

QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"CONNECTED IN CHRIST"

"GROW GREEN"

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May the love of Jesus fill your Easter with joy...
...and brighten your springtime with blessings



**EASTER BREAK - APRIL 1ST THROUGH APRIL 9TH
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**

**April is a short month with only 14 days of school. Can you believe it?
We have so much to do and only 14 days to do it in.**

THANK YOU: To all the parents/guardians/friends who sent in home baked goodies for our March 25th & 26th Bake Sale. Our P.T.A. parents and others helped make this fundraiser a success. Funds raised will go toward purchasing school supplies.

APRIL CALENDAR: Was distributed to the students. The calendar may also be found on our web page and we suggest you turn to it on a regular basis.

CHAPEL OFFERING: For the month of March and April will be donated to the Lutheran Schools Association

CLASSES RESUME: Monday, April 12.

SPRING PICTURES: Thursday, April 15. Information about this day will be given to your child as soon as Lifetouch mails it to us.

SCHOOL CLOSED: Friday, April 16 - Professional Development Day. Third Marking Period ends today

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS SUNDAY
APRIL 18 AT GRACE
10:00 A.M.**

The children will participate in the service therefore we would like for all of them to be present on this very special day. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us in this worship service.

REPORT CARDS: Will be issued on Friday, April 23rd.

UNIFORM REMINDER: March is the last month the girls may wear their uniform pants. Polo shirts for boys and girls may be worn during the month of May and June.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 19TH THROUGH APRIL 23RD

**We are blessed and thankful for you, our volunteer parents/guardians. We appreciate everything you do for our students and staff.
You are faithful and dedicated and everything you do you do with a “*whole lotta love*”**

NYS ELA TESTS: Will be administered to the 4th and 6th graders on April 26, 27 and 28 and to the 8th graders on April 26 and 27.

JEANS OR QLS SWEAT

SUIT DAY: Friday, April 30th.

SPRING RECESS

SCHOOL CLOSED: Thursday, April 1st through Friday, April 9th

CARE CARDS:

The children are busy making Happy Spring Cards! These cards will be sent to students, faculty and administrators of the South Bay Elementary School in West Babylon to wish them well this spring season after their school suffered from a fire.

RE-REGISTRATION:

The Re-registration fee until Thursday, April 8 is \$200.00. Beginning April 9 the fee will be \$250.00

REGISTRATION:

Is ongoing. **We welcome new students.** Our staff will be more than happy to show them our school and have the parent and child sit in the classroom and listen to teaching in progress. We encourage everyone to visit our website it will tell them everything they want to know about our school.

TUITION:

Is due on the **1st of each month** and you have until the 10th to pay your fee. If it's received after the 10th you will be charged a \$35.00 late fee.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Please save the box tops for education **found on all General Mills Products.** Please send them to us via your son/daughter.

INK CARTRIDGES:

We are also collecting them for recycling. By turning them in, you will be helping QLS raise funds.

STOP & SHOP:

If you have a Stop & Shop Card, please register your card on line and select Queens Lutheran School for reward points.





1st and 2nd Grade - Ms. Gigler

March was a busy time. We decorated with lions and lambs, since “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.”

- We learned about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska and were introduced to graphs on the internet. (Lance Mackey won for the fourth time!)
- We cooked up a big pot of Hoppin’ John. It’s an old recipe from slave times. We picked collard greens we had planted in the greenhouse in the fall. We cut them up, washed them and added them to rice, onions, thyme and black eyed peas. Most of us tried it and liked it.
- We planted marigold seeds. We hope to have plants for Mothers Day. (It’s a secret!)
- We noticed the tulip bulbs we planted in fall are poking up above the ground.
- We got to go outside on a few sunny days and yell, run, slide, play tag and ball and jump for JOY!



From the desk of Ms. Costanzo5th through 8th grade.

Wow, April already?

