



UPDATE



Quincy Public Schools
April 17, 2008

The Board amended the 2007-2008 school calendar and set the last day of school as **Tuesday, May 27**. Teacher work day is Friday, May 23. Monday, May 26 there is no school due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Board also approved the calendar for next year:

2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 19	Teacher Institute
Wednesday, August 20.....	First student ½ day
Thursday, August 21	First student full day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day – No School
Friday, October 17	SIP ½ day
Friday, October 17	End of first quarter
Thursday, November 6.....	Parent Teacher Conference- ½ day
Friday, November 7	Parent Teacher Conference – No School
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran’s Day – No School
Wednesday, November 26	Early dismissal – one hour
Thursday, November 27.....	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
Friday, December 19.....	End of second quarter and first semester
.....	Early dismissal – one hour
Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2	Winter Break – No School
Monday, January 5.....	School resumes
Friday, January 16.....	SIP ½ day
Monday, January 19.....	M.L. King Birthday – No School
Friday, February 6.....	Parent Teacher Conference – No School
Monday, February 16	President’s day – No School
Friday, March 13.....	End of third quarter
Friday, March 27.....	Teacher Institute
Thursday, April 9 – Monday, April 13.....	Spring Break – No School
.....	Early dismissal – one hour
Tuesday, April 14.....	School resumes
Friday, April 24.....	SIP ½ day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, May 29	Teacher Institute – Workday
Monday, June 1	Last day of School

Administrative Appointments for 2008-2009

BILL SANDERS, appointed Assistant Principal of Student Services/Athletic Director at QHS
CINDY CROW, appointed Principal of Baldwin South

In other action, the Board approved:

- **Adams School playground equipment.** Donated by the Adams School PTA.
- **Bid from Midwest Asbestos** for removal of asbestos at QJHS at a cost of \$202,350.
- **Bid from Peters Heating** for piping replacement/ventilation work at QJHS at a cost of \$3,973,553.
- **Seeking bids for Ellington electrical upgrade** and replacing **air conditioning units at ECFC.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD LIFESKILLS

In honor of Early Childhood, students from Jamie McDowell's class demonstrated some of their daily activities and skills they have been learning this year. They sang songs involving Board members and administration and demonstrated fun, engaging activities involving singing and rhyming to develop students' oral language and other pre-reading skills.



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY READING COUNCIL *Meet and Greet session*

**Tuesday, April 29, 2008
6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Fairfield Inn, 4315 Broadway, Quincy
Light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. and presentation at 7:00 p.m. Suggestions for future programming, volunteers, and help electing officers is needed. For more information call Leslie Forsman, 217-457-2281

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Appointments for 2008-2009: **BRIAN BANGERT**-school psychologist. **CHANCY RODEGHERO**-speech/language pathologist. **SHANNON SLEE**-Spanish QHS.
SHAWN JONES-Teen Reach hourly April 1.

Resignations at the end of 2007-2008: **TRELANE LAMB**-.5 Rdg Recovery Berrian. **FRED CHERNY**-Grade 5 TAG Baldwin. **ELEANOR GATES**-cook QHS. **PAM NOKES**-cook Monroe April 11. **DEMETRIUS DIXON**-ISS QHS April 11.

Leave of Absence: **BETTY WAND**-cook Adams April 14 through end of 2007-2008 school year.

ILLINOIS CAPITOL FORUM

At last night's Board meeting, QJHS students who participated in the Illinois Capitol Forum in Springfield on March 8 presented information to the Board on their experience. Teacher Lisa Goughnour, and Assistant Principal Cindy Crow accompanied the students. Mrs. Goughnour explained that the program seeks to raise student awareness of critical international issues and to help develop a foundation for long-term civic engagement. The Quincy students served as delegates focused on civic issues facing our world (i.e. nuclear proliferation, environment, immigration, terrorism) and deliberated with other student delegates on the House Floor at the State Capitol. The outcomes of this student learning opportunity will be shared with our elected officials and the media. The following students participated: **Marlee Labroo, Jake Kuhlman, Blaine Brown, Jenny Hill, Casey Codd, and Sarah Meirose.** Other classmates supported their delegates by aiding in research, deliberating topics with the delegates, and contributing to a class statement expressing the students' stance on the issues. Mrs. Crow expressed her pride in watching and hearing the students' contributions during this incredible learning opportunity. A special thanks was extended to Lisa Goughnour for preparing and supporting the students in this activity.



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