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The Quaker Digital Academy is a public digital school sponsored by the New Philadelphia City Schools.

Academic Goals

The State of Ohio Model Courses of Study are the basis for QDA curriculum K-12. The Academy implements these resources, as well as a variety of exceptional curricular options. Our teaching staff is comprised of caring, highly qualified and licensed teachers, counselors, and administrators.

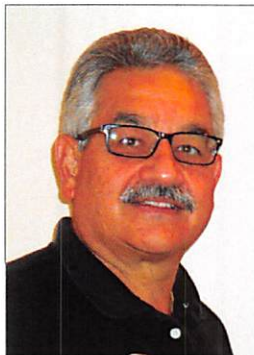
QDA is a non-profit, public online school in the State of Ohio for students in grades K-12. Any student residing in Ohio may enroll in QDA with offices conveniently located in New Philadelphia, Berlin, East Liverpool, and Steubenville. Contact us today to learn how cyber education can meet your child's needs.

QDA is state funded. There is no cost to the student. A computer is provided and up to \$40 a month for internet access. Home schooling parents will save money by sending their children to QDA.

A Message from Superintendent Richard Varrati
SUPERINTENDENT AND CEO FOR QDA

Why Quaker Digital Academy?

New Experience, Dedication, and Commitment.



Quaker Digital Academy offers students the opportunity and support to be successful in their academic pursuit for a solid education. QDA is designed to meet the individual needs of a student, which may not always be available in the shuffle of a traditional school classroom. Their curriculum is selected based on their academic needs. It is designed for the gifted student, the regular student, and the student at risk. QDA provides support to help those enrolled find the path to success. QDA not only has certified Ohio teachers, but assigns all students an Instructional Supervisor (IS), who

serves as their personal counselor and is their main point of contact for the enrolled individual and their family. The IS handles all school related issues for the student and keeps in regular contact to ensure success in their academic subjects. This support and guidance is extremely important in today's educational climate of Ohio. QDA is fully aware that what helps one student learn may not work for the next. That is why QDA offers varied curriculums that can help provide a custom tailored and personalized learning path for student's individual needs.

With the growing demand from students and families looking for a safe school environment and a 21st century education, QDA has the experience to meet the challenges of providing an academic setting to prepare students for the changing world and meet the needs of the individual student to find their own pathway to success.

Dr. Richard Varrati, Superintendent and CEO of QDA, has worked for 36 years in the field of education.

Meet Debra Kennedy



The Quaker Digital Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Debra Kennedy as Superintendent of the new QPA (Quaker Prep Academy) serving K-8 students. Mrs. Kennedy comes to us with wide and varied educational knowledge. Her 36 years of experience will be invaluable as QDA and QPA continues to expand their online educational programming. Debra is a graduate of Kent State University and has served in several administrative capacities throughout her career. She has held the positions of: Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Director, Title I Coordinator, and also operates an independent Educational Consultant firm. "Mrs. Kennedy's vast educational experience is the perfect fit for QDA and QPA. She believes that all students can achieve, and brings that attitude and expertise to QPA. Her skills in staff training and curriculum alignment are well recognized throughout the state. I feel Mrs. Kennedy shares my vision of the future of online education, and I could not be more pleased to bring her into the QPA/QDA family," shared Superintendent Varrati.

QDA Awarded Commendation for "Exceeding Standards" on State Report Card

The commendation states: QDA is demonstrating high academic performance standards. QDA is building bright futures for students of diverse backgrounds and ability levels. QDA is part of a select group showing excellence in:

- Closing achievement gaps
- Exceeding growth expectations
- Engaging students in meeting graduation requirements

QDA is truly helping to fulfill the vision stated in Ohio's strategic plan for education, whereby; challenging each child to discover and learn, preparing students to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

The State Board of Education congratulates the administration, staff, and students on this well-deserved award. The members also praised the community for its support of QDA and their students.



tech updates

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

QDA Technology Department Prepared for 2020



Mike Ciereszewski



Scott Kimble

In March, schools across the country needed to quickly jump into distance learning and having a remote workforce. Luckily, at QDA; the technology department was able to tap into existing resources to quickly adapt to the changing educational environment.

