

UPDATE

Quincy Public
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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Students at Denman got a visit from Ripley Schleppehorst and her dog mom Tracy. Students learned about human and dog emotions.
2. Rooney staff and students have been working on a school-wide art installation. With money from the QPS Foundation, school psychologist Lexi Reid has collected candid photos of staff and students and framed them around the building. This promotes a sense of community and pride among the Rooney Foxes.
3. Junior High Students are currently doing Spring MAP testing across the school. This will give students and teachers a chance to see growth over the school year.
4. The QHS girls soccer team took home an impressive 5-1 victory over the defending Western Big Six champions putting them one step closer to a 20th WB6 title.
5. Students across the district got a chance to see science in action during the solar eclipse this month. Classes from elementary school through high school learned the science behind an eclipse and then got to see it for themselves.
6. ECFC celebrated the Week of the Young Child with parades for both their morning and afternoon classes. Members of QPD and the fire department took part in the parade.
7. The Quincy Blue Devil Wellness committee completed their annual Wellness Survey where staff can weigh in on strengths and challenges they face. The Blue Devil Wellness group then uses the responses to plan activities and provide wellness resources for the QPS community.
8. The annual Dream Big Color Run was quite a success. The QPS Foundation partnered with Mr. Dombroski's Leadership Class to raise money to benefit QPS students and teachers through the Foundation.

LEGEND AWARD

The Board presented the third annual Legend Award to the family of Richard "Dick" Thompson. Mr. Thompson was hired as a math teacher for QPS in 1957 as the first African-American teacher at QJHS. After 15 years of teaching, he was named the dean of students and then, in 1977, assistant principal of QJHS. He retired in 1992 after 35 years in education, but then returned for another 20 years as the discipline supervisor for the transportation department. He gave 56 years of service to Quincy Public Schools.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ACADEMY

Director Wells recognized that "It Takes a Village" and "You are more than..." by honoring the incredible achievements made by an Academy student. The student spoke of her accomplishments and gave thanks to her family and The Academy team for their guidance and belief in her.

Dr. Todd Pettit

Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

KEVNISHA (KAYONA) SMITH – 2ND GR./L-DE 2024-25 SCH YR
STACY ACHILLES – SECURITY GUARD/QHS 04/15/2024
BRENNAN ANKRUM – SECONDARY SCIENCE/QHS 2024-25 SCH YR
KATIE CLOPPER – 21ST CCLC EXTENDED DAY/QJHS 03/18/2024
BRYAN DUSCH – SECURITY GUARD/QJHS 04/15/2024
ERIN FISCHER – INSTRUCTIONAL COACH/L-DE 2024-25 SCH YR
KOLBY GLASGOW – 2ND GR./ROONEY 2024-25 SCH YR
KIMBERLY HAYS – PLACEMENT TBD 2024-25 SCH YR
KRISTINA KLINGELE—ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 2024-25 SCH YR
GABI KREPS – 4TH GR. CO-TEACHER/DENMAN 2024-25 SCH YR
DIEUNIKA LEYENDECKERS – PLACEMENT TBD 2024-25 SCH YR
BRANDI PATTON – 1ST GR./DENMAN 2024-25 SCH YR
ABIGAIL REICHERT – 2ND GR./ROONEY 2024-25 SCH YR
ALEXA REID – SEPCIAL ED PREK/ECFC 2024-25 SCH YR
CHEYENNE RIGG – PARA/L-DE 04/08/2024
REBEKAH RUSSELL – 5TH GR./ILES 2024-25 SCH YR
CARLEE SAPP – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS & BOE 03/25/2024
MATTHEW SCHWIETE – ASST. BASEBALL COACH/QHS 23-24 SCH YR
PAIGE SNYDER – 3RD GR./ROONEY 2024-25 SCH YR
STEPHANIE STEPHENS – ELL TEACHER/ROONEY 2024-25 SCH YR
KATHY TOURNEAR – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 04/08/2024
AMY WEBSTER – 1ST GR./L-DE 2024-25 SCH YR
ERIKA WISEMAN – PLACEMENT TBD 2024-25 SCH YR

Resignations (end of 23-24 unless otherwise noted)

KATIE BAILEY – SPED COORDINATOR/QHS
MARYANN CORNWELL – CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 04/11/2024
KASSIE HENRY – TEACHER/DENMAN
ALEXIS JONES – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS 03/11/2024
CLAIRE LEAPLEY – SPED TEACHER/QJHS
MISTY MCCLUSKEY – COOK/L-DE 03/22/2024
HEATHER ORTIZ – PARA/QHS 05/03/2024
SUSAN SAATHOFF – PARA/ECFC
STEVE SECKMAN – DAY CUSTODIAN/ROONEY 04/19/2024
LAURA SNELLING – PT INTERVENTION/BALDWIN
LAURYN WALGREN – 5TH GR. CO-TEACHER/ROONEY
GREG WELLMAN – HEAD 8TH GR. GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACH/QJHS 11/21/2023

**Retirements will be listed on the
May 2024 UPDATE**

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The Board recognized the following All-State Athletes:

QHS

Football-Bradyn Little

Wrestling-Owen Uppinghouse

Basketball-Bradley Longcor III

Basketball-KeShaun Thomas

QJHS

Cross Country-Eli Poe

Cross Country-Charles Ray

Cross Country-Peyton Kuhl

Wrestling-Brylin Hill

Wrestling-Ja'Carveon Walton

Wrestling-Eli Zanger

Wrestling-Clayton McClelland

Wrestling-Derik Lohmeyer

Wrestling-Griffin Finch

The Board approved the 2023-2024 amended calendar with May 28 as the last day for students and May 29 for staff.

The end of year celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at QJHS at 8:30 a.m. A bus shuttle to QJHS will be provided from each building.

In other action, the Board approved:

- ELA Benchmark Workshop and Reveal Math Curriculum for K-5 Elementary
- Teacher Laptop Lease to Lenovo Financial Services
- QJHS Parking Lot Bid to Emrick Brothers Construction for \$358,130
- BOE Façade Bid to A. Fischer Builders for \$544,700