



Congratulations to Math & Science Night
Guesstimate winners (173 lollipops): Melissa
Myers, Mathew Klier & Michael Golden

"A great place to start!"

The Squantum Report

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Upcoming Events:

- **Reminder to send in Box Tops**
- **Report Card Conferences March 13th & 27th (detailed information will be sent home soon)**
- **PTO Meeting March 15th at 7:00 p.m.**
- **March 20th is a full day of school**
- **Healthy Choices Day (1st Grade) March 30th**

**Save the Date:
Multicultural
Celebration
4/25**

Rammy Hablajje carrying
the torch at the Special
Olympics



Squantum Students Learn and Celebrate Diversity

We are very excited to let you know we have been planning our first multicultural day and celebration at the school. This program will combine a day for students to showcase their projects and what they have learned about different cultures and countries around the world. Every classroom will represent a different country during the school day and then students will share what they have learned with other classes by way of a passport allowing them to travel to different grades to gather information about the vari-



ous cultures represented throughout the school. We are hoping to have a number of parent volunteers to help us out during the school day as well as the evening celebration sponsored by the PTO. **Please save April 25th on your calendars so you can join us to celebrate the different cultures in our school community.** Specific information will be coming soon from the PTO on how you can volunteer and help us out. Some highlights of the

evening program will include a traditional dance performance by Brady Academy students as well as our very own Squantum School Players taking the stage again and much more. You will also have a chance to taste some foods from around the world prepared by families in our own school community. We hope to see you there as we learn and celebrate multiculturalism in our school.



3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Ready for MCAS

In just a few weeks our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the English Language Arts MCAS tests. The 4th Grade will also be taking the Long Composition on Tuesday March 20th which is a full day of school. We are

confident your child is well prepared for these tests and we will be working hard these next few weeks to ensure the best possible testing environment for your child. Please make every effort to

have your child in school and on time during the test dates. Thank you in advance for your attention and support of the upcoming testing schedule.

(see back side for specific test dates)

LOST & FOUND



If your child is missing a coat, book pack, sweatshirt, hat, gloves or anything else there is a good chance it is in the box located outside the main office. Please stop in to take a look as the pile seems to be growing.



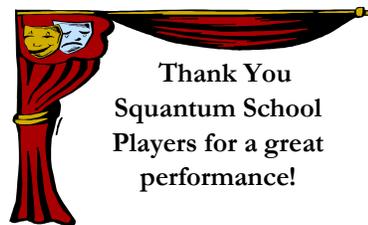
Bus Helpers are Role Models!

The following students were chosen to be bus helpers for demonstrating mature and responsible behavior for March & April: **Kyle Ollman, Nelson Walinjom, Christina Buckley, Joseph Sands, Shannon O'Brien, Aidan Ring, Ty Finn, Alex Starkey**



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**Thank You
Squantum School
Players for a great
performance!**



Great Achievement in Reading Counts: Trent Shuford, Michael Mastrocola, Maggie Power, Andrew Airosus, Maddie Power, Bryan Tran



Quantum Students Pledge to be Lifelong Readers

Quantum school students and staff celebrated **Read Across America** last week by taking a pledge to be lifelong readers during a school wide rally. Students were treated to some extra special guests this year including Mayor Koch, Representative Bruce Ayers, Superintendent Dr. Dr. Dr. cristofaro, and



dent Dr. Decristofaro, and Assistant Superintendent Colleen Roberts who all took time out of their busy schedules to read to a number of different classrooms during the day. Our third grade students also visited classrooms to read a letter from the "Lorax" about reading as well as asking

students to sign a contract showing our commitment to rebuilding the Truffulla Forest during the month of March.

We have a goal this year to plant 2,500 Truffulla Trees across America. For every 50 books read, a tree will be planted on the bulletin board outside the main office.

Special thanks to our 3rd grade students and students for promoting literacy during our Read Across America celebration.



Mr. Sylvia is proud to recognize the following students for strong character and citizenship this month:

- Connor Kulig
(4th Grade)
- Jamar Finn
(2nd Grade)
- Donovan Stebbins
(2nd Grade)



Student Council Reflections 2012

Story written by 5th Grade students Katherine Li and Jonathan Knowles

Student Council has been a really fun and engaging experience for all of us. Thirty-four fifth grade students help make our school and community a better place. We have done numerous activities this year. One of them was trick-or-treat for UNICEF. We had students around the school get UNICEF boxes and go trick-or-treating with them to collect money. They can still get candy, but they also ask

for money donations to help kids less fortunate than we are. Altogether, we raised a total of about \$900. Other things that we have done in Student Council are a canned food drive. The food went to Quincy food pantries. We have collected clothing for Father Bill's and Mainspring. At Thanksgiving we made placemats for people to have Thanksgiving dinner. Some kids made placemats while other kids did cut-outs for the placemats. Student Council is one of the best after school activities ever!

School Schedule Reminder

Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 will be a full day of classes for all Quincy Public School students at the elementary level, except those in pre-school.

This will ensure that all students in Grade 4 have sufficient time to complete the Long Composition portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).

School lunches will be served on that day and a full-day bus schedule will be in place.

**PTO Meeting
March 15th at
7:00 p.m. in the
Media Center**



Did you Know?

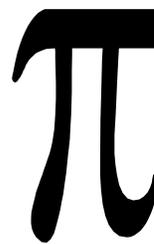
The race is on to rebuild the Truffulla Forest. Please remember to complete and return your book logs as we work to plant 2,500 trees across America this month. With every slip you will win a prize.



Pennies For Patients!

Quantum School collected an amazing **\$2,381.89** for our recent Pennies for Patients Drive to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The event was coordinated by parent Debbie Dyer and parent volunteers helping to collect all the change. Thank you to everyone supporting this effort and congratulations to Ms. Kelly's class for winning a PIZZA Party by raising over \$300. Dr. Bloom and Mr. Regan's class also deserves recognition for raising a combined \$548.59.

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Dr. Bloom will lead the 5th graders in celebrating PI day on March 12th with a lesson covering the important math concepts of ratios, circumference, diameter, ratios, decimals and much more. Students will work in groups to test their math skills and will enjoy some perfect slices of pizza pi.

MCAS Schedule

Each grade will take one session on the dates below. The test is not timed and we are planning to begin at 8:45 each day.

- 3rd Grade: 3/28, 3/29
- 4th Grade: 3/20, 3/26, 3/27
- 5th Grade: 3/21, 3/22



Congratulations to the following Math WOW Winners!

Sophia Paz, Connor Kulig, Jamie Moran, Erin Buckley, Ainsley Walsh, Dylan Connors