As an online school, QDA has always tried to use the latest and most robust technology resources to improve our school. Once the work-from-home requirement was issued, the instructional staff already had access to Zoom and was well-versed in its capabilities. In December, a pilot group was testing Google Voice, a web based phone and text messaging service to see if it could help connect us to our existing students. By the end of March, nearly every staff member was issued a Google Voice phone number and existing lines were forwarded to these numbers. This allowed our students and their families to easily contact our instructional and support staff regardless of their physical location.

While the location of the technology department changed for many months, the service did not. We continued to answer tech tickets, emails, phone calls, and help students through remote support applications. Scott Kimble turned his garage into a shipping center, mailing devices everyday to ensure students could continue to work. Mike Ciereszewski studied the analytical logs and created a new QDA website so students, their families, and the staff could quickly find the resources they need.

Scott Kimble, Computer Technician

Michael Ciereszewski, Director of Technology



Earth Day Zoom!

Instructional Supervisor Sandy Aksterowicz, conducted a lesson with her Middle School students to celebrate Earth Day. Students participated in an Earth Day Quiz together, and an Earth Day word search. Students used Skittles and made their own piece of art using Zoom to share their ideas.

QPA offers students a **NEW K-8 ONLINE EXPERIENCE**

Beginning in 2020



To learn more about the possibilities of online learning, visit our website at qpa.education or call 1-866-968-7032.

**QDA (K-12)
and QPA (K-8)**

provides

**State-Accredited
Digital Curriculum**

and instructors
in the safety of

your home.

QPA Values

Our core values include
**Passion,
Accountability,
& Courage.**

We strive to impact
not only your family,
but the entire community
through our

CARE INITIATIVE.

C is for communication
through listening and
trying to understand
your needs.

A is for affirmation
through catching
all the good things that
happen each day.

R is for resources to help
train and support
families to be successful.

E is being an example of
what it means to give
of our time and energy
to help others.

*This helps our mission
to support and encourage
personal and academic
development.*

Quaker Preparatory Academy Kindergarten through Grade 8 Experience

We are excited to announce the opening of our new tuition-free, public online school for K-8 students throughout Ohio. QPA is home of the Preparatory Penguins where students are provided additional opportunities to excel beyond the basic core classes. This online at-home school is supported by dedicated teachers, school leaders, technology specialists, and curriculum designed to engage your children while preparing them for academic success.

QPA begins in Kindergarten by nurturing a young student's natural curiosity and love of learning through a stimulating curriculum and meaningful feedback through live individual video sessions with students and their parents. Our program takes into account that young students need to touch, talk, listen, and move while learning. This combination, supported by the parent as their academic coach, helps to develop their thirst for knowledge.

Why should I choose an Online Educational Program?

Enrolling in an online program provides greater flexibility and more individualized learning than the traditional brick and mortar school buildings. With online learning, students can learn anytime, anywhere in the world. The flexibility allows students to work during their peak hours of learning, while parents can develop a routine that fits each family's schedule. Online learning also allows for families to keep their children and family members from exposure to health concerns during uncertain times.

Our Program

- **The Basics:**
Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science
- **Foreign Languages:**
Our elementary students also have the opportunity to study world languages such as Spanish, French, German, or Chinese. At the beginning levels, the focus is on vocabulary acquisition through games, songs, stories, and practice. As students progress, they are introduced to greetings, grammar, songs, phrases, along with other activities.
- **Robotics and Coding:**
A fun way to develop problem solving and critical skills is through basic programming activities. Through this interactive self-paced platform, students will learn programming languages that are used in everyday games and apps.
- **Progress Tracking:**
We regularly monitor your student's progress and ability to keep up with their course work. Certified teachers are in constant contact with you to update grades and access skills and knowledge. Students are given suggested schedules that act as a guide of when assignments are to be completed and turned in for grades. The schedule is flexible to meet your needs, while still maintaining the required school schedule of finishing within the designated school year.



