

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Golden K Kiwanis held their annual Golden Deed Luncheons this year, honoring students and staff who demonstrate exceptional leadership. Each elementary school selected four to five fifth graders and one staff member to receive the award, which was celebrated during the special luncheon.
2. For one day only, the Rooney Elementary gym was transformed into Biz Town where fifth grade students opened pop-up shops for other students and staff to enjoy. Businesses included face painting, carnival games, snow cones and more.
3. Iles announced their House Champions this week, making Amistad the reigning champs. Students earn house points throughout the year for positive behavior, participation and leadership. Baldwin announced their House that earned the most points this school year and it was Altruismo.
4. QJHS will have two summer academies this year, Comet Boost, which focuses on academic support and intervention. The other is Comet Fuel, which focuses on enrichment. These are both programs funded through the Community Schools Grant.
5. Retiring High School teacher Cheryl Dreasler was honored with the WGEM Golden Apple Award for her more than 40 years of dedication to Quincy Public Schools.
6. Ms. Kay's class at ECFC got an extra special surprise after their end of year field trip to South Park. Students were treated to Dairy Queen ice cream where they were able to make their own cones!
7. Denman students took a field trip to the Quincy Public Library this month. They participated in activities to help them navigate all that the library has to offer.
8. Tomorrow Baldwin will celebrate the end of the year with a school-wide picnic that includes a fifth-graders vs. teachers basketball game. My money is on the students this year.

Boundary Study

The Boundary Study Task Force has met three times this spring, with the main objectives of equalizing student numbers across elementary schools and ensuring that each school qualifies for Title 1 funding by maintaining a diverse student population. The Task Force has determined that more information is needed to recommend boundary changes, which could take effect in the 2026-2027 school year. The Task Force will reconvene in August after school begins.

Recognition of Rick Owsley



The Board presented Mr. Owsley with the flag that was flown over Quincy Junior High School in honor of his 32 years of dedicated service to the students and families of QJHS. Mr. Owsley began his career as a Physical Education teacher, later serving as Dean of Students, Building Manager, and ultimately as Assistant Principal. His commitment and leadership have left a lasting impact on the school community.



SPOTLIGHT ON QJHS AND QAVTC

Mr. McClelland, QAVTC Director and Mrs. Fleer, Principal of Quincy Junior High School, shared highlights of their school's partnership. Through tours and hands-on activities, 8th-grade students explore various career and technical education programs, including agriculture, construction, health sciences, and graphic design. Follow-up sessions with counselors and a parent night help students understand course options and future pathways. The program has successfully expanded student awareness of career opportunities beyond traditional academics.

2024-2025 RETIREES



Anderson, Janet	QHS	Paraeducator	28-May-25
Awerkamp, Cindy	ECFC	Teacher	28-May-25
Beyer, Lori	Academy	Teacher	20-Dec-24
Bichsel, Donna	ECFC	Paraeducator	1-Aug-25
Blattner, Renee	Baldwin	Teacher	25-Jun-24
Cain, Robin	Lincoln-Douglas	Teacher	28-May-25
Cowman, Lisa	Denman	Teacher	28-May-25
Dempsey, Milicent	QJHS	Teacher	30-Jun-25
Douglas, Teresa	ECFC	Speech Pathologist	30-Jun-25
Dreasler, Cheryl	QHS	Teacher	28-May-25
Friye, Denise "Dee"	ECFC	Teacher	28-May-25
Goehl, Cynthia	QHS	Paraeducator	22-Apr-25
Hilgenbrinck, Lori	QHS	Paraeducator	1-Aug-24
Hinkamper, Anna	Baldwin	Secretary	30-Jun-25
Hogge, Glenn	ECFC	Engagement Coordinator	26-Jul-25
Jones, Rickey	Flinn	Custodian	1-Jun-25
Kerker, Kathy	ECFC	Paraeducator	30-Jun-25
Kniel, Beth	Denman	Teacher	28-May-25
Kraus, Kerry	QHS	Teacher	28-May-25
Lilly, Jolie	ECFC	Teacher	30-Jun-25
Maggart Susan	Transportation	Bus Driver	1-Aug-25
Moody, Ann	QJHS	Secretary	31-Dec-24
Morrison, Evelyn	QAVTC	Director	31-Dec-24
Owsley, Rick	QJHS	Asst. Principal	30-Jun-25
Schoenekase, Gregory	Transportation	Bus Driver	6-Jan-25
Smith, Jill	Baldwin	Teacher	28-May-25
Smith, Russell	Maintenance	Maintenance	30-Apr-25
Tallcott, Debra	Special Ed	Physical Therapist	1-Oct-24
Warner Teena	Transportation	Bus Driver	1-Aug-24
Wiemelt, Lance	Transportation	Bus Driver	31-Dec-24
Willer, Cathy	QHS	Bookkeeper	1-Mar-25



