

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) The QHS Music Department will present the annual New Faces program opening Thursday evening. The four-show run will include the finest talent QHS has to offer.
- 2) Rooney Elementary School hosted a family fun night with their community partners at The Crossing. Students, staff and families enjoyed bingo, basket raffles, food and fun.
- 3) Students at the Early Childhood Family Center got a visit from Officer Hermsmeier from QPD. Officer Hermsmeier talked to students about the 9-1-1 system and what to do during an emergency.
- 4) The QJHS Girls Volleyball Team was commended for their sportsmanship in the IESA Good Sport Report for fostering a supportive and uplifting atmosphere during the Volleyball State Tournament. The Comets finished third in the state tournament with a 29-2 record.
- 5) Kindergarteners in Mrs. Kniel's class at Denman have continued their yearslong tradition of visiting senior citizens at Sunset Home. These trips enrich the lives of everyone involved.
- 6) Students at Iles enjoyed Read with Masked Readers. Staff members in disguise read their favorite books while students were left to guess their true identities.
- 7) Six QAVTC students visited the Illinois State Capitol for their Career and Technical Education Showcase: Xander Colombo, Shane Alberts, Antonin Malard, Faith VanHecke, Landon Dickson, Jonathan Dieker. The event is held yearly and highlights educational opportunities from around the state.
- 8) Students at The Academy celebrated the end of the 3rd quarter this week with awards and cake recognizing those who accomplished their work completion and attendance goals.
- 9) Bonus Super 9: QHS Junior Lily Baker, who received a state degree for her record book. A state degree has not been accomplished since 1980. FFA students were honored at their annual banquet Tuesday evening.



Spotlight on Elementary Schools and the Ron Clark Academy

The K-5 principals shared information about their K-5 house systems. The five schools are at different stages of implementing the house systems initiated by the Ron Clark Academy. The significant aspect of this initiative is to help students form connections, friendships, and community. All fifth graders from each building will have a "House Showdown Spectacular" on Tuesday, April 29 at Flinn Stadium from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event will provide opportunities to bring all of them together with activities and stations with their individual houses prior to attending QJHS.

Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent

APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT

CARRA BROWN – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER – L-DE 03/10/2025
KIM DINKHELLER - ASST. VOLUNTEER POM COACH – QHS 25-26 SCH YR
ADDIE FORD - 1ST GRADE TEACHER - L-DE 25-26 SCH YR
MEGHAN GERTZ – POSITION TBD 25-26 SCH YR
MARY GREWELL – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER - L-DE 25-26 SCH YR
ANJAY HEINECKE - INTERIM HEAD SOFTBALL COACH – QHS 24-25 SCH YR
KENDALL HERMAN - PARA – ECFC 03/18/2025
CLAIRE KEARSE - RECEPTIONIST/ SUB COORDINATOR – QJHS 03/11/2025
ELIZABETH KOCH - PARA – QHS 03/18/2025
KARA KOYER - PARA – BALDWIN 02/24/2025
MATT LONGO - ASST. SOCCER COACH (GIRLS) – QHS 24-25 SCH YR
LAURA MCCLELLAND - HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH–QHS 24-25 SCH YR
CRUZ MIXER – EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPERVISOR – TRANSP. 02/25/2025
LISA SCHUCKMAN - ASST. SOFTBALL COACH – QHS 24-25 SCH YR
RACHEL ST. CLAIR - BOOKKEEPER – QHS 03/18/2025
JENNA STARMAN – POSITION TBD 25-26 SCH YR
JOHN VAHLKAMP – EDGENUITY TEACHER - THE ACADEMY 25-26 SCH YR

RESIGNATIONS (END OF 24-25 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

WHITNEY BAUMGARTNER – SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – QJHS
MEGAN GRIFFORD - ACL SOCIAL STUDIES
LAMOR HICKMAN – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH - QHS 03/18/2025
CARRIE J SMITH – CAFETERIA COOK – ROONEY 03/07/2025
JEREMY JACKSON – ISS SUPERVISOR – ROONEY 03/12/2025
MARK SCHMELZLE – CUSTODIAN – ECFC 12/31/2025
ABIGAIL STEINWAY – TEACHER – BALDWIN 04/11/2025
RICHARD STEWART – ASST. SOCCER COACH (GIRLS) - QHS 02/24/2025

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The Board also approved:

- *City of Quincy Easement Request for Water Main at 4900 Columbus Road*
- *Lease with American Capital Financial Services, Inc. for ByteSpeed server equipment refresh for 5 annual payments of \$31,380 per year*

New Faces 2025 – “Celebrate the Music”

Thursday – Saturday

March 27-29th at 7 pm

Saturday, March 29th matinee at 2 pm

Quincy Senior High School Theater

\$20 for Adults



LEGEND AWARD

The Board recognized retired educator Jerry Douglas with the fourth annual Legend Award. Douglas began his career in education in 1974 as a social studies and history teacher at QHS. He taught social studies at QJHS, served as the director of education at Chaddock and then returned to QPS, serving as the history and math teacher at The Academy until his retirement from the district in 2022. He has left a lasting impact on countless students and the community.

NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK
Friday, April 18—Monday, April 21



Graduation
Sunday, May 18
at 4:00 p.m.
at Flinn Stadium