



Quincy Public Schools

# UPDATE

November 20, 2024

## SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Students at Rooney Elementary School, led by Nukumori House students, celebrated World Kindness Day by playing bingo, earning squares by doing acts of service for their classmates and teachers.
2. Local author, Ron Kinscherf, visited Baldwin this month, talking with students about his process writing children's book.
3. Students at the Academy put their growing knowledge of the inner workings of the brain on display, by competing in a door decorating contest. Student were judged on creativity, theme and effort of their creations.
4. The intramural basketball program, started at Iles Elementary by paraprofessional Trudy Gay last year, has expanded its offering to Rooney and Lincoln-Douglas Elementaries, with fifty 3rd through 5th graders participating.
5. More than 150 musicians from QPS were selected for the Illinois Music Education Association's All-District Festivals. The performances were held this month in Springfield.
6. Iles Elementary School hosted a Family Read Night where more than 300 families had pizza and visited art, math and writing stations.
7. Junior High students were treated to a high-energy presentation by speaker and author Jordan Toma. Toma shared his story about growing up with a learning disability and encouraging students to turn their struggles into their strengths.
8. Denman Elementary hosted the book fair this week and even had a visit from Piggie and Gerard from the Elephant and Piggie book series.

### **Recognition of Board Member McNay**

Board Member Richard McNay resigned from the school board after nearly twelve years of service, from April 2013 to November 2024. He was recognized by former Superintendent Webb and President Arns for his dedicated service and leadership during the transition of building five new schools. Former board member Ali highlighted McNay's attention to detail, his accountability, and thanked him for being a strong advocate for the district and for his positive influence on the board. Superintendent Pettit presented Mr. McNay with the Spirit and Pride Award, along with a flag that had flown over Rooney School.

With Blue Devil Pride,  
*Dr. Todd Pettit*  
Superintendent

# PERSONNEL

## *Appointments/Change in Assignment*

Danille Baze - Para – QJHS 10/28/24  
Dana Caspermeyer– Para - ECFC 10/21/24  
Jasmine Cobb - Para – Iles 10/25/24  
Barb Crist - Asst. Volleyball Coach - QJHS 24-25 Sch yr  
Tori Davenport - Health Occ Instructor – QAVTC 12/2/24  
Susan Decker - Family Support Specialist - ECFC 10/23/24  
Terra Forrester - Kitchen Helper -Baldwin 10/23/24  
Kayden Garrett - Asst. Wrestling Coach – QHS 24-25 School Year  
Carly Guthrie – Bus Driver 11/6/24  
Kristin Hamilton – Asst. Volleyball Coach – QHS 25-26 Sch yr  
Darla Ingels - Kitchen Helper -Lincoln-Douglas 10/28/24  
Lindsay Knudson – Asst. Basketball Coach (girls) - QJHS 24-25  
Sch yr  
April Moore - Crossing Guard – 14th & Maine 10/25/24  
Melissa Neisen – Classified School Nurse (RN) – QJHS  
Sara Nytes - Cafeteria Coordinator – Iles 11/18/24  
Jeffrey Obert - Head Soph. Basketball Coach (Boys) - QHS 24-25  
School Year  
John Parke - Maintenance Laborer - Central Services 11/4/24  
Kailey Reckers - 8th Grade Head Volleyball Coach – QJHS 24-25  
School Year  
Zoe Santiago - Cafeteria Cook - QHS 11/18/24  
Lisa Schuckman – Asst. 7th Volleyball Coach – QJHS 24-25 School  
Year  
Scott Shackleton - Crossing Guard – District 11/15/24  
Donald Shaw – SPED Rider 9/6/24  
Amanda Smith – Para – ECFC 10/29/24  
Samuel Smith - Asst. Wrestling Coach - QJHS 24-25 School Year  
Melissa Thomas - Para – Denman 11/6/24  
Kim Venvertloh - Para – Iles 11/1/24  
Kimberly Whelan – Clinical Instructor – QAVTC 10/28/24

## *Resignations*

Darlene Herman – Crossing Guard - Security 11/12/24  
Melissa Jansen – Family Support Specialist – ECFC 11/5/24  
Rhiana Meyer – Para – ECFC 11/15/24  
Brendan Reidy- Broadcasting Teacher – QHS 10/25/24  
Isis Rekart - Mid-Day Custodian - Denman 11/11/24



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## THANKSGIVING BREAK

Wednesday, November 27–  
Friday, November 29



## WINTER BREAK

Monday, December 23–Friday,  
January 3

Monday, January 6....Teacher In-  
stitute

Students Return Tuesday, January 7



### *The Board also approved:*

- Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2024, set public hearing for 12/18/24, and direct compliance with Truth in Taxation law as necessary.
- Approval to Apply for Maintenance Project Grant
- Approval of Surplus Sale of Laptops to Coretek