



## BOND FACTS

Queen Creek School District consists of four elementary schools, one academy, two middle schools and one high school. Our enrollment is approximately 7000 students. We offer a quality educational program with top-notch educators and support staff.

To fund needed projects, the Governing Board called for a \$95 million special bond election on November 8th. If approved, the bonds will provide a second new high school, two new elementary schools and technology to support existing and new schools. The new bonds would cost the owner of a home with a \$100,000 assessed valuation an average of \$8.33 a month.

## FUNDING SOURCES

The district receives money from several sources: the state and federal governments, local property taxes and grants. Under state law, the district may spend the funds in two ways:

- Maintenance and operations funds are used for running the schools and go toward employee salaries, classroom supplies and transportation.
- Capital funds are used to build and equip schools, repair and upgrade existing buildings, buy school buses and purchase technology.
- Arizona has cut capital funds over the past eight years. The chart below shows what districts were entitled to, compared to what they actually received.

HISTORICAL CAPITAL FUNDING		
Fiscal Year	Amount Entitled	Amount Received
2008-09	\$ 2,691,438	\$ 2,347,505
2009-10	\$ 2,799,691	\$ 2,424,804
2010-11	\$ 2,939,476	\$ 2,436,416
2011-12	\$ 2,980,395	\$ 2,439,295
2012-13	\$ 2,964,495	\$ 2,409,854
2013-14	\$ 2,872,162	\$ 943,058
2014-15	\$ 2,816,936	\$ 911,473
2015-16	\$ 2,896,199	\$ 307,334
8 year loss	\$ 8,741,053	





*Food & Nutrition Services*



# Nutrition Tidbits

## *The Benefits of Purchasing School Meals*

There are many reasons to purchase school meals. Here are some top benefits...

### **It can save you money.**

We've done the math and buying school lunch instead of packing your own could save you \$185 per year or more! School lunch is only \$2.50 (Breakfast is \$1.25) and it includes an entrée, unlimited fruits & vegetables, juice and/or milk! Also, when you purchase a meal from school, your money is helping to support Queen Creek Unified School District.

### **It can save you time and stress.**

Think of all the time you could save if you didn't have to plan for, purchase, and prepare your student's lunches. Let us do the work so you can worry less!

**Most importantly, the meals are created by a Registered Dietitian under strict nutrition standards to provide your child with the fuel needed to be a successful student.**

Your student's meal will be in the appropriate calorie range for their age group, all grains will be at least 51% whole grain, and there will be limited sodium and saturated fat. It will contain balanced carbs and protein, weekly offerings of legumes (beans), and a rainbow of fruits and vegetables.

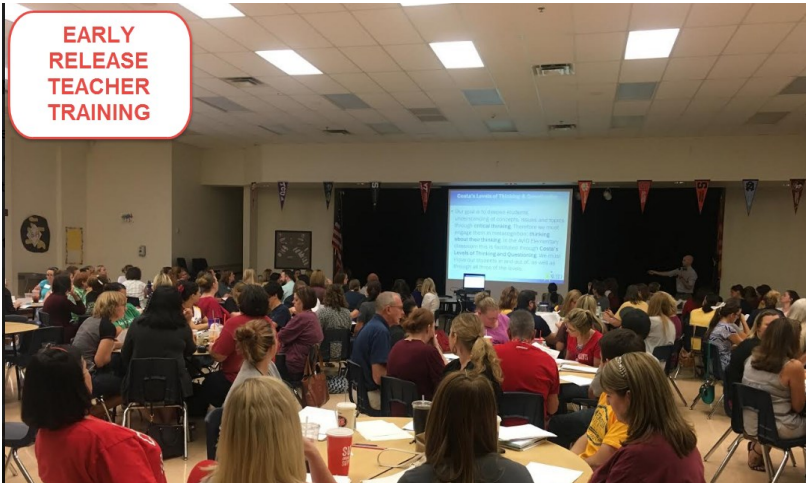
The Child Nutrition Department of Queen Creek Unified School District truly cares about providing the best quality meals possible for our students. We are diligent in selecting our menu offerings and want to be a trusted source for your student's meals. You can feel confident that your child is getting a delicious and nutritious meal at school every time.

