



Quigley Elementary Quasars

June 2018

It has been an amazing year at Quigley. When we reflect back month by month, there have been a great many special events and activities for our students to participate in. Looking over the calendar for June, there are many field trips and activities planned for every grade. Please check our weekly WAAG to find out where your child may be travelling to or what exciting activity they have been doing at school. It takes a special community of students, parents and staff to make this happen. We sometimes forget to take a moment to reflect and show our appreciation to those around us. On behalf of the entire Quigley Elementary staff, I would like to thank all of our parents for their support and the respect they have shown our staff. We would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered for field trips, helped in classrooms, run special events, attended PAC meetings, or even just taken the time to come out and support their child. It truly makes a difference. A special acknowledgement as well to Nicole Garcia, our PAC President, and all of the other invaluable members of our PAC who volunteer hundreds of hours to make our school a better place. We appreciate all that you do.

Bike Rodeo and Bike to School Week



We had a great turnout for our Bike Rodeo on May 11th and for Bike to School Week from May 28th – June 1st. Thanks to our Rutland Senior Leadership class helpers, parent volunteers and Quigley student leaders for making the Bike Rodeo go so smoothly.

The Bike to School Week was coordinated for Quigley this year by Ms. Jannette Lucas – thanks for your leadership. Please remind your children that when riding their bikes around the community they need to be aware of the vehicles around them, especially when it comes to crossing streets

and driveways. All cyclists are asked to walk their bikes when on school property and remember to always wear a helmet. Check out the short video clip of the Bike Rodeo provided by our Regional Traffic Safety Officer Dave Gibson -

<https://www.magisto.com/video/a01DMUUGRzEhD0NgCzE?l=vsm&o=w&c=c>

DARE Graduation

Our grade 5 students participated in a special graduation ceremony from the DARE program on May 18th in the QGE gymnasium. Our students had the honour of being recognized by a representative from Mr. Stephen Fuhr's office - our Member of Parliament in Ottawa, Mr. Steve Thomson - our Member of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria, Mr. Ryan Donn - Kelowna City Councillor, and several members of the RCMP, including Inspector Paul MacDougall, and volunteer Auxiliary Constable Troyce Beglaw who facilitated the DARE program at our school. The celebration concluded with everyone enjoying a piece of great cake!



School Dance



The gym was turned into a great undersea adventure with glow sticks, balloons and a dress up photo booth on May 25th. The event started out with only our grade 4 and 5 students groovin' to the tunes, but after recess the entire school joined the dance floor. It was a great event, organized almost entirely by our students and with a little help from our PAC parents.

Google Inquiry Project



You may not be aware, but eight of our QGE staff have been working on an inquiry research project this year. The team decided to explore how GSuite (Google Classroom and other apps) tools can support our struggling students to access the curriculum, and to successfully complete more assignments. Their research led them to conclude that not only can apps such as Google Read and Write help struggling learners, but that they are effective tools to support all learners. All of our intermediate classrooms are using GSuite tools to enhance the learning experience of our students. As a result of their research, we have

purchased a class set of Google Chromebooks and will look at adding to our collection of personal technology devices in 2018-19 when Quigley is scheduled for our technology refresh. Thanks to Mr. Dreger, Ms. Brook, Mrs. White, Ms. Siemens, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Tait (the team's facilitator). They presented their findings to colleagues on May 31st at the Capri Hotel and represented QGE very proudly.

Apple Bowl Track and Field Success



Our intermediate students had a great day at the Apple Bowl on June 1st competing with fellow students from Hudson Road Elementary. The day was super well organized – thanks largely to Ms. Stuart – and it was great to see so many QGE parents out cheering on our athletes. The top two students in each grade

and event got the opportunity to participate at the District meet held on June 6th and QGE did amazingly well for a small school. Special recognition goes to Nikolai Downer who set a District record for grade 4 boys shot put during the event! Congratulations to the entire team and special thanks to Ms. Stuart, all the intermediate teachers, and the many QGE parent volunteers who helped out at the track meets. Here are a few of the amazing results from the District meet:

Nikolai Downer	1 st Grade 4 Boys Shot Put (New Record)
Haydn Bosma	2 nd Grade 4 Boys Shot Put
Casey-Fox Conlin	2 nd Grade 5 Boys Shot Put
Sophie Waters	5 th Grade 5 Girls Shot Put
Nikolai Downer	3 rd Grade 4 Boys High Jump
Casey-Fox Conlin	4 th Grade 5 Boys High Jump
Jake Nelson	5 th Grade 4 Boys Long Jump
Adria Mathers	2 nd Grade 4 Girls Long Jump
Zoey Ebl	4 th Grade 4 Girls Long Jump
Cooper Chater	2 nd Grade 4 Boys Discus
Jake Nelson	4 th Grade 4 Boys Discus
Sophie Waters	4 th Grade 5 Girls Discus
Chris Meaney-Norquay	2 nd Grade 5 Boys 800 m
Elijah DeKruif	4 th Grade 5 Boys 800 m
Jaxon Marsh	8 th Grade 5 Boys 100 m

Staffing Update

It is that time of year when we have a few people heading off to new schools for next year and a few new faces joining us here at QGE. We are sorry to announce that two of our CEAs – Marly Abbott and Ainzley Wikenheiser – will be heading off to Pearson and Black Mountain respectively. We are pleased to announce that Ursula Fischer will be joining us to take over for Marly and are still awaiting a decision on Ainzley’s replacement.

