

AURORA QUEST K8 NEWS YOU CAN USE



Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

Sept 29 Garden Work Day
 Youth Farm Stand

OCTOBER

Oct 2 October Count Day – Attendance Counts!
Oct 10 Individual Picture Retakes
 Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser 4:00 – 7:00 pm
 Equity & Engagement Meeting, 2:45 pm
 Accountability Meeting, 5:00 pm
 PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
Oct 11 Talent Show, 6:00 pm
Oct 12 Last Day Q1 – Discovery! Day #2
 Early Release Day – 10:45 Dismissal
 Skate City Night, 6:00 pm
Oct 13 Teacher Workday- NO CLASSES
Oct 16-20 Fall Break- NO CLASSES
Oct 24 Equity & Engagement, 2:45 pm
Oct 25 1-5th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 27 Donuts for Dads, 7:00 am

OCTOBER COUNT

As most families are aware, a process known as October Count is extremely important for school funding. From September 25th through Oct 9, the Colorado State Department of Education will conduct an account of students in attendance during that time period. As a district, financial allotments are received based upon attendance reported on October 2nd, but can be awarded for attendance during that two week period. Daily attendance at Quest is very important, but attendance during October Count is a priority to secure the funding for the next school year. Thanks for helping support good attendance every day!

EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT

Looking for a way to get involved at Quest? The Equity & Engagement Committee begins meeting on October 10th from 2:45 – 3:30 in the Main Office. Committee members will meet twice a month in October and November to plan the Veteran's Day Salute and the annual Food Drive. In the past, other service projects have included the winter glove drive and Read Across America Day celebrations. Please consider joining us!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Look for pumpkins for sale next week!! All proceeds will go to the Community Garden!



Youth Farm Stand & Garden Work Day

Join us for our final 2017 Youth Farm Stand & Garden Work Day!!

Thanks to all who have made our farm stand a success so far! In order to allow those who can't get to our 2:30pm farm stand an opportunity to participate we will be moving the last farm stand to Saturday, September 30th at 9:00am.

Please come shop and then join us in the garden for a work day as we prepare for winter. We need to weed & mulch or plant seeds for winter covering. This is a family event: parents please plan to accompany your student.

Our day will end at 11:00 and produce will be available until then or until it sells out.

Contact Megan Haley if you are interested or have questions. mrhaley@aps.k12.co.us



VETERAN'S DAY

In keeping with our annual Veteran's Day traditions, Quest will continue to honor veterans and active duty service members by posting photos of Quest loved ones. If you have a photo you'd like to submit for our wall of recognition, please send a digital copy to Mr. Germes at jmgermes@aps.k12.co.us Photos that were received last year will be displayed again this year.

Another way we'd like to engage our students in understanding the service and sacrifice displayed by veterans is to have guest readers or speakers. If you are a veteran or actively serving military member and would like to visit a classroom prior to Veteran's Day, please email jmgermes@aps.k12.co.us Stay tuned for more information about our Veteran's Day Salute!

Parking Lot Safety!

In an effort to ensure student safety, **please do not drop off students in the parking lot.** Students should only exit vehicles in the kiss and go zone.

Brrr – Cold Weather Has Arrived!

It is important that students come to school with appropriate clothing. On most days, students will be outdoors during lunch recess time. As a rule, students will be outside if the temperature is above 20 degrees, including the wind chill and with consideration for rain/snow conditions. A warm coat, hat, gloves, boots and scarves will help students stay warm and healthy this winter. If your child has lost any of these items, please check the lost and found at school. It is also our expectation that if students are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess.

PLANNING A VACATION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

Per APS attendance regulation (JE-R) a student's parent or guardian may request approval for an excused absence to attend to family business/family vacation (e.g. wedding, family trip). Approval shall be left to the discretion of the school's principal. Please contact Mr. Schoenhals prior to making your plans to learn if your student meets the district criteria for excused absences. Regular attendance is necessary for academic success, so you are encouraged to schedule your family vacations during school breaks.

Thank You Middle School Parents

We were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet with so many parents who took time to attend conferences on Wednesday night. And thanks to all the parents who prepared food for the teachers, donated paper goods or time and energy to clean up after the meal. Having a warm meal between conferences is GREATLY appreciated by the teachers.

Career Trek

8th Grade students attended Career Trek at the PLCC today – be sure to ask them about it!

