



Quigley Elementary Quasars

December 2017

Christmas Food Drive at QGE

Every year we challenge each class to collect donations for our Christmas Food Drive. Students and teachers are working together to create some amazing food hampers that we will be delivering to several families in our community. For this year's challenge, Mr. Sjoquist will be sacrificing one of his Santa ties – for every 50 food items brought in by a class, one lucky student will get a chance to snip off a piece of the tie. How short will the Santa tie get this season? Thanks in advance for supporting our Food Drive by sending in non-perishable food items by December 20th. In lieu of tickets for the Christmas Concert, we will be collecting food donations. We really appreciate your support.

Survivor Santa

Our classes are madly practicing their lines, singing their songs and decorating the sets for this year's Christmas Concert – Survivor Santa! It promises to be a great performance with songs from all the classes and some incredible acting by our senior students. Elementary Christmas concerts are always a great way to get into the festive spirit. We hope to see everyone at either our afternoon (12:30 pm) or evening (6:30 pm) shows on December 12th in the Quigley gymnasium.

Quigley Volleyball Teams Final Jamboree



Quigley's girls and boys volleyball teams took to the courts for their final matches of the year last month. The teams played every Wednesday afternoon in the QGE gym against teams from Belgo, Pearson, Black Mountain and Aberdeen Hall. The skill level of our athletes improved dramatically over the course of the short season. The final jamboree featured an exciting game between QGE Parents and our Girls and Boys teams. Everyone had fun, though several parents had a hard time getting out of bed the next morning! Special thank you to Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Dreger for coaching the volleyball teams.



New STEAM Room at QGE

It sounds luxurious, but it is not that sort of Steam room! QGE staff have been working hard to create an innovative learning space for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). Our school wide inquiry is focused on how to develop a Growth Mindset using Numeracy as the vessel to achieve this. Together as a staff we continue to invest time studying new and different approaches to teaching mathematics. The new STEAM room allows our students the space to collaborate and learn together. This inquiry is an ongoing process that we will be focusing on over the next three to five years.



Family Holiday Skate

The City of Kelowna is proud to announce a free family skate on Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Rutland Arena. Face painting, skating, hot chocolate and refreshments are provided. Get out and enjoy the time with your family.

Big White After School Program

Big White is pleased to once again offer a program for skiers and boarders in Grade 4 and 5. Students are picked up at QGE on Tuesdays, starting January 9 and running until January 23. Early registration price is \$144 until December 14th and includes lessons, lift tickets, dinner and bus from school. There is a discount for pass holders. Register at www.bigwhite.com. Mrs. Verhagen, our Aboriginal Student Advocate, will be the QGE chaperone on the trips.

Free Swimming Lessons in the New Year

The YMCA - Okanagan and the Across the Lake Swim Society have partnered together and are excited to offer the Okanagan Swims Program to all Grade 3's and 4's in the Central Okanagan Public Schools (SD 23). This program is provided with the mission to drown-proof the Okanagan, by teaching our students

lifesaving skills and techniques in 3 FREE swimming lessons at the Kelowna Family YMCA or H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre. Quigley students take to the pool in the New Year.

Canadian Children's Book Centre

Last month we were very fortunate to be able to send home a copy of Good Morning, Canada by Andrea Lynn Beck to every grade one student in the school. This opportunity is made possible by the generous support of TD Bank Group and organized by the Canadian Children's Book Centre. Reading is such a valuable skill and a great habit to establish for every person. Please take the time to read with your child...even when they get older. If you are looking for great presents for under the tree, books are always a good idea. Creating a personal library for your children is a wonderful way to encourage literacy for a lifetime.

QGE Classroom Expectations

In our continuing review of behaviour expectations at QGE, we wanted to look at the expectations for the hallways. Students are expected to walk on the right side at a reasonable pace (respect yourself). Students are expected to move in a way that does not disrupt the learning of others and use a quiet voice at all times (respect others). Students are asked to keep their hands off walls and displays, and to pick up garbage off the floor (respect the environment). Thanks for taking a moment to remind your child about these expectations.

PAC Meeting

Our next scheduled PAC meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there. We also want to invite all families to attend the Rutland Schools Learning Network Inquiry and Innovation of Learning Community event on January 30th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Rutland Senior Secondary. At this event families will be able to interact with representatives from all the Rutland Family schools and learn what each school is focusing on this school year. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our neighboring schools, including the Middle and High school where your children will eventually attend. Live music, prizes, food and refreshments will be provided. Mark your calendars!

Fall Craft Fair

Our PAC hosted a wonderful Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 25th. The fair raised over \$1000 for the QGE PAC. Thanks to all the families that dropped by to shop, the vendors who displayed their wares, and all the parents and students who volunteered their time at the event or baked goodies for the concession. We are planning another craft fair for the spring and hope to see even more friendly faces next time around.

Together we can create exceptional learning environments for our students.

Des Sjoquist
Principal

Important Dates

December 7 – 8	MDI Assessment all Grade 4s
December 12	Survivor Santa Christmas Concert 12:30 and 6:30 pm
December 22	Pancake Breakfast
December 23- Jan 7	Winter Holidays
January 8	Back to School