- 5th and 6th graders are having fun with fractions while the 7th and 8th are exploring Geometry and Linear Equations.
- During Holy Week, 5th and 6th graders re-enacted the Last Supper as we shared bread and grape juice together. We also colored Easter eggs, (this year I brought in the hard boiled ones).

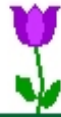
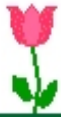
Greenhouse News.....



- There are signs of life in our Greenhouse again. The students are planting flowers and vegetables. Many of them are already sprouting. Our strawberries, chives and parsley are coming back in honor of spring. Spring definitely has Sprung!

A MEMO FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL.....

March was a busy month filled with excitement and fun. While preparing for our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection, we also celebrated *Lutheran Schools Month*. During School Spirit Week, we planned many things for our students and staff. I'm sure you all heard about it from your children. They just can't wait until next year. Student Council thanks everyone for making School Spirit Week a success and showing God's Kingdom by working together and sharing your love and special talents with others.



We would like to thank some of our parents and volunteers for the thing they do for us and our school.

- Mrs. Mendoza** (Jayson's mom) for teaching 1st through 6th grade Spanish.
- Mrs. Johnson** (Emma's mom) for chaperoning us at camp and collecting and cleaning juice pouches for our school.
- Mrs. Koska** (Emma's grandma) for helping whenever she can.
- Mrs. Vanik** (Isabella's mom) for organizing our library on the second floor and displaying many interesting books for us to read.
- Mrs. Hoffmann** (Peter's mom) for making us pancakes, picking up pizza on Monday and Wednesday and offering her time whenever our school needs help.
- Mrs. Gomez** (Leila, Dylan and Daniel's mom) for donating our candy grams and organizing our after school parties.
- Mrs. Nelson** (Erek's mom) for organizing fund raisers to help raise money for our school.
- Mrs. Malinowski** (Jeanette's mom) for teaching Jr. High Spanish.
- Mrs. Caussin** (Jonathan and Natalie's mom) for baking the best goodies ever and teaching music and recorder to our 1st through 4th graders.
- Mrs. Giarraputo** A former QLS parent whose children are currently attending college, for helping in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom and when needed in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom.
- Mr. Hollander** (Sydney's dad) for setting up our beautiful greenhouse and setting up our new computer room.

Mr. Hanson (Carl's dad) for teaching Art to 5th through 7th grade each week. We really enjoy it and the beautiful art work on display in the lower level.

Ms. Hunt A former teacher at QLS, for taking care of our finances and making sure our bills are paid.

And last but not least, **Mrs. McLaughlin**, for everything she does for the students and our school. Mrs McLaughlin not only helps in our office but she also teaches Social Studies to grades 5th through 8th.

You help make our school a special place. Without you, this could not happen. Thank you all from the bottom of our heart.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!!!

P.S. April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring? (Answer next month)



Ms. Darden



5th and 6th graders are reading *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. They are really fascinated with this book. They have many questions and the discussion is great!

7th and 8th graders are reading *West Side Story* by Irving Shulman. They are amazed to read about stereo types and prejudices that people have. We are discussing gangs and the fighting that happens over territory (places) that they don't own.

The **8th graders** are still waiting for their acceptance letter to High School.

May each of you have a Blessed Easter

See you on April 12.



3rd and 4th grade - Mr. Busch

- ▶ **The students continue to work on multiplication. More than half of the class has completed the multiplication drill.**
- ▶ **We followed the Iditarod race. Most students were rooting for Lance Mackey who won his 4th race in a row.**
- ▶ **Soon the 4th grade will prepare for the state tests. We are busy as always.**



Social Studies - Mrs. McLaughlin

- ★ During the month of April the 5th and 6th grade will be learning about other countries in Europe colonizing North America. The focus will be on Spain and France.
- ★ The 7th and 8th grade will be concentrating on the forming of the Constitution; the importance of this document, and the people involved in its formation.

Wishing all a