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Appointments/Change in Assignment (25-26 School Year unless otherwise noted)

ROBBIN DAVIS – 2ND GRADE TEACHER - ILES
 ERIN DESOUZA – SPECIAL ED - QJHS
 MEGHAN GERTZ – SPECIAL ED AUTISM TEACHER - BALDWIN
 BRIAN HOLZGRAFE - ASST. VOLUNTEER TENNIS COACH– QHS
 CASSANDRA JENKINS – SECRETARY - BALDWIN
 BENJAMIN KESSLER – MUSIC - QHS
 TROY LAMBORN - OPERATOR EQUIPMENT/OUTDOOR PROJECTS
 – MAINTENANCE 05/20/2025
 CHLOE LIESEN – 3RD GRADE TEACHER – ILES
 MADISON MEYER – SPECIAL ED TEACHER – QHS 4/16/2025
 SILVANIA O'BRIEN – CAFETERIA COOK - ROONEY
 KATIE RUFFNER – 4TH GRADE - ILES
 KARLIE SCHNEPP – SPECIAL ED (GRADES 3-5) - ROONEY
 MEGAN SORRILL – PARA - ECFC
 JENNA STARMAN - 5TH GRADE CO-TEACHER - ROONEY
 SYDNE STINNETT – SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER - DISTRICT
 ADAM STINSON – SPECIAL ED COORDINATOR - QJHS
 SHELBY SULLIVAN – 4TH GRADE ACC. TEACHER - ILES
 MASON SWISHER – SECONDARY SCIENCE - QHS
 JAVIER TODTENBIER-MAGALLON – SSFL - THE ACADEMY
 BRETT UFKES — ASST. PRINCIPAL—QJHS 07/01/2025
 JULIA VAHLE – SECONDARY MATH - QHS
 DANA WALTON – MID-DAY CUSTODIAN - DENMAN 05/27/2025

Resignations (end of 2024-2025 unless otherwise noted)

RUBY CLARK – PARA – ECFC
 ABIGAIL CLAYTON – PARA – ECFC 04/25/2025
 SHARON DENTON – KITCHEN HELPER – DENMAN 05/23/2025
 ELEANOR GAY – PARA – QJHS 06/30/2025
 KEVIN GENENBACHER - PART-TIME NON-PUBLIC TUTOR – DISTRICT
 LINDSEY GUNTERMAN – SPEECH PATHOLOGIST – QJHS
 CRYSTAL HEMING – COOK – ECFC
 JAMES HOLTMAN – HEAD RIFLE COACH - QHS 05/16/2025
 MADISON KENNEDY – PARA – ECFC
 ERICA MCCLEARY – TEACHER - QJHS
 SHEA O'BRIEN – ELA TEACHER AND ACL (COMMUNICATION
 ARTS) - QJHS
 NORMA SPORY – AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE – BALDWIN
 ALAINA VOSS – TEACHER – ILES
 CHASE WALTON – NIGHT CUSTODIAN – BALDWIN 05/15/2025
 KAYLAH WARNEKA – SECONDARY HISTORY - QHS (RESIGNED POSITION BEFORE STARTING)



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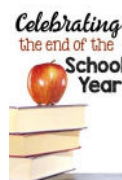
In other action, the Board approved:

- Resolutions on Tentative Amended Budgets for Special Education Association, West Central Region, Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center, and the District for 2024-2025. Hearing date is June 25, 2025
- Approved Repayment of Interfund Loans
- Resolution to Intervene in PTAB Appeal

Friday, May 23—student last day



**Tuesday, May 27—Teacher Institute
 Wednesday, May 28—Teacher Institute
 and Teacher Last Day**



**Wednesday, May 28—End of
 Year Celebration at QJHS
 8:30am**