Backpacks for Kids

East Liverpool Office of QDA has been helping kids for years with their back-to-school needs through a grant written by Casey Havens to Walmart. Over 300 backpacks were stuffed full of school supplies to help area students. Masks were also included this year. Unfortunately, the big Edupalooza event had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. However, area civic groups, the local Salvation Army, The Way Station, East Liverpool QDA Staff and the Fire Department donated supplies for the program.



"Just Say No"

QDA Students took time to showcase their art skills when they participated in our "Just Say No" coloring contest that was sponsored by the letter Q. Our students did amazing work, while learning facts about drug abuse.

Special Services Report

Elaine Karp
Director of Special Services

The Quaker Digital Academy is committed to providing support services to all students and teachers and to providing a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to all students with disabilities. The Special Services Department monitors to ensure that the special education policies and procedures are in accordance with all federal, state and local mandates. We design, implement, and evaluate appropriate programs for students with disabilities, and provide technical assistance and staff development opportunities. The Quaker Digital Academy focuses on the consistency and quality of special education programs and related services within the district. Each year school districts throughout Ohio participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities age 3 through age 21. The Quaker Digital Academy provides special education services to approximately 54 students with disabilities or approximately 10.4% of the district's student population. If you have a child or know of a child you suspect may have a disability as described by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) or Americans with Disabilities Act Section 504, please contact Mrs. Karp, Director of Special Services or call 330-364-0618.

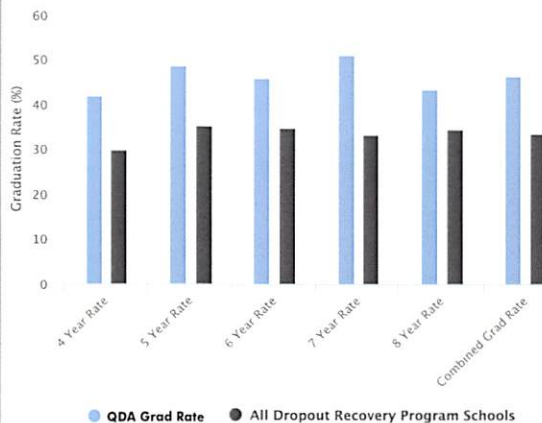
Ohio Department of Education Statistics and Data

Student Enrollment

	Enrollment #	Pct
All Students	456	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	NC	NC
Asian or Pacific Islander	NC	NC
Black, Non-Hispanic	NC	NC
Hispanic	11	2.3
Multiracial	28	6.2
White, Non-Hispanic	403	88.3
Students with Disabilities	62	13.7
Economic Disadvantage	230	50.3
English Learner	NC	NC
Migrant	NC	NC

If Enrollment is less than 10, results are Not Calculated(NC).

How QDA Compares to other Dropout Recovery Program Schools in Ohio



Saluting QDA's Graduates



– THE CLASS OF 2020!



