



August 24, 2017

On Monday, August 21, students in QCUSD experienced the Great Solar Eclipse of 2017. The district was proud to offer eclipse curriculum which allowed students to safely participate in this amazing astronomical event. Several members of the local media even joined in on the fun!



DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



AVID College Spirit Days:

Every half-day Wednesday, QCUSD students and staff are encouraged to wear college or university gear in support of AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination. The AVID system is a College & Career Readiness tool used districtwide. So mark your calendar and get your college shirts ready, the next Early Release day is **September 13, 2017!**

MORE IMPORTANT DATES

- September 4 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- September 27 Elem, GPA, & middle school EARLY RELEASE
- September 28 Elem, GPA, & middle school EARLY RELEASE
- September 29 All Schools EARLY RELEASE
- October 2-13 NO SCHOOL—Fall Break

SAVE THE DATE:

School Messenger (SM) allows for us to quickly communicate to our parents/guardians via Email, Text, and Phone. **On Monday, August 28th**, we will be sending a text message from number 67587 to all QCUSD parents/ guardians. To "Opt-In", text **YES** from your device to receive communications via text message.



BUSINESS PARTNER BREAKFAST & LOVE OUR SCHOOLS

Thank you to all who attended our Business Partner Breakfast! Community support helps our students, staff, and schools succeed! The next breakfast is October 24, 2017. To sponsor a future breakfast contact Quincy Nelson at 480-987-5938



How can you make a lasting difference in your community? It starts with your local school.

LOVE OUR SCHOOLS DAY: 2017

→ September 30th

*Queen Creek Unified
School District*

Join members of your community to
serve a school in your neighborhood

Check our website to sign up today: schoolconnectaz.org

Plant a Garden | Paint a Classroom | Write Teachers Thank You Cards | Update School Grounds

EMPLOYEE & STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

A message from Edd Hennerley, Director of Transportation:

Each year the QCUSD Transportation Department recognizes a District employee that has done things during the year to help the department. In previous years this recognition has gone to school secretaries, maintenance workers, school principals, or other District staff.

The recipient of the **2017 Friend of Transportation** is QCUSD Chief Financial Officer Crystal Korpan. Crystal has continually provided support to the Transportation Department. Her care and concern were even more evident during the time that Mr. Hennerley, was on extended leave for health issues. Her compassion clearly showed and the department is very grateful for her support.



Right to left: Queen Creek Vice Mayor Jeff Brown, Queen Creek High School students Tyler Ruof, Cami Hartman, and Alonso Delatorre, Brad Greer from the Town.

Way to go! Three Queen Creek High School students participated in the Parade of Flags ceremony, and are participating in the Arizona League of Cities Youth Day. The 12th Annual League of Cities Youth Day Program is an opportunity for the attendees to participate in their own leadership educational sessions and activities, as well as have the opportunity to interact with local elected officials and learn about the issues and challenges facing Arizona.

MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Date: Tuesday, August 29th

Location:

Higley Performing Arts Center

4132 E Pecos Rd.

Gilbert, AZ 85295

Time: 6:30-8pm

Note: This presentation is appropriate for students 5th grade and older. Childcare will not be provided.



AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR Suicide Prevention



TALK SAVES LIVES

Please join us for this Free Community Presentation of Talk Saves Lives. Talk Saves Lives is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, and how together, we can help prevent it. Learn what suicide is, who it affects, what we know about it and what can be done to prevent it. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you [La Frontera](#)
[Empact Suicide](#)
[Prevention Center](#) for
speaking at Queen Creek
High School. We appreciate
you taking time to share
valuable information with
our students.

