



September 24, 2015



Queen Creek Parents and Staff Members,



As we approach the end of the first quarter, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for supporting students within QCUSD. We are proud of what we achieve within our district and this would not be possible without the support from parents, faculty, and community members. This partnership serves as the foundation for excellence within QCUSD and I am proud of the collaboration that links school-to-community resources in our area. I am honored to work with so many great people!

In the spirit of collaboration, I would like to set the stage for an exciting, strategic planning initiative that will be coming soon. Strategic planning is a formal way to bring the community into a process that sets the focus of the school district over the next several years. This process will ensure that our guiding principles reflect the input from our community and ensure accountability to the stakeholders we serve. You will hear more information about this as we move forward.

In closing, I would like to thank you for all that you do and wish you an enjoyable Fall Break!

Sincerely,

Perry Berry, Ed. D.

Superintendent

Ms. Kylee Bean is Named 2015 Educator of the Year



Ms. Kylee Bean, a US History teacher at Queen Creek High School, has been named the 2015 Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.

Each year the Queen Creek Chamber recognizes an individual who is dedicated, inspiring and is making a difference in the lives of our youth within the schools located in Queen Creek. The award was announced at the Chamber 6th Annual Business Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 18, 2015. Mrs. Marisol Lechner, Librarian at Queen Creek High School, was a finalist for the award.

Ms. Bean has thirty-two years' experience as a teacher; twenty-one years have been spent at Queen Creek Unified School District. She has been an Athletics Coach, Student Council Advisor, Department Chair for Social Studies...you name it, and she has done it!

She said her favorite aspect of teaching is to watch the growth that takes place within each student. "Sometimes it is social growth, sometimes it academic growth...but the expression on a young person's face when they finally experience success-makes it all worthwhile!"

Asked what advice she has for future young teachers, Bean said, "Be patient, know that each child is unique. There will be challenges and times you wonder if it's all worth it - but stick with it as the impact you can have on the lives of those you teach, is so worth it! You do make a difference!"

Newell Barney Baseball Team Wins EVC Championship



The Newell Barney Junior High School 7th Grade Boys Baseball team finished their undefeated season (12-0) by making some history with their first 2015 East Valley Conference (EVC) Championship win. Newell Barney Buccaneers brought home the trophy with their win 4-1 over Payne Panthers.

This team has unbelievable talent from all 15 players. They hit amazingly all season and outscored opponents 159-24.

QCHS YOUTH GOLF CLINIC!



COACH MARK UNDERWOOD and COACH JIM FULTZ along with the QCHS BOYS GOLF TEAM are joining up with BO PRESTON, Head Golf Pro at Las Colinas Golf Club, and staff: for a FALL BREAK YOUTH GOLF CLINIC!

The clinic is open to all youth ages 5-14, and will be an introduction to the game of golf. Participants will learn about golf rules, golf etiquette, and the use of drivers, irons, and putters.

All sizes of golf clubs will be available to use or bring your own clubs. Come out and support the QCHS Boys Golf Team for a great activity and begin to learn the lifetime game of Golf!

WHO: All youth, ages 5-14
WHEN: Thursday, October 1st
TIME: 3-5:30pm
WHERE: Las Colinas Golf Club
COST: \$10 and includes a shirt!!
 (Las Colinas Golf Club is located at 21515 E. Village Loop Rd. Queen Creek, off Rittenhouse and Ocotillo)

*Please pre-register by September 28th, to ensure a T-Shirt in your size.

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Email: _____

Reserve your spot by emailing participant's name and T-Shirt size to CoachFultzcyx@gmail.com by September 28th. Please bring payment and registration form to the clinic and make check payable to QCHS Boys Golf. Contact Coach Underwood at 480-223-2639, or Coach Fultz at 602-622-2707, with any questions.

Golf... a game for life!

DREAM BIG HOPE BIG RELAY BIG

The American Cancer Society needs YOU to join us for an event you will never forget!

Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society. More than 5,500 events take place nationwide and around the globe.