Bryce Douglas Abner
 Arianna Mae Ackerman
 Nevaeh Rein' Adams
 Cayden Michael Anslow
 Bailey Monroe Anthony
 Haley Marie Baker
 Megan Elizabeth Barker
 Colleen Emma Barlow
 Kevin Joseph Bates
 Sarina Elaine Bolton
 Kaytrin Alexandra Brant
 Jenna Abbilean Brill
 Abigail Marie Bunnell
 Kylor Michael Burroway
 Aaliyah Rae Butler
 Corey Lee Byer
 Albany Jane Carpenter
 Carleine Lucretia Carrick
 Kylie Veronica Chaperlo
 Noah Mikel Clark
 Courtney Lynn Coen
 Halie Rae Cook
 Colton Michael Edward Crow
 Brandy Lee Craig
 Sapphire Elise Creager
 Haylee Ann Davison
 Kady Christine-Ann Dennis
 Gavin Isaiah Dennison
 Summer Michelle Denzler
 Joey Allen Devore, Jr
 Brooke Elizabeth DiDonato
 Tyler Jay DiMinno
 Brett Anthony Dimmick
 Chaleighann Marie Dotts
 Jarrah Nicole Dudley
 Hannah Lee Easterday
 Tiffani Amber Ebling
 Farah Erjavec
 Cylas Cole Estes
 Logan Jeffrey Everhart
 Jacob David Falter
 Payton Marie Foster
 Caleb Michael Frazier
 Jules Lamont Freeman
 Jayme Lynn Fry
 Rilie Erin Fulton
 Nicholas Matthew Furbay
 Jillian Renee Galambos
 Dylan Antonio Garcia
 Dylan Kenyan Garrett
 Colton Edmund Gaskill
 Joshua Alan Gomoll
 Winter Chyanne Gay
 Kasandra Marie Hach

Daizha Rhey Haight
 Joshua James Haney
 Seth Aaron Harriman
 Hallie Victoria Harris
 Katherine Ann Heaton
 Morgan Ashley Hershberger
 Samantha Marie Hooper
 Ty Jacob Horvath
 Destiny Marie Howder
 Kourtney Nichole Hunter
 Autumn Blair Jackson
 Devin James Jackson
 Nicole Brandi Jagielski
 Bridget Anne Jenkins
 Nathan Xavier Johnson
 Casey Mae Johnston
 Donna Jean Jones
 Zailer Andrew Jones
 Seven Pacific Kandel
 Devon Ray Keim
 Aleia Marguerite Kitchen
 Aaron Scott Lewis
 Tori Ann Mann
 Brenton Zain Marshall
 Kathleen S Martin
 Brandon Lee Mazure
 Sylas Joseph Allan McCune
 Isaac Andrew McDade
 Connor Michael McGilloway
 Matthew Joseph McGilloway
 Gage Douglas McNeal
 Kaitlynn Nikole Mehok
 Alexa Jo Miller
 Chelsie Renee Miller
 Lyndon Shawn Miller
 Kirsten Nicole Moore
 Matthew Michael Cabanez Moser
 Angel Lynn Newell
 Joseph Francis Nichols
 Haylee Aspasia Oliver
 Carlos Jovanni Ortiz
 Dalton J Owen
 Tristan Michael Painter
 Christian Allen Perkins
 Courtney Lynn Petty
 Kelley Nicole Powell
 Elizabeth Leeann Price
 Jaren Luis Ramirez
 Ashlyn Jean Rauch
 Jeffrey Tucker Reed
 Kyle Allen Riffle
 Skylier Lee Roberts
 Michael Tyler Rock
 Titus James Roller

Cameron Jae Russell
 Blake Jamin Saari
 Corinne Justine Marie Saunders
 Kyla Marie Sayer
 Summer Skye Schweitzer
 Julia Stephanie Jean Scott
 Cole Jacob Sealock
 Makaliah Beulah May Searcy
 Justin Wayne Setvin
 Kyla Francis Shoup
 Alyssa Nichole Smith
 Deja Rain Smith
 Quinton John Sohn
 Margaret Victoria Spillane
 Chloe Paige Stewart
 Ian Parker Stokey
 Alexander James Storck
 Michaela Rae Stringer
 Sierra Kirsten Swigert
 Dana Elizabeth Tentler
 Tristan James Thornton
 Neo C Tristano
 Makayla Amber Truby
 Hannah Marie Vinka
 Brian Lee Vitagliano, Jr.
 Alexa Lorraine Walker
 Gage Kieran Walker
 Nathaniel Charles Walker
 Jordan LaTrell Webb
 Dakota Allen White
 Jasmin Lorraine White
 Michael Ryan Williams
 Shayann Bethleen Wilson
 Sydney Anne Wilson
 Ethan Hawke Woods
 Madison Jay Workman
 Alexis Love Zimmerman
 Jack Daniel Zuver

