



PTI General Meeting

September 14, 2023



Welcome Back

The mission of Queen's Grant PTI is to positively impact and enrich the lives of all scholars and families within the Queen's Grant Community. We strive to support and advocate for our scholars by partnering with staff, families, and the community to create a safe and healthy learning environment, allowing our students to excel personally and academically.



Meet your 2023-24 PTI Board

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Survey Results



We have identified 4 key areas for improvement; Communication, Website/Facebook, Fundraiser & Schoolwide Activities

Communication – Our QG families need PTI communications to be more timely

Website/Facebook – our QG families need to be able to find information on the website - www.queensgrantpti.org

We have updated the Queen's Grant PTI website to include links to important information such as: School Lunch Menu, School Store, Middle School Sport Information, School Supply Lists, Amazon Teacher Wish Lists and other informative items.

Fundraiser – 62% of our QG families want the fundraiser in the fall

We have moved the Fundraiser to the Fall and it will conclude with a **Fun Run on October 27th**

Schoolwide Activities – 94% of our QG families would like to have dances split between the lower school and middle school or by wing level

The PTI will plan activities for the school; we will clearly specify the participants for each event.

The Middle School Leadership class will continue to plan dances and activities for the Middle School



Introducing Wing Level Board Members

VP of Middle School - Beth Smith

This is my second year holding this position and our family has been at Queens Grant for 10 years. If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. My main focus is to support teachers with field trips and planning the 8th Grade Formal and Graduation.



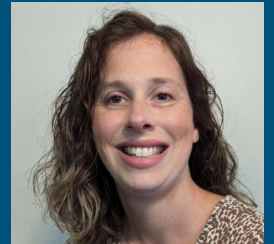
VP of K-2 Wing - Julie Foreman

Our goal in acting as wing level reps is to aid in communication between parents and the PTI so feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We're looking forward to a great year!



VP of 3-5 Wing - Kimberly Palm

Excited to be part of the PTI and help keep the communication flowing.



Staff Luncheons

October 5th we will partner with **Kindergarten** for a delicious fall luncheon.

Sign ups will come from Deans on your assigned month with both items you can donate or time slots if you have spare time to help.

It is a great way to get to know our staff better and meet other parents. This is how I got started in PTI!

Thanks to our 8th grade families for starting us out strong! Every item was donated that we asked for and we had some wonderful parent volunteers: Laura Reznick, Susan Collins, and new QG parent Nicki Bartholomy! Welcome!



Wing Level Update - K-2

Message from the Dean

K-2 is off to a great start, we've been working on our beginning of the year reading assessment - DIBELS 8. This assesses early reading skills and will be used to help guide decision making in the classroom and intervention for small group instruction.

You will receive your child's personal report in Monday Mailers on October 2nd. Our goal is to have 80% or more of our students proficient on their end of year DIBELS assessment.



Wing Level Update - 3-5



Message from the Dean

3-5 is rocking and rolling in their hallway! We are wrapping up MAP testing in reading and math. This assessment will help us identify students who are in need of additional intervention support and also help guide small group teacher instruction. You will receive your child's personal report in Monday Mailers on September 25th.

Lower School Dance

SAVE THE DATE!

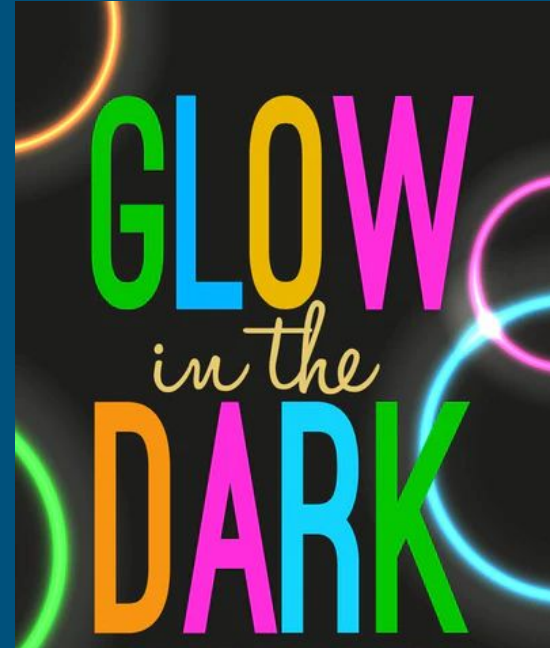
GLOW IN THE DARK DANCE

Saturday, October 21st

Kindergarten through 5th

Additional details to come!

If you'd like to sign up to help volunteer,
please email the PTI,
queensgrantpti@gmail.com.