We are also really sorry to announce that Rosie Stuart – our teacher librarian – is joining her own children at Casorso Elementary in September. Rosie does a million things at QGE and touches the lives of the entire student body and staff.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Murdochblack will be joining us in the Library part-time in September. Sarah is currently a librarian at OKM and was at Dorothea Walker and North Glenmore Elementary prior to that. She was a teacher in North Vancouver and Vernon before finally joining our school district. She is truly passionate about literacy and is excited to work collaboratively with teachers to plan great learning opportunities for our students. We are also pleased to announce that Talia Markos will be joining our Primary team in September. Talia is currently working at George Pringle in a French Immersion primary class and worked previously at Peter Greer. She was a teacher in Ontario prior to joining our school district.

Our staffing is almost complete, but we need to wait until the end of June to finalize the teachers who will be filling our three temporary contract positions for next year. We have three great candidates in mind and hope we can complete the staffing process as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Orientation for 2018-19 Students

We will be hosting a brief orientation meeting for all new students and parents entering Kindergarten at Quigley next September. The meeting on Monday June 11th will be set up so that the new Kindergarten students can interact with each other and a couple of teachers, while the parents meet with myself and one of the Kindergarten teachers to learn a little more about the startup schedule, expectations for students and parents, and any activities parents can do to support their child as they prepare to enter our school. It is going to be a great event. Please RSVP to the office if you have not done so already. The event will run from 4:30 to 5:15 pm in the library.

Primary Play Day

We are hoping for sunny, but not too hot, weather on Tuesday, June 26th for our annual Primary Play Day. Our team of teachers have been busy planning fun interactive stations for our primary students and the day figures to be a blast. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help us with this fun-filled day. Stay tuned for more details from your classroom teacher.

Grade 5 End of Year Celebration

We are going to try something a little different this year for our grade 5 students. On Wednesday, June 27th the grade 5 students will start their morning by travelling to Springvalley Middle School for a barbeque and orientation. They will return to Quigley in the afternoon and at 2:30 pm the students will gather in the gym for a sleep-over! The sleep-over will begin with some outdoor games, followed by dinner, some indoor games and a movie. We will pull the curtain across the gym after the movie with the boys sleeping on one side and the girls sleeping on the other side. Early in the morning we will be serving up a pancake breakfast and getting everyone ready for class. At 9:00 am on Thursday, June 28th we will have our End of Year Assembly where each grade 5 student will be called up to accept their leaving Quigley certificate. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend the End of Year Assembly.

PAC Meeting

Our final PAC meeting of the school year is on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 pm. In addition to wrapping up the year-end reports, we will be looking at the proposed calendar and revised method of reporting student learning for the 2018-19 school year.

Summer Opportunities

- Do you have a child that wants to learn how to build their own circuits out of paper or Play-doh, or is a Minecraft and coding enthusiast? If so, you may want to check out the [upcoming STEM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math\) Camps being offered at UBC-Okanagan](#) this summer. They are offering engaging and creative opportunities for all kids from grades 1 to 9. Visit <http://stemlearninglab.com/kelowna/> to learn more and/or register now.
- [Okanagan Boys and Girls Club Summer Flyer and Registration](#) : Mini-Morning Camps; Jays Care Rookie League; Adventure Leadership Camps; Tennis Canada Junior League; Community Outings; Climb, Run and Play
- [Xplore SportZ](#) : Great sporting opportunities for ages 9 – 12 from Pacific Sport Okanagan.
- [PLay Skills - Ready! Set! Go!](#) Great sporting opportunities for ages 6 – 9 from Pacific Sport Okanagan.

We want everyone to have a great month of June because summer is right around the corner!

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Principal

Important Dates

June 8	Fat Cat Festival for Grade 2s
June 11	Kindergarten Orientation for 2018-19 @ 4:30 – 5:15 pm Library
June 12	Grade 4s to Kelowna Museum
June 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm Library
June 13	Touch Rugby Wrap Up Tournament @ Parkinson Rec
June 14	Grade 2s and 3s to Ben Lee Water Park
June 15	Ks and Grade 1s to Ben Lee Water Park
June 18	PAC sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon
June 22	Grad 3s to Strathcona Park
June 22	K's to McCurdy Bowling Alley
June 26	Primary Play Day 9:00 – 11:10 am
June 27	Grade 1s to Jump2It
June 27	Grade 5 Welcome to SVM BBQ @ 9:30 am Springvalley Middle
June 27	Grade 5 Sleep-Over and Final Celebration starts @ 2:30 pm Gym
June 28	Last day of classes for students: End of Year Assembly @ 9:00 am Gym
June 28	Kindergarten Farewell @ 1:30 pm Gym
June 28	Report Cards Sent Home @ 2:30 pm
June 29	Staff in attendance @ QGE
July 3 – 6	QGE Office hours 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
September 4	HERE WE GO AGAIN!