Adult 22+

Nicole Lynn Andrews
 Kelly Renee Bailey
 Kathryn Rose Byers
 Tanner Curtis Dieter
 Wayne Douglas Fambro, Jr.
 Stephanie Marie Fox
 Ashlee Marie Gordon
 Susan Marie Jenkins
 Tyler Christopher Karr
 Everett Michael Martin
 Thomas Edward Smogonovich
 Caitlyn Marie Walllick



Seth Harriman

The Class of 2020 consisted of 149 students with 87% of our students earning a QDA diploma.

The Quaker Digital Academy Foundation awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 2020 graduates: Seth Harriman, Kelley Powell, and Shayann Wilson.

Seth plans to attend Cleveland State University and major in Film. Kelley plans to attend Marietta College and major in Graphic Design. Shayann plans to attend National Beauty College in Canton. Kelley and Shayann were



Kelley Powell

members of the QDA National Honor Society.

Kelley received a Marietta College Founder's Scholarship in the amount of \$24,000 per year and also a Premier Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Several 2020 graduates attended career centers and participated in College Credit Plus.

Thirteen adults completed their high school requirements and earned a 2020 QDA diploma through the Adult 22+ Program.



Shayann Wilson

Due to COVID 19, the graduation ceremony planned for May 27th has been postponed to a later date. However, our proud graduates often receive their diploma at the QDA Office where a commemorative photograph is taken.

QDA Guidance Counselor, Jill Westbrook, coordinates programming for graduation and scholarship opportunities. Her dedication and leadership is appreciated by the senior class, as they complete their academic career through QDA and embark upon an exciting future.



Students who attend online schools develop higher levels of
self-awareness & self-discipline



QDA prepares students for
greater independence
as they enter college, military, trade school, or their career of choice.
 – Dr. Varrati, CEO/Superintendent



Student Highlights

Aubrey Dexter

I started attending QDA in my sophomore year because my last school had received several school shooting threats. My parents and I did not want to go through that experience again. At first, adjusting was a bit difficult, but with the help of my teachers and instructional supervisor, I was able to adjust and blossom into learning. I have been attending QDA for the past two years, and it has been a perfect fit for me. The staff is always friendly and is happy to help when needed. My math teacher, Mr. Morales, has tutored me for years and could always help me with assistance in math, as well as share a good laugh. I feel QDA has your best interest at heart. Because of QDA, I was able to graduate a year early and am now able to proceed with my plans for the future.

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Ryleigh Nussbaum

My name is Ryleigh and I have been a student at QDA for 2 years. Entering QDA was one of the the best decisions I have ever made! I have been fortunate to have worked with two amazing supervisors, both have helped me and answered all of my questions. Before entering QDA, I attended Massillon Digital and Tuslaw Local Schools, but QDA has given me my best educational experience by far. Thanks to everyone encouraging me to take summer classes, I am now starting my junior year. With the help of my math teacher, Mr. Morales, who encouraged me through some tough times in math class, I now find myself ahead in many of my courses. With my grades improving, it makes me a happy person and also makes my parents proud. I love that I go to an online school that is much more than an ordinary online school.

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Skylier Roberts

Skylier Roberts, a recent QDA graduate, is now attending New Castle School of Trades in East Liverpool, Ohio, studying welding. He was chosen to receive a Life Improvement Scholarship, sponsored by the Lou Holtz/Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame Scholarship Program. The annual tuition reimbursement scholarship is for a two-year trade school grant for \$5,000 the first year, renewable for an additional \$5,000 the second year, contingent upon retaining his “good standing” status. Skylier also received a matching scholarship from the NCST trade school. Casey Havens, his East Liverpool Instructional Supervisor, shared, “In a recent conversation with Skylier, he expressed to me how much he loves NCST and thinks QDA and the scholarship have given him the best opportunity in the world.”