### **And don't forget, it's fun!**

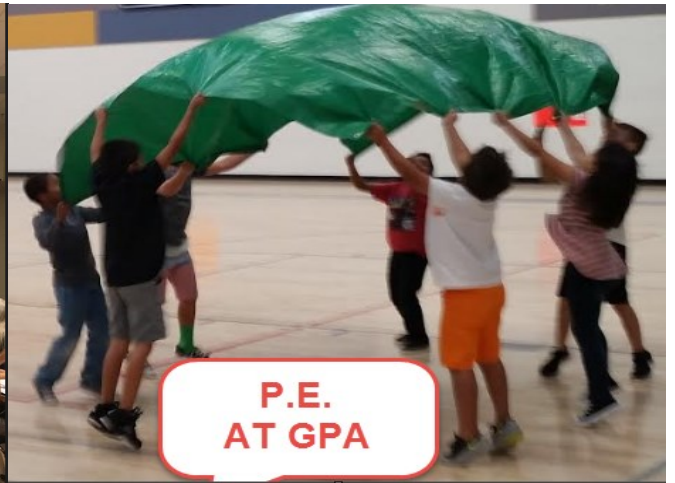
Your student gets to come through our lunch line just like a quick serve restaurant, picking from many different entrée options what sounds good to them that day, including an assortment of fruits and vegetables and drink options. This experience can also help them grow and learn responsibility and independence.

# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**EARLY  
RELEASE  
TEACHER  
TRAINING**



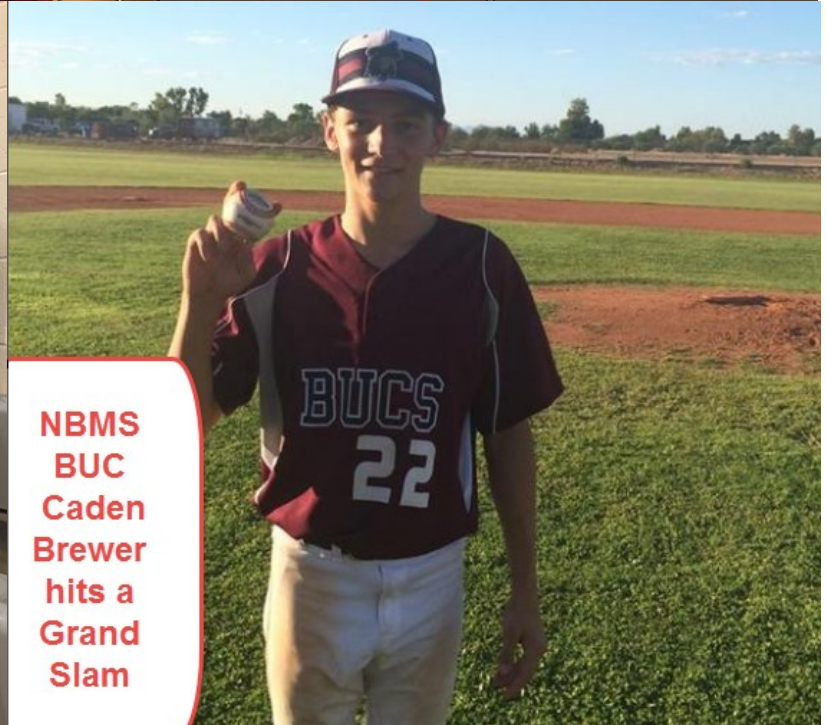
**P.E.  
AT GPA**



**NBMS  
VOLLEYBALL  
TEAM**



**NBMS  
BUC  
Caden  
Brewer  
hits a  
Grand  
Slam**



## FREE TACOS FOR TEACHERS!

All teachers get one FREE taco on  
Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for  
Rubio's Teacher Appreciation Day!

No coupon  
needed. Just  
show school ID.  
Valid at  
participating  
locations.



## OTHER NEWS

### Relay For Life

It's not too late to sign up!

The American Cancer Society 'Relay for Life' movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer.

When: September 17-18, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Where: Queen Creek High School

Contact: Melanie Freeman

602-778-7633

[melanie.freeman@cancer.org](mailto:melanie.freeman@cancer.org)



### Heads up parents!

Bus route information for the 2016/2017 school year is now available online. Just head to [www.qcUSD.org](http://www.qcUSD.org) to access our interactive map. As always, if you need more information, please contact the Transportation Office at 480-987-5982.



### Attention!

The Queen Creek Unified School District Governing Board approved that all active duty military and veterans, plus one guest, get free admission to school athletic games. Game schedules are posted online for Newell Barney, QCMS and QCHS.



## INPUT NEEDED

What do you want out of your schools? The 'Every Student Succeeds Act' (ESSA) was passed into federal law in December 2015 to replace 'No Child Left Behind'. Under ESSA, the Arizona Department of Education is responsible for creating a State Plan that reflects a statewide shared vision for Arizona's students and schools. Take the ESSA survey now. Just go to [www.azed.gov/essa/survey](http://www.azed.gov/essa/survey). This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and influence Arizona education policy.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept. 9** - Grandparents Day  
**Sept. 14** - Early Release  
**Sept. 23** - Homecoming  
**Sept. 28, 29, 30** – Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**Sept. 30** - Early Release  
**Sept. 30** - QCSEF Golf Tournament  
**Oct. 3 - 14** - Fall Break

## Contact Us

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**Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary**  
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