

AURORA QUEST K8

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Important Dates

Jan 23	Costa Rica Meeting
Jan 30	Geography Bee
Jan 31	Discovery! Day
	Professional Release Day, Early Release at 10:45
Feb 1	In-Service Day, No School
Feb 2	Parent Conference Exchange Day, No School
Feb 6	Skate City Night, 6:00 pm
Feb 7	Spirit Night – Chick-Fil-A; Alameda Avenue 4:00 – 7:00
Feb 9	Muffins for Moms – 7:00 am
Feb 13	Accountability Meeting, 5:00 pm
Feb 13	PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
Feb 15	K-8th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb 16	Jump Rope for Heart
	NJSH Middle School Dance
Feb 19	Presidents Day, No School
Feb 22	1st & 2nd Grade Music Program
Feb 27	Kindergarten Field Trip to Arvada Center's <i>Seussical</i> Class Pictures

COSTA RICA PARENT MEETING (March 2018) Pre-Departure

Mr. Mural will be hosting a mandatory meeting to discuss the details of our departure. The meeting will be held on January 23rd at 6-7 PM in the Media Center. Mr. Mural will be passing out all of the necessary documents that need to be filled out to travel with the school district. Parent chaperones will also receive paper work to complete their background checks with the district. If you have any questions or are unable to attend please contact Mr. Mural in advance.

Spirit Night

Mark your calendars to join your family and friends at Chick-fil-A during our next Spirit Night.

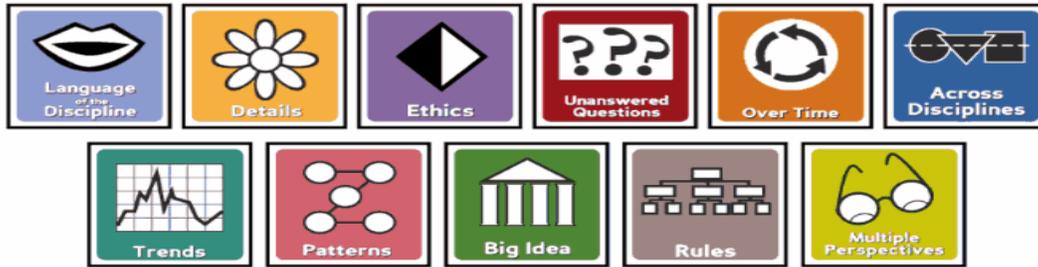
School Spirit Tastes Great at Chick-fil-A

February 7, 2018
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
14310 East Alameda Ave



DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY

Quest, along with the Colorado Department of Education, is implementing thinking prompts or icons called “Depth and Complexity” to ensure rigorous inquiry thinking for our gifted and high ability students. “The **Depth and Complexity** Icons are visual prompts designed to help students go beyond surface level understanding of a concept and enhance their ability to think critically like an expert in that field. These critical thinking tools help students dig deeper into a concept (**depth**) and understand that concept with greater **complexity**.” -Envision Gifted



Parents and families, you can use these icons at home to create relevancy for your child(ren) as this is what engages them in the academic thinking. The more these thinking prompts become obvious in everyday life, the more successful and motivated students will feel applying them to academics in the classroom.

We will be featuring different icons in our updates this year so you can start to know different prompts. Let’s start with **Big Idea**. It looks like a temple or house. It can function as a graphic organizer as well. The triangle on top can house the “big idea” while supporting details fill in the pillars of support.

Big Ideas

are:

Generalizations

Related to many instances

Developed from many facts

Overarching

Principles, laws, theories

Related to universal or global themes



Big Ideas within the disciplines– A Sample List

E/LA	Math	Social Studies	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themes • Poetry • Conflict • Critical analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles, laws • Accuracy • Systems • Validity • Scale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins • Cultures • Migration • Exploration • Innovation • Conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • Gravity • Waves • Light • Change • Laws, theories

List the evidence needed to support a big idea.
 How does working with big ideas help you learn?
 How do you evaluate a big idea’s importance?

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart is in full swing, *last year we raised \$7,384.21*. **We have a goal to raise \$7,500 for the mission of the American Heart/Stroke Association!**

Congrats to 2nd grade – they are in 1st place!

