



# Semester 2 2024-2025 Newsletter

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## **A message from Director Ms. Wells:**

Dear Families,

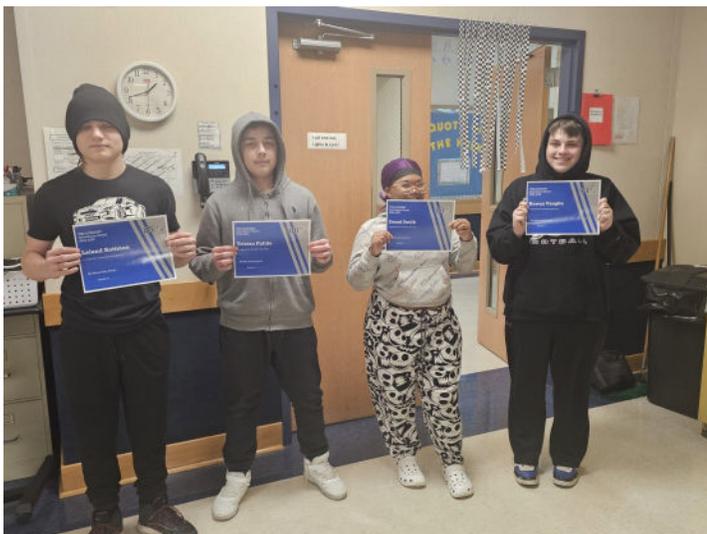
It is hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the school year and have already begun planning for 2025-2026. We have seen much growth in our students as they have been monitoring their individual process weekly to ensure they are meeting their AEP requirements. We continue to work to close the large gap on student attendance concerns. We need students to engage in their coursework consistently if they want to be successful.

I will be calling families before the end of April for any student who has met the requirements to return to his/her home school. Please know we take this recommendation very seriously as we only want to offer the best chance for success for everyone.

I have had several questions regarding summer school for June. We will not have a summer school option at The Academy. All regular attendance students have met with their administrator to discuss their final academic goals for this school year. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please give us a call. We always value your insight and collaboration

## **3rd Quarter Celebration**

As a school, students completed a total of 96 courses, with 12 students completing all of their required coursework earning the Victory Lap Award, and 7 students completing at least one additional course earning the Victory Cup Award. Our 80% Attendance Club honored 8 students. CONGRATULATIONS to our super stars.



## A message from Assistant Director Ms. Leebold:

During 4<sup>th</sup> quarter we will be participating in required state and district testing. You will find the schedule below. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Leebold at 228-7175 ext. 2307 or [jamesam@qps.org](mailto:jamesam@qps.org).

| Dates       | Test                                | Grades        | Sections   | Location                   | Notes                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| April 9     | PreACT9, PreACT, & ACT with Writing | 9, 10, & 11   | English, Math, Reading, & Science<br>11 will also have Writing | Assigned testing rooms     | *7, 8, & 12 will NOT attend this day |
| April 23-25 | ISA Illinois Science Assessment     | 8 & 11        | 3 Science  | Test in Room 125 (Leebold) |                                      |
| April 28-30 | MAP Measures of Academic Progress   | 7, 8, 9, & 10 | Reading, Math, Language Usage                                  | Will test during homeroom  |                                      |

To perform your best on tests, I cannot stress how important it is to **prioritize being on time and well-rested**, as these factors significantly impact your ability to think clearly, recall information, and manage stress.

Here's why:

- **On-Time Arrival:** Arriving on time allows you to settle in, review your materials, and avoid unnecessary stress from rushing or missing instructions.
- **Well-Rested Mind:** A good night's sleep is crucial for cognitive function, memory consolidation, and overall mental well-being, all of which are essential for effective test-taking.
- **Improved Cognitive Performance:** Sleep deprivation can impair memory, reasoning, and problem-solving skills, all of which are critical during exams.
- **Reduced Stress and Anxiety:** Being well-rested can help you cope with test-taking stress and anxiety, allowing you to focus on the task at hand. .
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## **A message from School Social Worker Mrs. Brigman:**

**Spring is right around the corner, and soon after comes summer. That means now is the time to start looking around for a summer job.**

### **QUINCY PARK DISTRICT    Employment Opportunities**

To apply, see our fillable application on the website, or stop by the administration office at 1231 Bonansinga Drive Quincy, IL 62301.

#### **Spring/Summer Jobs**

##### **These seasonal jobs are open**

- Archery Staff
- Batting Cage Manager
- Batting Cage Assistant manager
- Batting Cage Staff
- Pool Assistant Manager
- Lifeguard
- Pool Staff
- Special Populations leaders
- Fishing Supervisor
- Fishing staff
- Tennis instructor
- Soccer Ref.
- Basketball Ref.
- Volleyball Ref.

#### **Westview Golf Course is seeking seasonal grounds staff**

Call 217-223-7499

Email: [westview@quincyparkdistrict.com](mailto:westview@quincyparkdistrict.com)



## What jobs interest you?

- Cashier
- Tutor
- Fast Food Worker
- Restaurant
- Grocery Store
- Life Guard
- Camp Counselor
- Retail
- Intern
- Childcare
- Grounds/Maintenance
- Swim Instructor
- Pet Sitting/Walking
- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Babysitting
- Odd Jobs
- Organizing/Decluttering
- Technology
- Social Media
- Cleaning
- Packing/Moving

## What are the impacts of a summer job?

The benefits of summer jobs extend well beyond the wages youth earn.



BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Youth summer jobs have the potential to improve educational outcomes and disrupt cycles of economic inequality and crime.

Y.O.U. hired Case Western Reserve University to evaluate if youth participating in our summer jobs program from 2014-2017 were, in fact, positively impacted over time.



HIGHER GRADUATION RATES



FEWER JUVENILE DELINQUENCY FILINGS



FEWER VIOLENT CRIME FILINGS



LOWER ADULT INCARCERATION RATES