

Quarryville Elementary School Newsletter Fall 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm excited to share with you the great things that are happening at Quarryville Elementary School. We are continuing to challenge students academically. Students are growing and developing strong friendships throughout the day. We continue to practice building and classroom routines and procedures. Students are following these procedures and asking questions as needed.

Thank you for all you do to help create an exciting, supportive environment at QE. Together, we can accomplish great things!

~Rebecca Gajecki

School Communication Tools

- **Seesaw** - Teachers and school wide announcements will be sent through Seesaw. If you are not connected as a family member, please reach out to your child's teacher for information to get connected.
- **Solanco App** - The mobile app can be downloaded from the [iTunes App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) onto smart phones, tablets, iPads and other electronic mobile devices. The app features current Solanco School District news, a calendar of upcoming events and activities, school lunch menus, sports schedules, and access to Moodle, Lunch Prepay and PowerSchool.
- **Social Media** - Parents, students and all community members are encouraged to view Solanco's social media accounts. Solanco can be found on Facebook (Solanco School District page), Instagram (Solancoschldist) and Twitter (@SolancoSchlDist). Posts that are specific to Quarryville will use #QvillePride.

Attendance and Office Reminders

- Please remember to send an excuse note when your child is absent. If an excuse note is not received **within 3 days**, the absence will be marked illegal.
- The district uses the automated phone system for many important announcements, please make sure we have a current phone number on file. To update your phone number call the Main Office at 786-2546.
- Please send a note for any early dismissals, parent pick up and/or bus requests. If you forget a note, please call the office **before 3:00 pm** for any end of day changes.
- Educational Trip forms must be completed and turned in to school **5 days** in advance of your planned trip.
- We will be sending home Quarryville Elementary magnets for each family. On it is a reminder to call our attendance line to report an absence for your child.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

This school year we continue to have an increased number of car riders. Please keep the following items in mind if you are providing transportation for your learner(s):

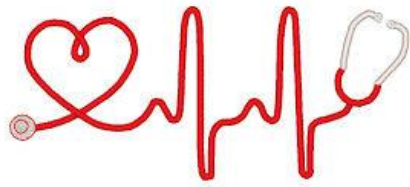
Students arriving to school between 9:00am and **9:15 am** should enter at the cafeteria doors. Students should remain in the vehicle until the vehicle is between blue cones. All students should exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the vehicle. Adults should remain in the vehicle and proceed through the drive loop after your student(s) is safely on the sidewalk.

Anyone needing to enter the office at this time must park in a parking space and cross the drive loop at the crosswalk.

If your child arrives **after 9:15 am**, a parent/guardian/designated adult **MUST** walk them in to the office and sign them in with a reason for the lateness. **A student may not walk in by themselves after 9:15 am.**



- November 1st – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- November 2nd – PTO Meeting, 4pm – Zoom (link to be shared through Seesaw)
- November 4th – End of First Marking Period (Grades 1-5)
- November 5th – Gertrude Hawk Candy Order Due
- November 15th – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Week of November 8th – Family/Teacher Conferences
- November 11th – Report Card Distribution (Grades 1-5)
- **November 12th – Schools Closed**
- November 15th – Picture Re-take Day
- November 15th – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 22nd – Dec. 1st – Kids Heart Challenge Event (Grades 1-5 – During P.E. Class)
- **November 25th – November 29th – Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- December 1st – End of Trimester (Kindergarten only)
- December 6th – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- December 7th – PTO Meeting, 6pm – Zoom (link to be shared through Seesaw)
- December 8th – Report Card Distribution (Kindergarten only)
- December 20th – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- **December 24th through January 2nd – Christmas Holiday Break**



Notes from the Nurse

- Children must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they can return to school. Anything over 99.9 is considered a fever. Also, the nurse must have a doctor's order for any medication given while your child is at school. This includes over the counter medicine.
- If your child had the stomach bug, please allow time for them to fully recover before sending them back to school.
- A variety of gently used clothing items are available for students to borrow when needed. Kindly wash and return any borrowed clothes to the Nurses Office.

Daily Symptom Screener

As a reminder, all families should be conducting a daily symptom check prior to sending students to school. The symptom checklist is included below.

Complete Daily Prior to School/Work

Check your Temperature:

Have you/learner taken any medicine to reduce a fever in last 24 hours?

Are you/learner experiencing any of following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough* Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New lack of smell or taste Fever (100.4 or Higher)	Chills Rigors (shivering, often with chills/sweating) Muscle pain Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

***Some children, such as those with asthma, may cough normally. A child should stay home if they have a new or different cough**

Stay home if you or the learner:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B
- Have taken a fever-reducing medication in the last 24 hours

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Modified Kindergarten Schedule - Reminder

Please review this important reminder regarding weather related delays as we approach the season of wintry weather. Solanco School District will be following the Modified Kindergarten Schedule only when there is a 2 hour delay. Morning kindergarten (AM) students will arrive at school with other students (11:15 am) and will be dismissed one hour later (1:00 pm). Parents are encouraged to send in a snack or light lunch for morning kindergarten students. The afternoon (PM) students will be picked up one hour later than normal and come home on their regularly scheduled afternoon bus. **Morning kindergarten will not be cancelled when we have a 2 hour delay.**

Also, all lunches will be adjusted on 2 hour delay days as well. Please call the office with any questions.



Swappe Shoppe at Quarryville Elementary

The Swappe Shoppe is a free clothing resource for all Solanco students. We have gently worn clothing and shoes for boys and girls size 4T to 14/16. Please call Avery Hill, School Social Worker (717-786-0510) or the school office (717-786-2546) to schedule an appointment.

Parent right to Know Information as Required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends **Quarryville Elementary School**, which receives Federal Title 1 funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At **Quarryville Elementary School**, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title 1 school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. At this time, all teachers and paraprofessionals who provide instructional support are highly qualified for the jobs that they hold.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - Subject matter tested,
 - Purpose of the test,
 - Source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - Amount of time it takes student to complete the test, and
 - Time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about the topics addressed in this letter, please contact **Rebecca Gajecki** at **717-786-2546** or **rebecca_gajecki@solancosd.org**.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rebecca Gajecki