



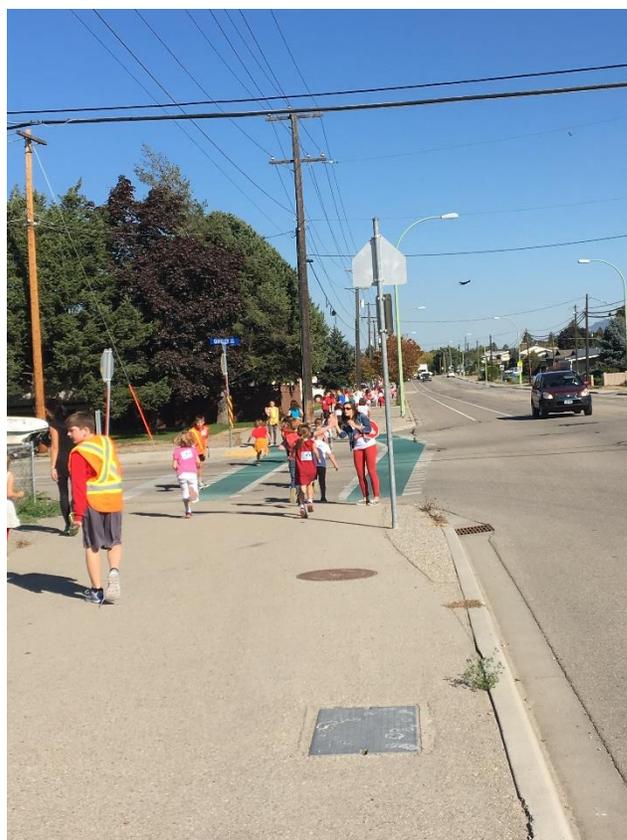
Quigley Elementary Quasars

October 2017

Fall must have arrived as the morning frost is now on the grass. It is definitely a little cooler here than in the Dominican Republic! Please remember to dress your children a little warmer as they head into the 'freeze'! We are sure bundling up while on supervision.

Terry Fox Run a Huge Success

It was great to see all the Quasars out there for the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 28. We had lots of parents and grandparents join us for the morning. After a beautiful student-led assembly honouring Terry, our Kindergarten students went for a run around the field and all other grades ran through the community. There were lots of student helpers and teachers along the way and we all enjoyed a great treat from the PAC upon our return. Our goal was \$500 and we raised just over \$700 for the Cancer Society. Well done Quasars!



Safety First at QGE

We have completed our mandated three fire drills already this fall and it was amazing to watch how quickly, quietly and calmly the students vacated the building and completed the practices. Our entire staff have also completed their annual anaphylaxis training. We will be completing our earthquake drill and lock down in early October. We hope to never have to use any of these drills in reality, but it is always better to be prepared.

QGE Outside Play Expectations

We have been working with all students to ensure we have a safe playground during non-instructional time. Please have a conversation at home to reinforce our expectations. We have reminded everyone that on the playground we need to keep our hands, feet and body to ourselves (hugs and high fives are great); sharing is caring and be nice to everyone. They are pretty simple expectations that make for a much more harmonious play experience for everyone. If only we could convince some of our world leaders to play by the same expectations!

QGE Lunchtime Eating Expectations

From 11:10 to 11:42 we have all students outside playing, running and getting some exercise. When the bell goes to come inside, we are reminding all students that this is the time to use the washroom, wash their hands, get their lunch and a book to read, and then to settle into their chair. During the next twenty-two minutes, students are expected to remain in their seat, eating their lunch and calming their bodies/minds so they are fully recharged and refocused for an afternoon of learning. Students are expected to eat, chat quietly and/or read a book; no one needs to be out of their seat (except for emergencies of course). When the bell goes again at 12:07, students are expected to clean up their area, put away their lunch and garbage, get a drink of water, use a washroom, and be back in their seat ready for instructional time when the teacher arrives in the room. We have compared these expectations to sitting in the car with a seatbelt on as your family travels across town – no chance to get up and walk around, use a washroom or make a lot of noise. Students have been doing a great job on meeting these expectations. A few students have chosen and/or been asked to eat in the lunch room under direct adult supervision until they better understand these expectations. Once again, please take a few minutes to review these expectations with your child. We appreciate your support.

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser

It's that time of year and the holiday season is sneaking up on us. What could be a better way to celebrate than with fresh baking! Mom's Pantry Fundraiser has cookies, croissants, pie shells and so much more. There's also a variety of seasoning blends, rubs, soups and snack mixes that your family can enjoy all year long.

This is a PAC run fundraiser and is a great way to raise money for Quigley student activities and field trips. All orders are **due back on Monday October, 23rd**. Orders will be available for pick up the week of November 20th– 24th. Just in time for holiday parties and baking!

