



Edition 4: October 2023

QRSD is focused on building relationships, learning together, and finding joy in our work!



### Heroes Among Us!

We are grateful to all of our veterans for their service and dedication to our country and here at Quabbin we are especially proud and humbled to work alongside those who have served and sacrificed. In small moments, we and our students are learning lessons from you about commitment, courage, honor and bravery. It is an integral part of each of you, for all to see.

**We thank you and appreciate your service to our country -**

- Dr. Richard Allan, US Air Force
- Christine Bellino, US Army
- Brent Bolger, US Navy
- Captain Dan Brennock, US Navy
- Lt. Kathleen Frydel, US Navy
- Kathleen Gardner, US Air Force
- Fran LaPorte, US Air Force
- Davey Ljunberg, US Army
- Art Sheldon, US Marine Corps
- Diana Tuttle, US Army & US Air Force
- Courtney Voiland, Air Force Reserves
- Marisol Whitcomb, US Army
- Mark Wigler, US Coast Guard
- Ailey Wynne, US Marine Corps

\*We apologize if we missed any QRSD members, these veterans were identified

### QRSD Students are active and engaged!

Recently, our QRMHS environmental club identified an issue of concern regarding **“idling”** on school grounds. One small way they identified that we could reduce our carbon footprint was to abide by the NO idling on school grounds law. **540 CMR 27.00**

**Please be sure to shut off your car engines while you are awaiting drop off and pick up for your students each day.**

Environmental Club Members (L to R):

Ellie Frost, Julia Smith, Eleanor Thompson, Madeline Oliver, Lucas Faucher. Missing from photo - Isabella Coviello and Ezequiel Santoro.



Each year our elementary students in 5th grade attend **Nature’s Classroom**. Our first group of 5th graders from Hubbardston heads off this week to Charlton, MA. They will attend an overnight program that allows them to build social and leadership skills, think critically and problem solve while learning and exploring the natural world. This is an unforgettable experience for our students and we want to take a moment to thank families, teachers & staff, and parent



through a voluntary survey. If we did miss you, please send us an email.

teacher groups who help make this trip possible.

### Safety First!

### Save the date!!!

- Families, please note that QRSD has a goal to improve safety and security within their buildings and campuses.
- This is a direct result of a recent safety audit that the district underwent at the end of the summer.
- All schools will be or may have been practicing shelter in place and other responses to a wide variety of emergencies. These drills will continue throughout the year.
- Building administrators are implementing strategies to ensure that these drills are understood and do not cause distress to our students, especially our youngest learners.

### QRMHS Musical Performance: *Matilda, The Musical*

The musical is based on the 1988 novel *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Performances are sure to be fun and engaging and will be offered:

Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm  
 All performances will be held in the QRMHS auditorium.

*Please note we have some new procedures in place for our nighttime events at QRMHS. For those with mobility limitations, please park at the front of the school. For all others, we have more expansive parking and a secure entrance at the back of the school.*

### Events and Happenings!

#### Hubbardston Center School:

**10/20/23:** Picture Day  
**10/27/23:** PTO Trunk or Treat (6-8pm)  
**10/23-10/27:** Gr. 5 Nature's Classroom

#### New Braintree Grade School:

**10/28/23:** Trunk or Treat at Town Hall  
 3:00 - 5:00  
**12/9/23:** Christmas in New Braintree  
 Craft Fair

#### QRMS

**11/10-11/12/23:** Matilda the Musical  
 (see above)  
**11/15/23:** National Honor Society  
 Induction 6:00 pm

#### Ruggles Lane School:

**Week of October 23 - 27:**  
 - Scholastic Book Fair  
 - PTO Storybook Pumpkin Contest  
**October 27:** Annual Halloween Parade and PTO Family Fun Night. Parade begins from Barre Common at 6:15pm.  
**October 27:** Final "Fri-YAY"- Team Day @ RLS

#### Oakham Center School:

**October 26:** Ned's Mindset Mission  
**October 27:** PTO Monster Mash 6:00 - 8:00 at Oakham Fire Station  
**November 9:** Veterans' Day Program  
 9:00 a.m.

#### Hardwick Elementary School

**October 28:** Hardwick's Trail of Treats  
 5:00 - 8:00  
**November 4:** PTO Pumpkin Roll  
 This event is open to the public, bring a pumpkin and enjoy lots of fun activities.

### DAY to DAY SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!!

The QRSD is seeking qualified candidates for the 23/24 school year to fill substitute teaching positions at the elementary level, on an on-call basis. Experience in an education setting is preferred. Successful substitutes must be dependable, reliable, and regularly willing to accept work when called upon to substitute. Candidates who have completed their junior or senior year of a

Bachelor's program are welcome to apply. New salary rates range from \$126 - \$133 per day. Candidates may apply in person or at the QRSD Human Resources office, 872 South Street, Barre, MA or by completing an application at the following link:

[Substitute Job Openings](#)

### **A Message from our Nursing Department**

Please keep children home when sick. People with symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea should stay home!! Covid testing is recommended for people with Covid symptoms as soon as possible after symptoms begin. If a person with Covid symptoms tests negative, they should call their primary care so that testing for other communicable illnesses such as flu, RSV or strep should be considered. Free Covid tests are available by going to [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)

**Early Release Day: November 1, 2023**

**No School: November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day**

**November 22 - 24, 2023- Happy Thanksgiving!**