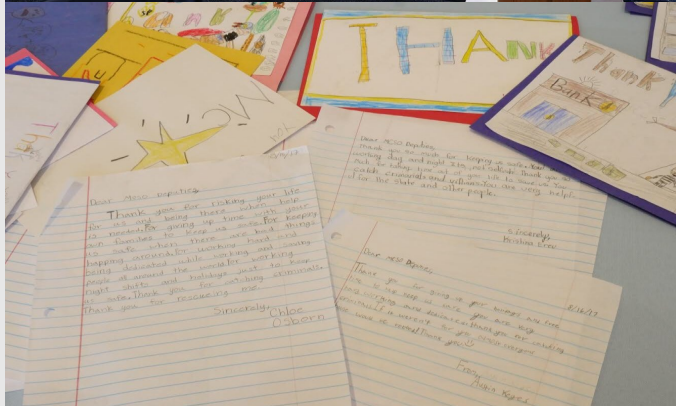
#YoureNotAlone



COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Fire Station 3 Ribbon Cutting

Celebrate the completion of Fire Station 3, a new fire station in northwest area of Town, with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the ceremony, tours will be provided of the new fire station. The Fire Station 3 is located at 19159 E. Queen Creek Road.



QCUSD students shine! In honor of the new Queen Creek Law Enforcement building opening, students from Jack Barnes Elementary and Frances Brandon Pickett wrote THANK YOU letters to Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies of Queen Creek. Three QCUSD students even had the opportunity to read their letters out loud at a recent celebration for the new building! #excellencethroughleadership



The Plan

To meet the needs of our community, we plan to build three new elementary schools, one middle school and one additional high school.

State cuts to capital funding have totaled OVER \$1.2 billion in the last decade. Queen Creek students simply cannot wait for the State to restore funding. This is why QCUSD Governing Board voted unanimously to ask voters for local support. There will be a special election with two ballot questions that will help meet the needs of our students.



1 High School



1 Middle School



3 Elementary Schools

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A new bond

These dollars will go to build new schools and make much needed improvements to all of Queen Creek schools.

Here's the expected breakdown:

Elementary School #7	\$ 17,800,000
Elementary School #8	\$ 18,300,000
High School #2	\$ 4,500,000
Middle School #3	\$ 10,000,000
Capital Improvements (all other district schools)	\$ 12,400,000
Total	\$ 63,000,000

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No additional \$\$\$'s

Repurpose existing bond dollars to meet the needs of our students.

Elementary schools are our biggest need, however the 2014 bond is worded in such a way, that we can only use it for middle and high schools. We want to change the wording to include elementary school #6.

Existing funds:

Elementary School #6	\$ 17,300,000
High School #2	\$ 19,350,000

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education in the Queen Creek Unified School District offers a variety of unique enrichment classes. Enrichment programs currently being offered:

Driver's Ed Class Instruction and
Behind the Wheel
Sanchin-Ryu Karate - GPA and QCMS
Flag Football
Chess
Golf



Please visit the Eleyo link (<https://gcusd.ce.eleyo.com/>) and explore all programs. You can also call (480) 987-7460, for additional information.

ParentVUE:

Student progress reports go home soon. Grades will be live in Synergy ParentVUE.

1. You can get your ParentVUE activation information by calling or dropping by your school's front office.
2. When you create your account, you will be able to see attendance and course history for all of your children.
3. You can also download the ParentVUE App for FREE.



[Learn more at www.gcusd.org/Gradebook](http://www.gcusd.org/Gradebook)

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Academy**
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**Jack Barnes
Elementary**
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**Queen Creek
Elementary**
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**Queen Creek
Middle School**
480-987-5940

**Newell Barney
Middle School**
480-474-6700

**Queen Creek
High School**
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Students of the Month

Congratulations to our students of the month for January. The Student of the Month award recognizes and promotes the success of QCUSD students. Recipients are chosen based on characteristics identified in the strategic plan such as: service, kindness, ownership, commitment, and honesty. The Student of the Month is conscientious and exhibits a determination to learn, while demonstrating positive character traits.

