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# QAE News 11/16/18



**Next Week: Conferences and Thanksgiving Break** No school Nov. 19-23.

## Final Week of November 2018 at QAE:

**QAE FOC Event:** Tuesday, November 27 at John Hay Elementary from 6 – 8 pm. QAE Families of Color has organized an upcoming QAE community event: *Resilience and Race: Parenting in a Biased Culture*. Richard Kim from Cultures Connecting will be facilitating the conversation. To make it easy for QAE families to attend this evening event during our relocation year, **QAE FOC is hosting this event at John Hay Elementary**. This invite was also shared with John Hay Elementary and Coe Elementary. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kay Dumalo at [kaydumlao@gmail.com](mailto:kaydumlao@gmail.com).

**QAE Winter Celebration:** Friday, November 30 6:30-8:30 PM in the Coe Elementary cafeteria (2424 7th Ave W, Seattle, 98119). All QAE families are welcome to join us for our annual QAE Winter Celebration hosted by QAE Families of Color. Have a family favorite holiday dish? Please share it! Have a special holiday song, decoration, tradition? We'd love to hear about it! Join us for an evening of fun, food, family, and friendship! All families are welcome!

We need your help to make these celebrations a success! To sign up for food, traditions, or just to help set up and clean-up see links below!

- Food - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB45A9AD2FA6F94-winter>
- Traditions - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB45A9AD2FA6F94-family>
- Clean up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB45A9AD2FA6F94-winter1>
- Questions? Email [foc1@qaepsa.org](mailto:foc1@qaepsa.org)

## December Events:

### PBL Showcase and QAE MakerSpace MarketPlace

Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 7:30 pm Mark your calendars! QAE's annual December **PBL Showcase** allows students and families to learn about each K – 5 student's PBL initiative. QAE explorers have been working on their inquiry questions for weeks, and this evening is a chance for students to share their expertise and celebrate their learning. This year, we add QAE MakerSpace MarketPlace as well!



Makerspace Marketplace is a time to support 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders MakerSpace fall challenge. Students wrote proposals to “make a difference for themselves, the community or the world”. Explorers had the freedom to create initiatives, which may be fund-raisers, awareness campaigns and products to sell. These products will be shared at the MakerSpace MarketPlace to raise money for different charities on PBL night. All funds raised will be pooled and divided equally amongst the students’ initiatives. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the QAE MakerSpace as well.

PBL Showcase and MakerSpace MarketPlace schedule:

5:30 – 6:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade MakerSpace MarketPlace in Auditorium
6:00 - 6:30	K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade PBL Presentations in classrooms
6:30 – 7:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade PBL Presentations in classrooms



**Clothing Drive for Seattle Animal Shelter:** QAE Student-led Initiative by QAE 5<sup>th</sup> grade explorers Madelyn and Delaney. As part of the MakerSpace MarketPlace, Madelyn and Delaney organized a drive to gather collars, leashes and old clothing to help the [Seattle Animal Shelter](#). They did their research, visited the shelter and investigated how they could help. “Please if you have old clothing or ripped clothing, please don’t throw them away! They can be turned into a dog toy! Please help us help the dogs at the Seattle Animal Shelter.” There is a box in the main hall to collect donations.

## Passion and Purpose Empower Learning at QAE: Why Project Based Learning is so important to our Creative Approach School

QAE staff, parents and students embrace a vision based on [Five Pillars](#):

- [We are self-directed learners.](#)
- [We think critically and learn more.](#)
- [We are concerned, confident, compassionate citizens of the world.](#)
- [We learn everywhere; we learn together.](#)
- [We are creative.](#)

Three key concepts are at the heart of QAE:

- Feeling physiologically well, safe, connected and valued allows students to learn.
- [Passion](#)\* and [purpose](#)\*\* empower students to learn.
- [Digital learning](#) is a tool for communicating, problem solving and learning within our community and with the world.

QAE staff and parents work together to help each student as a learner and citizen of the world:

- Our welcoming learning community provides opportunities for every student to develop learning and life skills in addition to academic rigor through [Positive Discipline](#). Common language and approaches help each student to feel safe, connected and valued.
- School-wide learning structures, activities and events foster passion and purpose through:
  - School-wide guiding question: *How are we making an impact in the world?*
  - [Project-Based Learning](#) allows students to explore inter-disciplinary guiding questions focused on social studies, science, Language Arts and Math topics.
  - [QAE Maker Space](#) provides opportunities for every K – 5 students to work on self-directed projects to make a difference for themselves, their community and/or the world. Students share their initiatives at the December Maker Space Market Place.
- [Digital learning](#) is used as a tool for [creation](#) and [reflection](#).

\*European Scientific Journal, January 2018 edition Vol.14, No.1. *What About Passion in Education?* Zuleica Ruiz Alfonso, Lidia Santana Vega

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