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In today's uncertain world, you can depend on the experience of QDA.

Kathryn Elizabeth Todd

Kathryn, or Katie Beth, as her friends call her, resides in New Concord, Ohio, and is a senior this year with QDA. She began attending QDA at the beginning of her sophomore year and enrolled in extra classes so that she could focus on her college education through the College Credit Plus program. Katie is presently attending Zane State and is on track to earn two associate degrees (Associates of Science, and Associates of Arts), as well as, receive her high school diploma this year. Katie is a member of the QDA National Honor Society and is working toward her Honors Diploma. Katie Beth volunteers at her church and also has attained perfect attendance while at QDA. She wants to ultimately earn a Ph.D. in Psychology. This is what her Instructional Supervisor, Sue Sattler, had to say about Katie: "Katie is a responsible, mature, polite and dedicated student. She is one outstanding young lady, who will undoubtedly achieve her goals."



Josiah Blackburn

Serving our Country

Josiah Blackburn, a recent 2019 QDA graduate from the East Liverpool area, has entered the military. Josiah is in basic training with the United States Army in Fort Benning, Georgia. His goal is to go into special forces.



Stephen Ross

QDA has helped me with my studies in many ways. When I attended public school, I felt I wasn't very smart. I had trouble with public speaking and began to hate school. When I began with QDA, I felt my speech improved and found I could achieve. I made great educational progress and now have attained a 4.0 average. QDA has a very competent staff, and if you find you need a tutor, they respond to your request. At QDA you can work at your own pace. QDA has been a great choice for me.



Frankie Alguire

"I have never been a conventional student, so it was no surprise that my conventional schooling created more harm than good. When QDA was presented to me as an alternative, I will admit, I was skeptical. However, after only a month, I could see this was a choice I should have made some time ago. Now, two years later, my schooling has had gone from dreadful to something that has me excited about my future. This program is extremely beneficial to students like me who have the desire and will to take control of their own lives. The goals I've achieved would not have been possible without the freedom that QDA has provided me. The tools I have been given by this program have allowed me to feel truly prepared for adulthood, and any other challenge the world may throw at me." ~Frankie Alguire, QDA senior



Matt Mills

Matt Mills, one of NASCAR's newest drivers is an alumnus of QDA. Matt realized that the QDA slogan, "The Freedom to Learn from Anywhere," was a perfect fit for his busy racing schedule. Matt began racing locally at Midvale Speedway from 2012 through 2015. He had been involved in motocross and go-cart racing before entering car racing. He has most recently been racing in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, driving No5 Chevrolet Camaro/Toyota Supra for B J McLeod Motorsports. Mills is the son of Jamie and Sheila Mills of New Philadelphia. You can follow Matt at: Matt Mills Racing on Facebook.

From QDA to NASCAR...



Last
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year,
QDA
students
didn't
miss
one day
of
school.