January's Students of the Month are: Anders Sorensen (DME), Ariana Sosa (FBPE), Elyssa Land (GPA), Atheillio Carr (JBE), Lyvia Parechanian (QCE), Mitch Fryer (NBMS), Julia Martin & Jacob McBride (QCMS), and Jose Aguilar (QCHS).



QCUSD COMPETES IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congratulations to all the QCUSD students who competed this week in the Special Olympics of Arizona Basketball Skills Competition! The event was held on Tuesday, February 20 in Mesa. After weeks of practice and preparation, QCUSD students brought home many medals!

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SCHOOL & DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Lunchtime fun at Frances Brandon-Pickett Elementary!



AVID 9th grade students present to incoming 9th grade parents and students at Newell Barney Middle School! #AVID4College



QCUSD Governing Board recognized our Queen Creek High state champion wrestlers!



Jack Barnes students visited the Phoenix Zoo!



Mr. Richardson surprised DME's students and staff with a treat!



At Gateway Polytechnic Academy, Ms. Petty and Mrs. Balcik's class earned a "Pie in the Face" from the Fun Run!



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP:

Digital citizenship is the safe and responsible use of technology. In a technology-rich society, this topic is of particular importance. As a district, we want to ensure we're doing all we can to create a safe environment for all QCUSD students. To support the district's digital citizenship curriculum we also want to provide Queen Creek parents resources to support digital citizenship at home.

Lesson 3: Safe Social Media Use- Part 2

You may have heard the term social media but do you really know what it means? Social media are websites and applications that allow users to create, share, and interact with each other. With over 60% of 13-17 year olds having at least one profile on a social networking site it's important for parents to assist children with using these sites safely and appropriately. (American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry).

[3 Teen Trends in Social Media](#)

UPCOMING STATE TESTING



Below is the testing window for AzMERIT and AIMS Science.

Check with your child's teacher for specific testing dates.



2017-2018 State Testing Window

Assessment	Who	When
AIMS Science	4 th , 8 th , and High School	March 26-April 20
AzMERIT – Reading, Writing, Math	3 rd – 8 th graders EOC (End of Course) Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 ENG 9, ENG 10, ENG 11	April 2 nd – April 27 th

Queen Creek Unified School District

**Come Join
Our Team!**

**Apply Online
www.qcusd.org**

Teacher Job Fair

**February 26, 2018
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Starting Salary
BA=\$39,500**

**MA+10 Years Exp=
\$46,340**

+\$2000 Performance Pay



**Job Fair Held at:
Queen Creek
District Office**

**20217 Chandler
Heights Road
Queen Creek,
AZ 85142**

480-987-5934

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FYI: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT



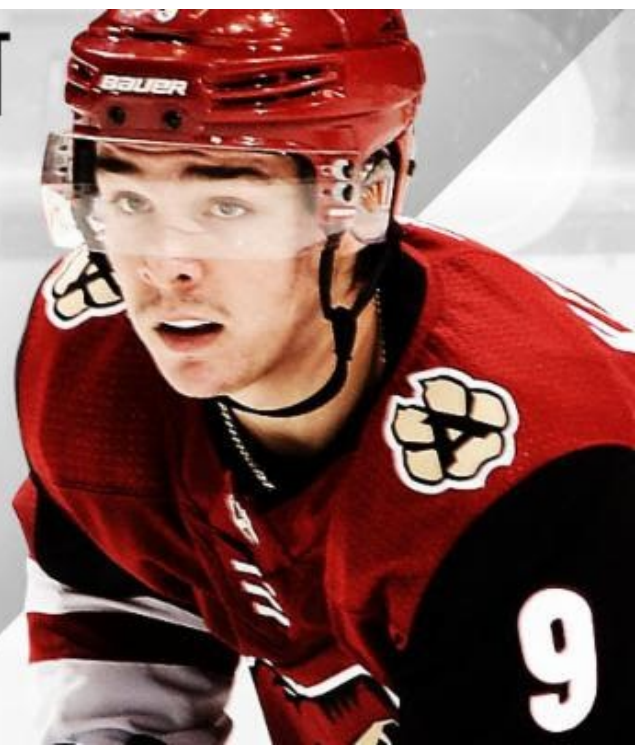
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SUNDAY, FEB. 25 AT 7:30 PM

Packages starting at \$31 per seat. Includes networking event on Fireball Terrace, a donation to the Arizona Educational Foundation & a Coyotes mousepad.

