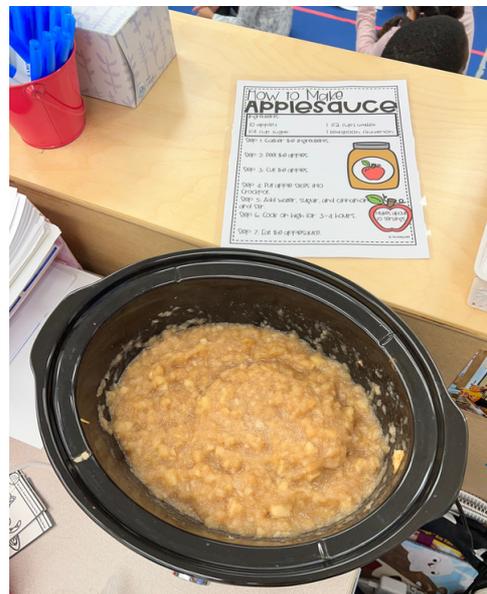
MS. GIOFFRE'S CLASS

C4 is "falling into learning". We are working together to learn our letters, sounds and sight words! We enjoyed participating in the parade at the end of ABC Bootcamp.



MS. MORONTA & MS. SONG'S CLASS

C-3 has been busy celebrating the fall season! We have completed our fall ABC Bootcamp and celebrated our hard work with an ABC Parade. The fall season calls for apples and apple picking so we created and followed a recipe to make applesauce in our classroom. It was delicious!



9 Ways to Teach Your Child Good Manners by Tara Nukk



Manners are behaviors we use when we interact with others. We show good manners when we show respect. It is important to use good manners every day at home, at school, and in the community. Some examples of good manners are saying “please” and “thank you,” waiting your turn, and putting things back where they belong. Here are some strategies to help your children learn and understand good manners:

- 1. Model good behavior.** Use good manners with your children and when you interact with others. Let your children see you show respect through your actions, such as holding the door, covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough and throwing away trash.
- 2. Teach “polite” words.** Teach your children polite words like “No thank you,” “I’m sorry,” and “May I?” Explain what the words mean and when to use them.
- 3. Watch children’s TV programs or movies.** Many children’s TV shows or movies teach good behavior. Watch these shows with your children and talk about the characters’ good manners.
- 4. Role-play good manners for different situations.** Practice the types of good manners you want your children to use in different situations like going to a friend’s birthday party, having family over for dinner or meeting a new neighbor. Have them practice what to say and how to act.
- 5. Read books about good manners.** Many children’s books teach good manners. The characters in the stories show good manners or learn to show good manners. Find these books at the library or a bookstore and then read them together.
- 6. Praise your children when they use good manners.** Acknowledge when your child uses good manners. Tell your child like the way he/she is behaving. This positive reinforcement will encourage the behavior to happen again.
- 7. Give replacement behaviors.** One of the best ways to understand good manners is to be aware of behaviors are not appropriate. When your child says or does something impolite, explain why those are not good manners. Then explain what could be said or done instead with respect to good manners.
- 8. Play a good-manners game.** Be creative when teaching good manners. One game to play is to pick a polite word or phrase of the day. For example, have your child count how many times he/she heard the phrase “thank you” and in what type of situation it was said in.
- 9. Make rules and stick to them!** Set expectations for good manners. Being consistent about good manners is important. Start teaching manners when your children are very young—even toddlers can begin to learn good manners.



ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show

by Theresa Manzano, Reading Specialist



On October 14, the Kindergarten students participated in our ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show. Students spent the month of September and October learning a letter and its sounds each day. As a way to celebrate all students paraded around with letter art, they created to show all they learned.





Week of Respect Recap

by Venus Rose, School Counselor



During the month of October at Donald A. Quarles Early Childhood Center all students participated in activities related to demonstrating respect and kindness. The Week of Respect, October 3 - 7, 2022, was a school spirit week for our students. The students learned to show respect for themselves, others, the school and the community through dressing up in various themes and performing various acts of kindness.

Each day students showed school spirit by dressing like a superhero to show respect to themselves, wore mixed/matched to celebrate and respect diversity, wore their favorite sneakers to stomp out bullying and finally wore school colors to show respect for the school and community at large. On the first day of Week of Respect, students learned the Pledge of Respect - 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! For the Week of Respect, the students also participated in the "Spreading Kindness Challenge" in their classrooms where they received Kindness Coupons for performing random acts of respect and kindness.

The school counselor in Mr. Gomez's physical education classes conducted a classroom guidance lesson on the book, *Respect and Take Care of Things* by Cheri Meiners. The school counselor led discussion about what does respect look like, what does respect sound like, what does respect feel like and what are some respectful words we use daily.

Students also learned to show respect by being good listeners, caring for others, being safe with their bodies and following school and house rules.

Thank you to school administration, teachers, staff and parents for your continued support and for making kindness, empathy, inclusion, and acceptance an everyday part of the routine at Donald A. Quarles Early Childhood Center!