Wing Level Update - Middle School

Field Trip Updates

6th Grade-

- Fall field trip to the NC Zoo (date TBD)
- Spring field trip to Carowinds (date TBD)

7th Grade-

- Whitewater Center October 4th
- Spring field trip to Wilmington (date TBD)

8th Grade-

- Washington, DC Trip March 12-15th
- Spring field trip to visit UNCC campus (date TBD)

Important Dates

- October 20th 7-9pm - Fall Middle School Social
- November 14th @ 5:30 pm - NJHS Induction
- December 7th - Science Fair (6th grade)
- January 26th -Winter Middle School Social
- May 10th - 8th Grade Formal
- May 16th - NJHS Banquet @ 6:00 pm
- June 3rd - 8th Grade Parade
- June 4th - 8th Grade Brunch & Graduation

If you are interested in being on the 8th Grade planning committee for the formal and graduation, please reach out to Beth Smith at neugentsmith@gmail.com

2023-24 Yearbooks




- It's the time of year to pre-order your yearbooks for the 2023-24 year.
- Log onto jostens.com/yearbook to order your yearbook. They will be delivered at the end of the school year.
- For 8th grade families there are options to purchase a yearbook ad for your student. The ad offers the option to add photos and a message to your student - a flyer was sent home with students on **August 29th**.
- Please reach out to **Ms. Razor**, 43.jrazor2@nhaschools.com for any additional information.

Go N.U.T.S

Final Day to purchase Go N.U.T.S. passes is tomorrow, **Friday, September 15th.**

[Click to purchase](#)
\$25 per scholar

- Passes will be sent home with your child
- It will include a list of all the “Go N.U.T.S.” dates
- Keep these stickers in a safe place
- Funds support “QG Cares”.



Go Nuts Pass

A PTI fundraiser that allows scholars to “Go Nuts” by NOT wearing their UNIFORM TO SCHOOL.

Scholars are able to “Go Nuts” on a pre-designated day each month. Scholars must wear their “Go Nuts” sticker on the specified day to participate.

Scholars must adhere to the dress code guidelines:

- Shirts and tops must cover the back, shoulders, chest, and midriff.
- Spaghetti strap shirts, halter tops, and tank tops are not permitted.
- Shorts must extend past the mid-thigh.

Additional guidelines for the dress code can be found on page 38 of the Queen's Grant Parent handbook.

“Go Nuts” stickers will be sold at the beginning of the school year during Back to School Night and again in January after winter break.

Funds from the “Go Nuts” sale support “QG Cares”.

2023 Book Fair

WE'RE HAVING A **BOOK FAIR!**

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SCHOOL

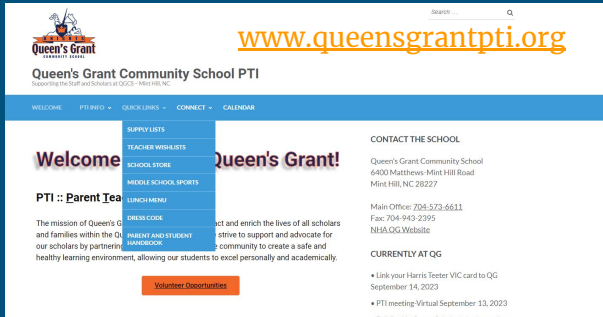
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FAIR DATES

Oct 31 - Nov 4

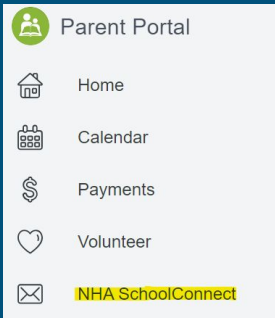
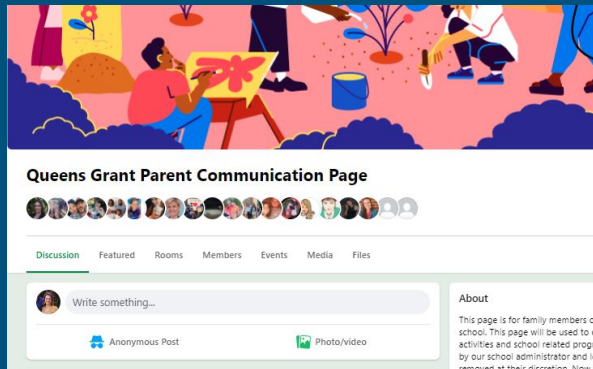
All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school.
Thanks for supporting our kids! Happy reading!

PTI Website & Social Media



<https://queensgrantpti.org/connect/>

- QG PTI Website
- Facebook: QG Parent Communications Page
- NHA School Connect
 - *new communication tool
- Queen's Grant Webpage



Middle School Sports

Pay your Fall 2023 Athletics Fees

[Click to Pay](#)

Teacher Wishlists



Don't see your teacher?
Check back soon.