Field Trips

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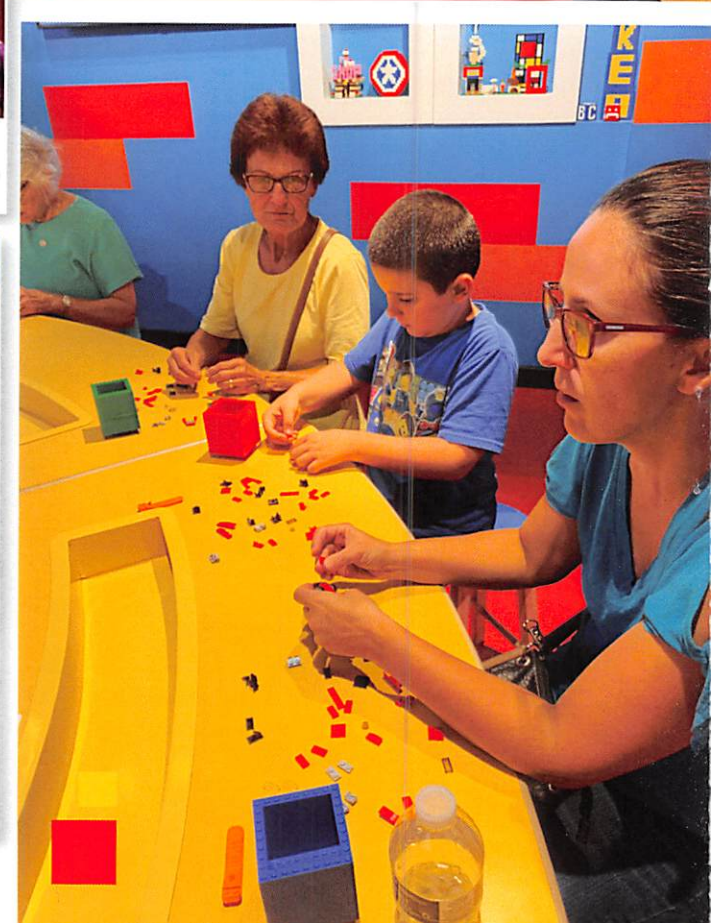
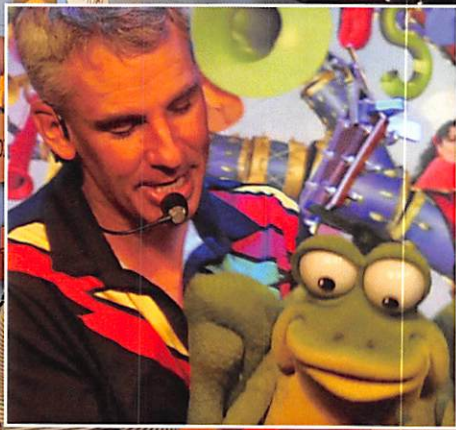
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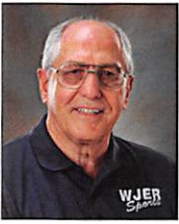
Students attending QDA are given the opportunity to expand their learning through school-sponsored educational experiences. Last school year students had the opportunity to visit Legoland, STEAM DAY, Ramseyer Farms, Magical Theatre, Fanny Mae and the MAPS museum.

Performances at the Kent State Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center allowed students to experience many excellent fine arts presentations such as, Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun, Full STEAM Ahead with Mister C, David Flood-Teaching Students to Act with Dignity and Respect, Zak Morgan, and Walk on: Story of Rosa Parks.

Unfortunately, when COVID restrictions were put in place in the spring, some planned QDA educational experiences were cancelled. Following are some photos of students enjoying their expanded learning experiences.



The QDA Educational Foundation



Tom Farbizo

The Quaker Digital Academy Foundation (a non profit 501(c)(3) was formed in 2015 to encourage and assist QDA students to invest in themselves through scholarship opportunities. Program fund-raising activities take place throughout the year;

such as the Harry Clever Field/Airport window advertising campaign. Area businesses have the opportunity to rent a window advertising space, both benefitting their business and raise money for the scholarship program. The City of New Philadelphia has also participated in the Sanitation Truck advertising campaign. The City receives a percentage and the QDA Foundation receives the remaining dollars to add to the scholarship fund. The Electronic Sign located on the corner of Front and Broadway is also available for advertising purposes.