Imagine...

A slumber party for an entire community! A campout with your friends, family or co-workers, each walking the track all night to symbolize that there is



A party atmosphere prevails as the night goes on. Many conversations describe the team building and camaraderie that occurs as similar to that of a retreat. Also noticeable is a unique sense of community among people fighting for a common cause.



The Luminaria Ceremony is often the most memorable and powerful time of the entire night.

How can you help?

- Form your own team! Gather together 8-15 of your favorite people who love having fun and make a difference. It will be a night you never forget!
- Invite a Cancer Survivor Cancer survivors are honored for their courage and strength with an honorary lap. The individuals are celebrated in various ways, from food and t-shirts to dances and games!

Fun for the whole family!

Games, food, music and



Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

Relay For Life 42 events in your local community from Surprise to Queen Creek



Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

You won't want to miss it... For More Info:

Relay for Life of Queen Creek
 Queen Creek High School
 September 26, 2015
 6pm - Kid Zone Opens
 6pm - Relay Begins
 Tina Parkinson, Event Lead
 602-647-2591
 RelayForLifeofQueenCreek@gmail



AzMERIT

Arizona's Statewide Achievement Assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics

• How is AzMERIT administered?

- QCUSD administers AzMERIT to students in grades 3 through high school via technology based assessments.

• Who created the cut scores for AzMERIT?

- Groups of Arizona teachers set the cut points for highly proficient, proficient, partially proficient and minimally proficient, which were approved by the State Board of Education.

• **Where can I go to learn more about AzMERIT?**

- <http://azmeritportal.org/>
- **Viewpoints:** [What low AzMERIT scores really mean](#) is an AzMERIT article that ran August 29, 2015 on [azcentral.com](#).
- [Expect More Arizona](#)

"The scores aren't crashing, the expectations are soaring!" -Joe O'Reilly

QCSEF Golf Scramble Raises \$15,000 for Teachers & Students

On September 12th, 2015 - the Queen Creek Schools Education Foundation (QCSEF) held their 8th Annual Golf Scramble at Las Colinas Golf Course. There were 75 registered golfers, almost a dozen Silent Auction donations, and raffle prizes donated by local QC businesses. The Foundation projects that they will have a profit of \$15,000, one of the best years they have had! This money will be used for Teacher Grants and Student Scholarships for graduating seniors in Spring 2016. Thanks to the many golfers and sponsors that helped make this a successful fundraiser!

Congratulations to the Golf Scramble First Place Winners team from Climatec: Tyler DiLalla, Alex Williams, Jake Williams, Mitch Williams



QCUSD Strategic Planning

QCUSD is beginning its strategic planning process which is a collaboration among all QCUSD staff and stakeholders.

Why Strategic Planning?

Strategic planning is a way to bring the community into a process that sets the focus of the school district over the next few years. It takes a district from merely "reacting" to what is going on around it, and setting its own direction based on what the community values in an educational process.

The major impact of the plan is "focus". A school district gets pulled in many directions and is always trying to please all of its perceived customers with limited resources. This process sets the district in a direction with a specified purpose (Mission) with specific initiatives (Strategies) to accomplish that purpose. Instead of trying to be "everything to everybody" the district now has a direction specified in the Mission and Objectives. The district will focus its time and resources toward results agreed upon by educators and community members working together.



Community Education

Quarter 2 Enrichment Registration -- NOW OPEN! New classes being added daily!

Visit www.qcUSD.org for complete listing and www.qcUSD.org/feepay.com to register.

Contact Us

District Office
(480) 987-5935



Desert Mountain Elementary
(480) 987-5912



Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary
(480) 987-7420



Gateway Polytechnic Academy
(480) 987-7440



Jack Barnes Elementary
(480) 987-7400



Queen Creek Elementary
(480) 987-5920



Queen Creek Middle School
(480) 987-5940



Newell Barney Junior High School
(480) 474-8700



Queen Creek High School
(480) 987-5973



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