QG Calendar: 2023-24



Amy

Cheddar Up FAQ



Cheddar Up

- **What is it?** An online payment platform
- **Why do we use it?**
 - It's convenient for families to have an online payment option
 - Cheddarup doesn't charge the school a subscription fee
 - It allows us to collect information on forms with purchases
 - It keeps PTI from having to handle large amounts of cash and keeps parents from having to send cash with students to school
- **Fees**
 - \$0.59 flat fee per transaction + 3.59% for credit card fee. (This is standard per industry.)
 - Example: a \$20 item sold would incur a \$1.31 fee
 - For fundraiser type items we usually can absorb the fee and take it out of profit
 - Ex: dance tickets, cookie grams
 - When the item paid for has an exact cost or is an exact fee we can't absorb that fee and you will see it on your purchase
 - Ex: sports fees, field trip fees, etc.

**Families always have the option for cash or check payment if the fee cannot be absorbed for the item. Just reach out!

Lunch Update - Clarification

Message from August 20, 2023

Queen's Grant will serve breakfast daily from 7:10-7:30 a.m. If your child will be eating breakfast provided by the school they will need to arrive no later than 7:25. This allows scholars 15 minutes to eat prior to the start of school. **No fast food, including drinks, will be allowed into the building.** If your child will be eating breakfast at home please make sure that your child has finished eating breakfast prior to entering the building.

Please make arrangements for your child to either bring a packed lunch from home or sign up for our hot lunch program. **We will NOT be allowing any fast food dropoffs or deliveries this year.**

Water bottles are allowed and encouraged. Please send water ONLY in the bottles.



Family Fundraising



What is it?

- Family Fundraising is individual fundraisers for scholars to earn money for their field trips and school sanctioned events.

Who can participate?

- Any scholar in 3rd-8th grade can participate in family fundraising. Some families build it up for the big trips like Kanuga and Washington, DC

Ideas?

- In the past, we have done: Sam's Car Wash, Attraction Books, cookie dough
- This year we are thinking about doing: Krispy Kreme doughnuts and Finest Choice Chocolate Bars
- If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PTI at QueensGrantPTI@gmail.com

Important Information about Family Fundraising-

- Family Fundraising is transferable between siblings. It is in a family account, not an individual.
- Any Family Fundraising Funds not used during a family's enrollment at Queen's Grant will be rolled into PTI General Fund.
- Family Fundraising Funds can only be used for school sanctioned events or activities that cost at least \$25.00.
- If you would like to use these funds, please email- QueensGrantPTI@gmail.com with the child's name, how much you would like to allocate and what it is for (i.e. 8th grade DC trip)

Moral Focus Committee - Coat Drive

Collecting NEW, clean &
gently used coats.

Supporting Servant's
Heart of Mint Hill and our
local neighbors.

QUEEN'S GRANT
MORAL FOCUS COMMITTEE

COAT DRIVE

SUPPORTING SERVANT'S HEART

Drop off Under Awning
9/18- 9/22

An illustration of five winter coats. In the background, there are three blue coats: a quilted jacket on the left, a parka in the center, and another quilted jacket on the right. In the foreground, there are two more coats: a pink and white patterned jacket with various icons (a milk carton, an ice cream cone, a smiley face, a diamond, a hand, and a 'buy' button) and a pink quilted jacket.

Scarecrow Contest - Town of Mint Hill

The Annual Town of Mint Hill Scarecrow Decorating Contest will be hosted in conjunction with Mint Hill Madness on October 19-21, 2023.

Tentative Schedule

9/21 Request for Volunteers & Material

9/29 Start Build

10/1 Scarecrow Ready

10/18 Voting Begins

11/4 - 11/5 Breakdown



Vic Card- Time to Re-Link



Queen's Grant proudly participates in Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school.

It's easy and it's FREE.

Once your card is linked, Queen's Grant will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost.

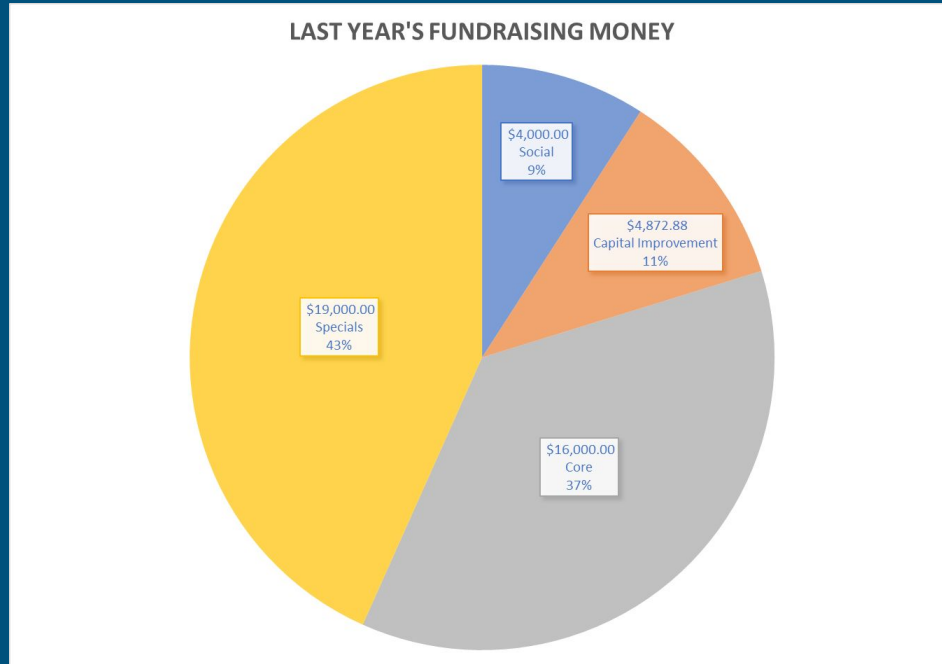
If you prefer – you can give the cashier our code, **5212** along with your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That's it! You only have to link your VIC card once each school year.

