



UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Kourtney Thompson, a first-grade teacher at Baldwin, was given the Award of Special Recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education for her skills, passion and talents in the classroom.
2. Students at Rooney Elementary School raised \$331 for the Quincy Humane Society by selling Valentine's Day candy grams.
3. Applications for the Adams County CEO program are due on Friday. The program pairs students with local business leaders to develop workforce skills through project-based education.
4. Iles Elementary held a STEM night on Tuesday, offering a place for budding scientists to explore Science Technology, Engineering and Math.
5. The QHS Music Department has been busy preparing for the annual Showcase of Excellence which will take place on March 8. It will feature show choirs, jazz bands and vocal soloists.
6. The Early Childhood Family Center is hosting a dinner where families can enjoy a meal and talk to representatives from Blessing Rieman and the Adams County Medical Alliance about making healthy choices.
7. QJHS sports teams have celebrated recent successes including a tournament win for girls volleyball, an impressive 2nd place finish for wrestlers in the regional tournament, and a 2nd place finish for boys basketball in the state tournament.
8. Schools across the district celebrated Dare to Care week this month. For their part, BOE staff held a soup carry-in, raising more than \$200 for KidzPacks.

Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

MADELYN ALBERS – MS MATH TEACHER - QJHS
HAILEY ALVIS – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
ANTOINETTE BERNARD - CAFETERIA COOK – ROONEY
KATIE BROEMMER - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
FRANK CASH – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
MICHAEL CODY - ASST. BASEBALL COACH – QHS
SHEA COYLE – PLACEMENT TBD 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR
AMANDA CRAMSEY – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
KAYLA CRIST – SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATH - BALDWIN & NON-PUBLIC
CAMILLE DONALDSON – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
RYAN DULA - ASST. TRACK & FIELD COACH – QHS
KAYLA DYER – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST - DISTRICT
HARRISON FEY - ASST. BASEBALL COACH – QHS
TAMMY FRENCH – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
TAMMY FRENCH - GSA SPONSOR – QHS
LUCINDA GILLIGAN – SPED TEACHER -QHS
LINDA GRIGGS - KITCHEN HELPER -ROONEY
KRISTIN HAMILTON - PARA – QHS
DONALD HARRIS – DRIVER – TRANSP.
SARAH HOEBING – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
JARED HOLMAN – CLUB SPONSOR- EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
ADAM HOLTSCHLAG – HOMEWORK - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
VONDA JACOBY – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
KARA JANSEN – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
TARA KLUSMEYER – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
DAN LEFLER – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
BRIAN LEWTON – DEAN OF STUDENTS - THE ACADEMY
CHLOE LIESEN – PLACEMENT TBD 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR
JULIE LITTLE – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
STEPHANIE LOOS – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
DANA LUDWIG – CREDIT RECOVERY - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
LAURA MCCLELLAND – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
BRIAN MCINTYRE – CREDIT RECOVERY - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
CHRISTINA MEYER – CREDIT RECOVERY - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
CATHERINE MILLER – PLACEMENT TBD 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR
COURTNEY MILLS - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
ANDY NELSON – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
ANDREA NICHOLSON – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
BROOKE NIEKAMP – ATTENDANCE SECRETARY - QJHS
IMMANUEL PURSLEY – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
SHARON ROSA – RIDER – TRANSP.
MATT SAFLEY - ASST. BASEBALL COACH – QHS
ALICIA SHAFFER – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
MEGAN SIEMENS – SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST - ECFC
BRENDA STALDER – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
HEATHER STAFFORD – SPECIAL ED TEACHER - QHS
DANA STAFFORD – CREDIT RECOVERY - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
WEDISUE ANGELA RAINES-CALDWELL - COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR - QHS
JAMES VALENTINE – DRIVER – TRANSP.
ASHLEY VANCAMP – CLUB SPONSOR - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS
MAISHA WADE - ADAPTIVE ASST. TRACK & FIELD COACH
JANELLE WATHEN - PART TIME OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST – DISTRICT
AMY WEBSTER - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
GREG WELLMAN – HOMEWORK HELP - EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – QHS

Resignations (End of 2024-25 unless otherwise noted)

CAPRICE ALEXANDRE – 5TH GRADE ACC. TEACHER – BALDWIN
ERICA CORRIVEAU – EDGENUITY TEACHER – THE ACADEMY
BETHONY CRIM – EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSP. SUPERVISOR 02/14/25
ERIC GAUER – SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER - QHS
ERIC GAUER – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH – QHS

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Resignations Continued

RICK LITTLE – ASST. BASEBALL COACH – QHS 01/29/25
GAVYN MOORE – SECONDARY HISTORY TEACHER – QHS
LORIE OBERT – KDG. TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/29/2025
GEORGE STAERKER – DRIVER – TRANSP. 01/31/25
KRISTIN STURHAHN – KDG. TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
VICKIE VAN HOVE – MID-DAY RIDER - TRANSP. 01/24/25
ABRA YOUNG – DRIVER – TRANSP. 02/19/2025

**Retirements will be
listed in the
May 2025 UPDATE**

Saturday, March 8, 2025



Quincy Senior High School will host the 2025 Showcase of Excellence! Jazz Bands and Show Choirs from Illinois, Missouri and Iowa will perform and compete in the day long festival sponsored by the Quincy Public Schools, WGEM and The Friends of the Performing Arts.



*No School
March 13—
March 17*

In other action, the Board approved:

- **2025-26 Calendar**
- **Annual Grants/Allocations**
- **Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in PTAB Appeal and Proceedings**
- **Superintendent Task Force on Boundary Study**
- **Samsara Letter of Agreement for Bus Drivers**

The Board approved the following school calendar for 2025-2026.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Monday, August 11	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, August 12.....	Teacher Institute
Wednesday, August 13.....	First Student Day
Monday, September 1	No School—Labor Day
Friday, October 10.....	½ Day School—1/2 Day School Improvement
Monday, October 13	No School—Columbus Day
Thursday, October 30.....	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Friday, October 31.....	No School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Wednesday, November 26.....	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 27.....	No School—Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28.....	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 22-Friday, January 2	No School—Winter Break
Monday, January 5	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, January 6.....	School Resumes for Students
Monday, January 19	No School—Martin Luther King Day
Friday, February 13.....	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, February 16.....	No School—Presidents' Day
Monday, March 30 – Monday, April 6	No School—Easter Break
Monday, May 25	No School—Memorial Day
Thursday, May 28	½ Day School-1/2 Day School Improvement
Thursday, May 28	Last Day for Students
Friday, May 29	Teacher Institute

***If no emergency days are used, students' last attendance day could be May 20 and Teacher Institute Day would be May 21.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

GRADE K-5 TRIMESTER			
TRI-MESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/17/25	46	10/30/25 & 10/31/25
2 nd	02/06/26	65	02/13/26
3 rd	05/29/26	66	06/01/26-06/05/26
GRADE 6-8 QUARTER			
QUARTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/17/25	46	10/30/25 & 10/31/25
2 nd	12/19/25	42	01/09/26
3 rd	03/13/26	47	03/20/26
4 th	05/29/26	42	06/01/26-06/05/26
GRADE 9-12 SEMESTER			
SEMESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	12/19/25	88	01/09/26
2 nd	05/29/26	89	06/01/26-06/05/26