



# THE QUARLES' BUZZ

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## WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Dearest Quarles Community,

I am proud to present our first monthly newsletter for the 2023-2024 school year! I hope that you will enjoy learning about activities going on in our classrooms and gain helpful strategies from our talented faculty members to help you at home. Thank you in advance for taking the time to learn more about our school and staff. Enjoy our September newsletter!

Arlene Ng, Principal



**Ms. Arlene Ng**  
Principal



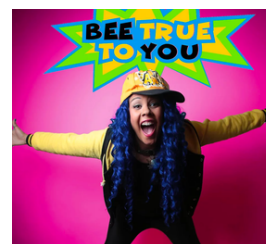
**Ms. Gina Edone**  
Vice Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER



Please see our highlights for the month of October 2023 below:

- **October 2-6, 2023** - Week of Respect - Spirit Week Dress Up Themes (See flyer on next page for dress up days.)
- **October 6, 2023** - "Bee True to You - Anti Bullying assembly - PreK & Kindergarten



- **October 11, 2023**- Literacy Workshop (PreK)
- **October 12, 2023**- Literacy Workshop (Kindergarten)



- **October 16 - October 20th 2:25PM- 4:00PM** -iPad distribution for **newly enrolled** pre-k 3, pre-k 4, and kindergarten students. *\*This is for NEW students only. If your child has a device, they will NOT receive another one\**

- **October 18, 2023** - Fire Prevention Presentation to PreK & Kindergarten Students. Quarles' students will receive a visit from the Englewood Fire Department and tour their fire trucks while learning about fire safety.



- **October 24, 2023** - Hispanic Heritage Month - Mexico Beyond Mariachi Assembly



D.A. QUARLES EARLY  
CHILDHOOD CENTER

# WEEK OF RESPECT

OCTOBER 2-6

"Let the School  
Spirit get  
Unleashed"

**Monday:**  
Dress like a Superhero, wear your favorite super hero clothing - Proud to be me!

**Tuesday:**  
Wear Mix & Match Clothes - We are all one, respect others

**Wednesday:**  
Wear your Favorite Sneakers - Stomp out Bullying

**Thursday:**  
Wear Sweatpants /Sweatshirt... Do something kind

**Friday:**  
Wear clothing that represents your culture



Rosie Rodriguez, Donald A. Quarles PTO President, is a teacher at Quarles, mother and lifelong resident of the Englewood community and is looking forward to working with parents and staff in order to create a memorable experience for the children of Englewood.

A Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a formal organization that consists of parents, teachers, and school staff. The organization's goals include parents volunteering, encouragement of teachers and students, community involvement, and the welfare of students and families. Your involvement in the PTO is directly tied to the things that make our school such a great community. The advantages of volunteering for the PTO include but are not limited to connecting to the school and making connections in our community with other people who share your interests and concerns. The PTO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers. By volunteering with your PTO, you put your skills, talents, and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.

We are currently looking for a new Vice-President and beginning preparations for October events. PTO believes we can make every child's potential a reality—but we need more believers. We need you. Please reach out to Rosie Rodriguez at **DAQuarlesPTO2022@gmail.com** to sign up today!

Thank you,  
Rosie Rodriguez PTO President  
Brett and Ashley Lastra Secretaries  
Luz Castillo Treasurer



## COMMUNITY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Greetings Quarles Families!

My name is Zulema, and I am your Community and Parent Involvement Specialist for Pre-K families. We are enjoying getting to your children and hope you have had a smooth start to this school year.

I would like to start my resource sharing with our very own public library. They have great programming throughout the month for you and your family. Some events include book clubs, play groups, themed art and crafts, story time, and even book sales!

Check out their flyers for the month [here](#), and don't forget to sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

Please feel free to share this information with your families and neighbors; you never know who might enjoy it!

If you have any questions, I am only an email away: [zpena@epsd.org](mailto:zpena@epsd.org).

## CELEBRATING OUR SECURITY TEAM

The third week in September is National Security Appreciation Week. We are so fortunate to have a great security team at our school to keep us safe. Thank you, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Medina, Mr. Colon and Mr. Harris for all you do.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Activities are taking place in the classrooms to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Pictures and write-ups will be included in the October Newsletter to show how the classes celebrated and learned about hispanic culture.



## PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

### Ms. Coleman's Class

Since school began, our preschoolers have been on an incredible learning journey! We've been practicing letters and numbers, singing happy songs that bring us lots of joy and working on fine and gross motor activities to develop our strength and coordination. Additionally, we've been busy learning to follow classroom rules and expectations, setting the foundation for a successful year ahead. Learning is an adventure, and we're loving every moment of it!



### Ms. Navarro's Class

In E2, students are learning to play and share with friends. We are also learning our routines.

### Ms. Dongo's Class

Ms. Dongo's class is introducing an "All About Me" theme that allows students to talk about themselves, their interest and share what they have in common with their classmates.



### Ms. Fermin's Class



## PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

### Ms. Anderson's Class

It's a new school year, and the students and teachers are very happy to be back in school. Some students are attending school for the very first time, and they have been adjusting very well to their new classroom that is equipped to meet their daily needs. This year we are singing, dancing, and playing percussion instruments daily in our music and movement sessions.



### Mrs. Kucukkaya's Class

In September we are getting to know each other and learning routines, schedules and how to be a great friend. We are talking about our feelings and learning techniques to help us with our emotions. I can't wait to see what this amazing group of students will accomplish this year!!



### Ms. Mastrofilipo's Class

Ms. Mastrofilipo's class is welcoming students back to school. Students are learning new classroom routines. Students have been working on writing our names and making friends.



### Ms. Gillard's Class

Welcome back to school is welcoming new students to a classroom and learning. The children are working on following routines of the day. They are learning to make independent decisions on what items they want to engage with in the various centers. They are learning the names of their classmates while making friends. So many things to learn in school are new, fun, and different for all the children.



## PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

### Ms. Rodriguez's Class

Welcome to the Pre-K 4 Bilingual Class of Ms. Rodriguez. We are having a wonderful time learning routines and making new friends. We are looking forward to a great school year filled with memories that will last a lifetime.



### Ms. Molloy's Class

Ms. Molloy's class is off to a fantastic start! We have been exploring the Quarles campus, making new friends, and learning the routines of the classroom. We have been enjoying our centers that include hands-on materials to learn. We are excited to keep learning and having fun this year!



### Ms. Bedoya's Class

In our classroom, children are learning to regulate their emotions, resolve conflicts and respect the rules of our class coexistence. Children will also learn the basic principles for life in society: respect, tolerance, empathy, and generosity to prepare them for a life full of love and acceptance.



### Mrs. Hrbek's Class

#### Lots of Smiles in Mrs. Hrbek's Class

Our class is awesome! We have become friends and, along with exploring the learning centers we have learned to use play dough, scissors, glue, markers, pencils, and paint, creating some beautiful artwork. We are excited to keep learning and growing!!





## PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

### Ms. Walker & Mrs. Dubon 's Class 's Class

Happy September! I want to welcome you and your families to an exciting school year with Mrs. Dubon and I. This month, we are learning so much about... routines (classroom and school), rules, letter formation, classroom center (how to use and clean up toys), social emotional skills (how to work out conflict, make, keep and be friends), table etiquette (how to sit and behave at a table during breakfast, snack, and lunch time), kindness and manners. We hope you are ready for the amazing growth to come!



### Mrs. Delerme / Mrs. Kimble's Class

We have spent the month of September getting to know our classmates and teachers. We are also exploring our different learning centers and establishing routines. We love our classroom community.

### Mrs. Morillo & Ms. Haydee's Class

We are practicing routines, recognizing and managing our feelings, developing our fine-motor skills, building positive relationships with our classmates, and learning the letters in their names.



### Ms. Khan's Class

This month our class has been working on transitioning to being in school. We are learning the routines of the day, meeting new friends and discovering the centers in our classroom. We look forward to a fun and engaging year of learning!



## PRE-K SPOTLIGHT

### Mrs.Hollander's Class

This month we have been learning our friend's names and getting to know the routine of our classroom! We have taken a tour of our school and got to meet all of the important people. Our favorite book this month was "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. We have been busy dancing to our favorite movement songs each day too, getting our energy ready to start each day! We have been working really hard on following our school rules, being kind to each other and most importantly having fun while we are learning every day! We are so excited for a great year together!