Last year we received over **\$800**.

**Form for linking your card is on the PTI website.*



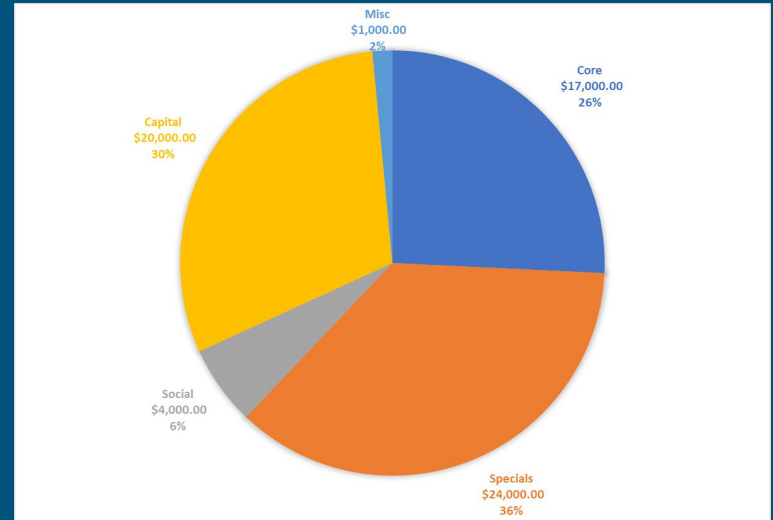
Financials



School Wide Fundraiser

Fundraising Priorities

First Priorities (Core):	
Grade Level Budgets (field trips, educational activities)	\$ 9,000.00
Classroom Budgets (classroom supplies)	\$ 7,000.00
PTI Administrative (accounting software, website, checks)	\$ 1,000.00
Second Priorities (Specials):	
Art (Knight of the Arts, supplies and materials)	\$ 2,500.00
Music (instruments and supplies for class)	\$ 2,500.00
Drama (school musical and other performances)	\$ 1,000.00
EC (classroom supplies)	\$ 2,500.00
PE (balls, equipment, maintenance)	\$ 2,500.00
Athletics (rental fees for sports facilities and referees)	\$ 10,000.00
Library (books and other materials)	\$ 2,500.00
Moral Focus (awards and activities)	\$ 500.00
Third Priorities (Social):	
8th Grade Dance/Graduation	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Appreciation	\$ 1,000.00
Cultural Programs (social gatherings and activities)	\$ 1,500.00
Field Day	\$ 500.00
Fourth Priorities (Capital)	
Capital Improvements & Special Projects - to be defined	\$ 20,000.00
Fifth Priorities (Misc)	
Add to other budgets as necessary	\$ 5,000.00



2023 Fundraiser

Registration on booster.com will open September 15.

Incentives will be offered for classes and wings with the highest participation.
More to come!

Fun Run **October 27th**. Mark your calendars!!

Collect donations for your scholar to participate in a high energy, music packed Fun Run for scholars k-5.

Middle school scholars will raise donations to participate in our 6-8 Color Run

DADS OF QUEENS GRANT KNIGHTS

- Friday AM traffic team
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9A82EA6FEC43-dads#/>
- Cafeteria Lunch Coverage
- Gaga Pit-Organize a group to potentially assist in building a Gaga pit
- Occasional Morning assembly for K-5 on career/motivation/education opportunities
- Suggest lunch time book readings for K-2
- Coordinate an occasional Sports day with Dads at recess

Complete Google Form if you or another male role model are interested in volunteering for any of the above.

<https://forms.gle/GhWShowfCJiR6Z146>

Final thoughts

Add the PTI website to your favorites bar: www.queensgrantpti.org

Join the Facebook group: [Queen's Grant Parent Communication](#)

Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer: [Sign Up!](#)



Any Questions