



# Quigley Elementary Quasars

May 2018

## **Bike Rodeo**

The rodeo is coming to Quigley! On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we would like to encourage all of our students in grades 2 – 5 to ride their bike to school (with their HELMETS!) to participate in the event. Grade 2 – 5 classes will each have an opportunity to ride their bikes through an obstacle course where they will learn about the different signs and rules for riding safely. If a student is unable to bring a bicycle to the rodeo, we will have students walk through the course and learn about the same safety rules. There will be a mechanics table set up to do a basic spring maintenance on bikes. The rodeo starts at 8:30 am!

## **DARE Graduation**

Our grade 5 students have been working with the RCMP to learn about drug and alcohol awareness. We will be having a graduation ceremony from the DARE program on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the QGE gym. Parents are welcome to drop by the school to cheer on their child and join the celebration by eating some cake with us.

## **Want Some Free Money for Your Child's Future?**

We bet that caught your attention! Are you aware that every child aged 6 – 11 years old in BC is eligible to receive the \$1200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant? In addition, children born after 2004 whose parents have received the National Child Benefit Supplement (with family income below \$41,544) are eligible to receive \$500 from the Canada Learning Bond and \$100 more per qualifying year until the child is 15 years old or earns the maximum amount of \$2000. All you need is for your child to obtain a Social Insurance Number (available at your nearest Service Canada office) and then visit your local bank or credit union. To find out more visit [www.uwlm.ca/smartsaver-uwbc](http://www.uwlm.ca/smartsaver-uwbc) Don't delay – start earning money for child today!

## **School Dance**

A group of amazing intermediate students have presented a proposal to both our staff and the PAC to host a school dance on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. The PAC has generously agreed to provide some funds for decorations, prizes and snacks. The students are organizing decorations, concession stand, and the playlist! The dance will be open to intermediate students beginning at 1:00 pm and primary students will have an opportunity to join the dance after recess for a few minutes. It promises to be a fun afternoon in the gym.

### Battle of the Books



Mrs. Stuart and our Battle of the Books teams traveled to AS Matheson Elementary on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 3 – 5 did battle over trivia questions concerning nine different novels with teams from all across the district. It was a great academic event and students had a lot of fun.

### Burn Awareness Poster Winner



Congratulations to Keagan for winning the annual Burn Awareness poster contest sponsored by the City of Kelowna Fire Department. Keagan won a certificate, prize and \$50 donation to a class project. The class decided to donate the funds to our QGE Courtyard Revitalization project! Thanks Keagan!

### Cross Country Team Takes Off at Rose Valley Elementary



Congratulations to the QGE Cross Country team for some great races at Rose Valley Elementary on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The team has upcoming races at Mission Creek and right here at Quigley Elementary on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm. Come out and cheer on the team. They run Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 11:10 am if you ever want to join the students for a work-out. Thanks to all the teacher sponsors who are running with them at all the practices.

## QGE Student-Run Talent Show a Huge Success



Congratulations to all the students who participated in our talent show and the amazing group of grade four students who organized the entire event – from advertising to auditions to seating in the gym to master of ceremonies. They did an incredible job helping our students showcase their talents! Thanks to Ms. Siemens and Ms. Rogers for empowering our leaders of the future.

## SafeTalk Workshop for Parents

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Kelowna, is offering **free** SafeTALK suicide alertness workshops to parents/caregivers in our community. SafeTALK is a 3 hour training to become alert to when someone may be thinking about suicide, how to talk about it, and how to connect to local intervention resources. This is a simple but effective course where you will learn the TALK steps: Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe. This course usually costs \$50/participant but three dates are being provided for free thanks to a grant from the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team. Attendance for the full 3 hours is requested. Registration is required and space is limited in each course. Please contact [aaryn.secker@cmha.bc.ca](mailto:aaryn.secker@cmha.bc.ca) if you need to cancel your registration at any time or if you have questions about the course.

- Wednesday, May 16, 5:30-8:30pm at Hollywood Road:  
<http://cmhakelowna.com/safetalk-hollywood-road/>

## PAC Meeting

Our next scheduled PAC meeting is on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Together we can create exceptional learning environments for our students.

Des Sjoquist  
Principal

### Important Dates

Tuesday, May 8	PAC Meeting @6:30 pm
Friday, May 11	Bike Rodeo for grades 2 – 5 @8:30 am
Friday, May 18	DARE Graduation for grade 5 @1:00 pm
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day – No School
Wednesday, May 23	Fire House Visit for K – 3 @12:15 pm
Friday, May 25	School Dance @1:00 pm
Friday, June 1	Apple Bowl Track Meet for Grade 4 - 5