Tom Farbizo, Director of QDA Foundation Fundraising, continues to spearhead this project. At a recent New Philadelphia City Council Meeting, he was pleased to present Mayor Joel Day with two payments from the window and truck campaigns for \$1920 and \$4320. Since the inception of the program over \$15,000 has been shared with the City. Mayor Day stated, "The City of New Philadelphia is a proud sponsor of the QDA scholarship fund program. I consider our town to be the educational hub of Tuscarawas County. With that comes an obligation to help all students achieve a quality education to chart their

career paths. Our way of producing revenue for QDA scholarships is a bit out of the ordinary. We place advertisements on city sanitation trucks and on airport hangar display windows. But the bottom line is that those ads are helping businesses and helping kids achieve their dreams."

The Foundation was pleased to award \$1,000 scholarships to three outstanding QDA students this year.

For more information on advertising on the window space and/or sanitation truck advertising program, please contact Tom Farbizo at 330-364-0618 or email: farbizot@go2qda.org.



QDA Staff Members - New Philadelphia Office

- Back (l-r) Jason Edwards, Tom Daniels, Keith Morales, Scott Kimble, Steven Miller, Mike Ciereszewski, Jeff Auman
- Middle (l-r) Susan Andrukut, Randall Gibbs, Nancy Gibbs, Tony Casini, Janie Miller, LuAnn Kennedy, Nikki Gautier, Kim Harriman, Linda Ball, Bob Zontini, Dr. Richard Varrati (Superintendent)
- Front (l-r) Katarena Knepper, Linda Greathouse, Sue Sattler, Lily Aragon, Roni Leeper, Jill Westbrook, Amy Maurer, Tiffany Colvin
- Not pictured Alexis Gibbs, Maddie White, Gale Kimble, Sandy Aksterowicz, Bruce Metzger, Darla Kish, Amy Harris, Charlotte Gibbs, Elaine Karp



PREP ACADEMY

Coming Together Over The Digital Divide

By Debra Kennedy
Superintendent of QPA

A braid (also referred to as a plait) is a complex structure or pattern formed by interlacing two or more strands of flexible material. This widely used practice is used in the making of rope where the interweaving makes a stronger bond. This concept of weaving together the best of digital schooling with onsite schooling has been accomplished with Quaker Digital Academy and New Philadelphia Virtual Academy.

QDA helped to design and get New Philadelphia Virtual Academy up and running while at the same time co-wrote a grant to help pay for the curriculum chosen by the district. This grant amounted to the sum of \$125,000 by the Ohio Collaborative for Educating Remotely and Transforming Schools Foundation.

The primary outcome of the collaborative project is to enhance and improve New Philadelphia School teachers' capacity to effectively and efficiently provide high-caliber instruction as well as robust and engaging learning experiences for students. The overarching goal of the project is to build and sustain the online teaching and learning knowledge and skills of NPS educators through a mentoring and professional learning community (PLC), in partnership with QDA.

did you know?



The Adult
22+ Program

13

GRADUATES

87%

of Senior Class
Graduated in 2020

12 Different
Curriculums Available



Students may choose from:

- General Education
- College Preparatory
- Advanced Placement Courses
- QDA Offers Many World Languages

**Thank You for
Your Service
2020 Retirees**

G. Randall Gibbs
Testing Coordinator

Nancy Gibbs
Elementary Supervisor

Linda Ball
Instructional Supervisor



**2019-20
Average
Enrollment**

GRADE # STUDENTS

K	10
1	12
2	15
3	11
4	16
5	23
6	32
7	50
8	56
9	90
10	139
11	122
12	163

1049 Graduates
to Date

149 2019-20
Graduates



QDA Employs:

- 4 Administrators
- 1 Director of Technology
- 1 Computer Technician
- 50 Teachers (Part Time & Full Time)
- 15 Support Staff
- 2 Special Services
- 10 Tutors, Substitutes & Testing Staff



4 Students inducted
into National Honor
Society

3 Students inducted
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Junior NHS
Dani Hobart
Lily Johnson
Galina Spracklen
Elyanah Zellner

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Kelley Powell
Brett Patterson
Emma Wirtz



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