Here's how each grade is doing helping others with sick hearts:

- 1st place goes to 2nd grade with 20 kids raising \$715!
- 2nd place is Kindergarten with 17 kids raising \$705!
- 3rd place is 1st grade with 15 students raising \$575!
- 3rd grade have 16 students raising \$475!

Stay tuned to see which grade takes the lead next week! Log onto www.heart.org/jump JRFH-Donate \$40 online and receive all 3 monsters instantly!

Don't forget! When you raise:

- **\$50 Online you receive everything above, plus our Glow in the Dark shirt and will get a discounted or FREE ticket to a Denver Nuggets Basketball game! You will also get to enjoy fun on-court experiences with the Nuggets!**

\$40 ONLINE DONATION YOU WILL RECEIVE:

BRACELET, MONSTER CLASP, JAX, CHARGER, JUMP ROPE, FINSTER, ROCKY & DISCO!



Discounted* tickets to the following games:

Thursday, March 15, 2018 vs. Detroit Pistons
Sunday, April 1, 2018 vs. Milwaukee Bucks
Upper Center Balcony -\$23 each (normally \$30)
Lower Level Corner -\$55 each (normally \$75)
OR

A COMPLIMENTARY ticket to the following game:

Monday, April 9, 2018 vs. Portland Trail Blazers

***Complimentary ticket valid only with the purchase of a full priced ticket**

IMMERSION

If you are new to Quest, you might have heard about Immersion, but wondered exactly what it is.

The official definition is:

With a clear and focused learning outcome, teachers will provide students the opportunity to explore and experience a deeper, more meaningful study of a particular passion, while also creating opportunities to engage members of the community with our school.

What does that mean? Students will choose from a list of topics offered by teachers and spend two days of focused study outside the regular curriculum. Topics vary from year to year, but have run the gamut from astronomy to zoo animals. This year, Immersion will be held on April 26th and 27th. It is an amazing event, one that Quest students really look forward to.

As we prepare for this year's Immersion, we would like feedback from students. If your child has not done so in class, please ask them to follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/KeVw0aI487lkizpo2> to rate previous Immersion topics and indicate interest in possible new Immersion offerings. This is only a survey, the link for Immersion sign-ups will be sent out at a later date.

Seeking Parent Input

The Colorado Department of Education is reviewing the APS Gifted and Talented Education department. CDE values the opinions of parents with gifted children and will hold a forum on Wednesday, February 7th from 3:15 – 4:15 at the Professional Learning Conference Center (15771 E. 1st Avenue). Additionally, parents will have an opportunity to meet with members of the GT department and learn more about the review on February 1st at 5:30 at the PLCC. Please see the flyer for more information.

National Western Stock Show

Students from Quest's 5th grade classrooms visited Denver's National Western Stock Show complex this week. Not only did students see livestock up close, they had the opportunity to tour the Stock Show grounds and learn about how agriculture impacts our daily lives.



8th GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

You Are Invited to Vista PEAK Preparatory's Pathway Palooza 2018

Saturday January 27th 7:30am-11:00am

Vista PEAK Preparatory

24500 E 6th Ave Aurora CO, 80018

303.340.0121

*****All incoming 9th graders should plan on attending*****

What is Pathway Palooza???

Pathway Palooza is event especially designed for incoming Freshmen to learn about our Pathways and other programs before registering for classes.

What will you experience at Pathway Palooza?

- Learn about Career & Academic Pathways: Health Science, Business Management, STEM, Art & Design, and Fine Arts
 - Tour our Amazing School!
- Learn about Concurrent Enrollment classes offered through CCA to earn college credit
- Meet our Counselors to learn about all courses offered at Vista PEAK
 - Meet Administration, Teachers, and current Students
- Learn about the different Athletics, Activities and Clubs offered



NURSE NOTES



Thank you for the kind donations of girls socks to the health office. There are now plenty of socks for students to use. We have been able provide replacement socks twice this week, thanks to your generosity!

Free dental care is available on February 19 from the American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile Program. Call 720-222-2094 for more information.

SUPER SCHOOL NEWS ORIENTATION

5th Graders Erin Johnson and Madison Kilmer attended the Super School News orientation on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. They not only toured the studio, they learned the ins and outs of reporting from Nine News Anchorperson, Kim Christainsen.

