



Building The Kingdom of God

January 12, 2017

This Sunday is the actual birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The US celebrates the national holiday on Monday and QAS School will be closed in honor of MLK. One of my favorite quotes by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is,

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

You may have heard me say that “you can have the smartest child in this school but unless we teach him/her to care about others, we haven’t done our job fully.”

As we celebrate Dr. King, please take time to talk with your children about the great skills he possessed and used appropriately such as empathy, resiliency, communication skills, positive attitude, and drive or motivation. Dr. King never gave up. Dr. King demonstrated that change can happen in a peaceful way.

Dr. King was arrested 30 times during the years he led the Civil Rights Movement. And even from jail he continued to write

and speak about equal rights. In 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his great work.

Have your child find and view the “I Have a Dream Speech” on YouTube or watch the nightly news for stories about this great man. And encourage your child to work on their God-given skills that will make them a person of great character in the 21st century.

All the best,

Ms. Marie Arter

QAS students in grades 2 thru 8 are participating in round two of the NWEA MAP testing. This English and math data, which is NOT taken as a grade, helps our teachers plan and group students for direct instruction.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Throw Shooting Contest on Jan. 28 for students who are 9 to 14 in the QAS gym. NOTE: 9 YEAR OLDS MAY PARTICIPATE. Parents must bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate. Registration is at 5:30 and the competition begins at 6. More information is available in the school’s office.

SPORTS NEWS:

Players are reminded to turn in their fees and physicals as soon as possible.

Sport photographs will be taken on Thursday, January 19 during the afternoon. More information will be sent home from your child's coach.

Families are reminded that students and younger siblings must sit in the stands during basketball games. They may NOT play in the hallway or in the café during games. Additionally, students are NOT to be on the court between games.

Best wishes to our teams competing and representing us so well. May God continue to bless and protect you.

SCIENCE NIGHT & SCIENCE FAIR:

Please mark your calendars now to attend Science Night & Science Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 5 to 7 PM.

All students in grades PK—8 are encouraged to enter the Science Fair. Mrs. Betty Catterlin has Science Boards for sale at \$2.50 each plus she has complete instructions. Projects can be investigatory, research, demonstration, models or collections. Experiments involving humans or animal subjects are not allowed.

ANGEL AWARD:

Students, parents, colleagues and others are requested to nominate teachers for the Angel Award. This award is to recognize outstanding, creative, and innovative accomplishments of teachers in the Diocese of Gary. See office for an application.

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan. 13—Student Pizza and Jeans Day

Jan. 16—**No school** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Jan. 19—Sports Photographs

Jan. 24—8th Grade trip to Washington, DC

Jan. 27—Life March Washington, DC

Feb. 1—Science Night and Fair

Feb. 3—Fun Fair

USDA CORNER:

Food sent in for parties or birthday celebrations must meet the guidelines as outlined by the USDA. This DOES NOT impact what you pack for your child but if the food is being served to other students, the rules must be followed.

According to researchers from USC, children sugar consumption should be limited to 4 teaspoons per day. American teenagers are consuming nearly 34 teaspoons each day which can cause tooth decay, weight gain and brain damage. So what can I send in . . .

Apples w/caramel sauce but not cupcakes or donuts.

Whole grain goldfish or whole grain cookies but not candy.

Frozen Go-Gurt but not ice cream.

String cheese but not chips.