Order Online – Order on-line at momspantry.ca. You will need to use Order Number: 252912 and the Group Passcode is 31133

-OR-

Fill out the BLUE Order Form - Placing an order can be done with the BLUE order form, with cash, cheque or credit card. If paying by cheque please make payable to Quigley Elementary PAC. If paying with credit card please call Mom's Pantry Head Office at 1-800-350-6667 and follow instructions on BLUE Order Form (More BLUE order forms can be found at the school

office). Mom's Pantry Info Packages will be coming home this week in your student's backpack!! – Please watch for it!

PAC Movie Night

Another great PAC fundraiser is our monthly Movie Night. We will be hosting our first Movie Night on Thursday, October 26 at 5:00 pm in the Quigley Gym. We are planning on watching the new Emoji's movie. Everyone is welcome! There is no fee for coming to the movie, but we encourage families to purchase pizza and/or snacks at the event. This is a great way to build our school community and raise a bit of money to support all the amazing events and trips we have at QGE.

Halloween Guidelines at QGE

Halloween is an exciting time for students but it can also be a bit stressful for some, potentially causing anxiety and discomfort. At Quigley we have a few guidelines to help make it a successful day for everyone. Students are permitted to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st but we ask that there be no masks or weapons, costumes should be appropriate and not 'too scary', and finally that consideration be given to the ability to move and function in a learning environment...because we will be learning all day! Please chat with your child and ensure that they are not bringing too much sugar to school the days following Halloween. The entire staff thanks you for your consideration on these issues!

Be safe and have fun on Halloween! Here are some safety guidelines around evening festivities from www.caringforkids.cps.ca:

For parents:

- Do not use masks. Masks make it hard for children to see what's around them, including cars. Try a hypoallergenic (less likely to cause an allergic reaction), non-toxic make-up kit instead.
- Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid items such as oversized shoes, high heels, long dresses and long capes.
- Dress your child for the weather. Add layers if needed.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.
- Remove make-up before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

For children:

- Carry a white bag or pillowcase for your candy, and add some reflective tape.
- Dress for the weather. Cold weather or water absorbent materials in the rain can be very uncomfortable.
- Don't visit houses that are not well lit. Never go inside a stranger's house.
- Use the sidewalk whenever possible. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Don't criss-cross back and forth across the street. Work your way up one side of the street, and then start on the other.
- Don't eat any of your treats before you get home. Once home, ask your parents to look through your treats with you to make sure everything is okay.

Fall Craft Fair

Our PAC is also sponsoring a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18th. Tables are now available for anyone who would like to sell their wares. Please drop a cheque for \$25.00, made out to Quigley Elementary PAC to reserve a table at the Fair. Space is limited. We hope to see

all families at the Fair on November 18th – it is a great time to do some unique Christmas shopping.

PAC Meeting

We had our second PAC meeting of the year and spent most of our time discussing fund-raising opportunities, upcoming parent education events, and PAC funding requests for this school year. Our next scheduled PAC meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 pm. We are continuing to look for volunteers to help assist us with our breakfast program and reading in classrooms. If you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities, please send an email to desmond.sjoquist@sd23.bc.ca or drop by the office to chat.

Absent from School

One of the best indicators of future academic success, and a key life skill in the workforce, is excellent attendance. We need your child here at school in order to help them to learn most effectively. If for any reason your child is going to be absent or late, please call (250) 870-5134 and press "1". Leave a brief message with your child's first and last name, teacher name and grade.

Appeal Policy

School District 23 – Central Okanagan families are reminded of Policy 460 which outlines the process for appealing decisions which impact the learning of an individual student. All district policies can found at <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>

Code of Conduct

Every community needs rules. Ours are outlined in this Code of Conduct (<http://qge.sd23.bc.ca/About/CodeConduct/Pages/default.aspx>). These rules have been designed by teachers, parents and students to help create a climate of cooperation, academic excellence, respect and safety. This environment allows the maximum opportunity to learn and to succeed. These expectations apply to behaviour at school, to and from school, during school-organized or sponsored activities, and behaviour beyond these times (including on-line behaviour) that negatively impacts the safe, caring or orderly environment of the school and/or student learning. These expectations are also in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender, gender identity and expression sexual orientation – in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.

Together we can create exceptional learning environments for our students.

Des Sjoquist
Principal

Important Dates

Friday, October 6 - Implementation Day (School Closed)

Monday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)

Tuesday, October 10 – Onesie / Pyjama Day

Wednesday, October 11 – Photo Re-takes

Friday, October 13 – UBC-O Teacher Candidates Visit QGE

Friday, October 13 – Pizza Friday with Domino's

Monday, October 16 – Hot Lunch Subway

Tuesday, October 17 – Cultural Performance

Friday, October 20 - District Wide Pro-D Day (School Closed)

Monday, October 23 – Hot Lunch Boston Pizza / Pasta

Thursday, October 26 – PAC Movie Night @ 5 pm

Friday, October 27 – Pizza Friday with Domino's

Monday, October 30 – Hot Lunch McDonalds

Friday, November 3 – Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)

Tuesday, November 7 – PAC Meeting @6:30 pm

November 8 – 10 – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly @10:00 am

Monday, November 13 – No School for Remembrance Day

Saturday, November 18 – Craft Fair at QGE