VISIT YOTESTIX.COM/TEACHERSNIGHT



Calling all teachers and educators! Join the Arizona Coyotes on Sunday, Feb. 25 vs. Vancouver as we salute all of Arizona's teachers and educators for their hard work and acknowledge a job well done. Visit www.yotestix.com/teachersnight for more info!



QUEEN CREEK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Excellence Through Leadership: Engage, Empower, Excel

*Preschool classes dependent upon enrollment

***Tuition-Based
Preschool**

- Ages 3 to 5 years
- Small class sizes, technology learning opportunities
- Fully certified Early Childhood educators in every classroom
- Quality academic learning experiences and skill development
- Curriculum adapts to AZ Early Learning Standards

Online registration opens **February 20**

<https://qcusd.ce.eleyo.com/>



For More information:
Call 480.987.7461 or email QCPre@qcusd.org

Register NOW for Spring Break Camp!

<https://qcusd.ce.eleyo.com/>

CAMP DATES:

- Week 1: March 12 – 16, 2018
(Monday – Friday)
- Week 2: March 19 – 23, 2018
(Monday – Friday)

TIME: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SPRING INTO FUN CAMP

FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES:

- Arts & Crafts
- Science Activities
- Active Play
- Food Fun
- Computer Lab
- Group Activities

ONSITE EVENTS:

- Kona Ice:
GPA - March 15th
DME - March 22nd
- Bounce House:
GPA - March 16th
DME - March 23rd

FIELD TRIPS:

- Butterfly Wonderland
March 14, 2018
9a.m. – 1:30p.m.
(Bus leaves promptly at 8am)
- Stratum Laser
March 21, 2018
9a.m. – 1:00p.m.

CAMP RATES:

Annual Camp Registration Fee: \$20 per child

Daily Rate: \$30/Day

Weekly (M-F) \$120

Registration Deadline:

Week 1: 3/5/18 & Week 2: 3/12/18

Rates after registration deadline \$35/Day

Sibling Discount 10% Employee Discount 20%
Discounts may not be combined

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Pack a cold lunch
- Bring water bottle daily
- Afternoon snack provided

SEE POSTING FOR FIELD TRIP DATES AND DEPARTURE TIMES

CAMP SHIRTS MUST BE WORN ON FIELD TRIPS

NOTIFY STAFF IF CAMPER WILL BE ABSENT

2 LOCATIONS:

DESERT MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY GATEWAY POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY
22301 S. HAWES RD. QC. AZ 85142 5149 S. SIGNAL BUTTE, MESA, AZ 85212
CAMP CELL PHONE: 480-494-7127 CAMP CELL PHONE: 480-512-9581

DROP-OFF & PICKUP LOCATION AT THE GYM

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED FOR PICKUP

For more information:

QCUSD - Community Education
20740 S. Ellsworth Road #104
Queen Creek, AZ 85142
Phone: 480-987-7460
Email: communityeducation@qcusd.org
Register: <https://qcusd.ce.eleyo.com/>

QUEEN CREEK

BLOCK PARTY

QC TOWN CENTER ELLSWORTH ROAD
BETWEEN OCOTILLO AND RITTENHOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 **NOON TO 6PM**

**SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT AND
WIN PRIZES IN OUR COMMUNITY FAN ZONES**
BASKETBALL • VOLLEYBALL • FOOTBALL • BASEBALL
GRILLING COMPETITION • ENTERTAINMENT

MORE INFO QueenCreek.org/BlockParty

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