### Ms. Foley's Class

We have spent the month of September learning each other's names and getting to know our classmates, learning the classroom rules along with the daily routine. We love listening to our morning song and dancing to it.

### Mrs. Bickoff's Class

My class has been learning so much in such a short amount of time. We have been learning how to identify our names, how to spell our names and how to write our names. We are also learning about Mat Man and how to draw our self-portraits. My students were very excited to get jobs in the class and they are becoming more independent each day!



# KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT

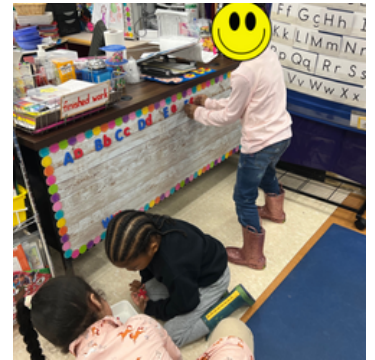
## Mrs. Donnelly & Ms. Vanvalkenburg's Class

C-1 is off to a great start this school year! We have been doing a nice job of practicing our classroom routines and learning all about our classmates. We began our ABC bootcamp, started learning our numbers in math, being an engineer in science and started our writing! In addition to all the hard work everyone is putting in, we are having fun and making new friends along the way.



## Mrs. Rosenzweig's Class

C2 is off to a great start! We are making friends and learning classroom rules and routines. We are learning to support one another in our learning as we work as teams to practice taught concepts.



## Ms. Song & Ms. Nukk's Class

In class, we have been:

- Getting to know one another
- Practicing our school and classroom rules and routines
- Writing our names
- Writing and identifying the names and sounds of the alphabet
- Practicing how to identify and create words that rhyme
- Learning sight words: the, me, like, I and a
- Counting and identifying, writing, and creating groups of numbers We are learning so much and having tons of fun!

## Mrs. Gioffre's Class

We are off to a great kindergarten start in C4! We are learning all about our school, our classroom and our friends. In September we are learning our letters and our numbers. We are excited for what we will learn in the year ahead!





# KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



## Ms. Del Arca's Class

Our Kindergarten class has been learning routines and expectations. We have been learning how to treat the materials in class and how to treat each other with respect and kindness. We have been learning how to be good listeners. We are excited for this year as we become readers, thinkers and mathematicians.



## Ms. Vera's Class

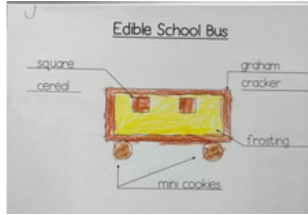
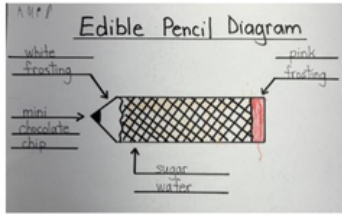
In F-3 the Kindergarten Dual Language Spanish class is off to a great start! We are learning classroom procedures, making friends, and how to work with one another as a team. We are learning to recognize our alphabet letters, sounds, recognizing our numbers, and counting number amounts.



## Ms. Green's Class

Students in Ms. Green's class are adjusting well! They are learning how to work together and be great listeners, workers and friends.

# KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT



## Ms. Richards' Class

Welcome to M2, where we are keeping our fingers and minds busy. We began our journey by learning the class routines and who we are in the classroom. We have begun ABC Bootcamp, and the students enjoy learning the letters and their sounds. We made edible pencils using frosting, wafers, and chocolate chips. Our fall study got underway by looking at the parts of an apple. We have set the foundation for more exciting learning experiences throughout the school year.



## Mrs. Walker & Miss Soriano's Class

Mrs. Walker and Miss Soriano's class has been busy learning in M3 how to be bucket fillers, gaining independence, and participating in ABC Bootcamp! We have read some wonderful books that include Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Our Class is a Family, and Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten. We are working towards building our number sense of numbers 1-5 and learning sight words.

