



Quigley Elementary Quasars

August 2017

We hope everyone has had a restful summer and is ready to get back to school. It is going to be a great year! The school is looking amazing. The custodians have done a deep cleaning and the teachers have been in setting up their rooms. We have lots of new faces and there is definitely a positive energy oozing out of the school. Everyone wants to create the best possible learning environment for our children. Together – parents, students and staff – we can make amazing things happen. We invite you to be an active member of our family. Connect with the teachers and participate with the PAC; be a positive contributing member of our school community.

First Days of School

Our intention is to have all students placed in classes as quickly as possible. We have had a large number of students transitioning in and out of Quigley this summer, so it is going to take us a day or two to make sure we have in the right class.

On Tuesday, September 5 we will have all returning students report to their last year teacher/classroom. Last year's class lists will be posted on bulletin boards to help parents and students find the right place. With the many new teachers, we will have a few teachers 'pretending' to be last year's teachers for the day. All students new to Quigley will report to the library. We will be dismissing all students at 11:00 am.

Wednesday, September 6 will begin the same way. If all goes as planned, we will move students into their 'new' classes for the year later during the day.

Kindergarten First Days of School

With our youngest members of Quigley we will be using a gradual entry into the school. We recognize that this approach is a bit more inconvenient for parents, but it is a much easier transition for young children. Kindergarten parents should have received a letter in July letting them know about the meeting times for their child. If you did not receive a letter please contact the office.

Every kindie will have one session in small groups on Tuesday or Wednesday, all the kindies are together on Thursday (8:45 – 10:15 am), and then each has one session on Friday am. Classes will be formed on Friday following the last session, and then students will be placed in their class for a half day on Monday, September 11, then 10:00 – 12:30 on Tuesday, September 12, and finally starting full days on Wednesday, September 13 (8:30 am – 2:30 pm).

Moving?

If you are not planning on attending Quigley in September, please send us an email (qge@sd23.bc.ca) or call right away (250-870-5134) so we can plan accordingly. Or if you know of someone who is planning on attending Quigley but has not registered yet, please ask them to contact us right away. We are planning on being pretty full.

School Supplies

Fees for school supplies and cultural events can be paid online by visiting the school website and following the School Cash Online link (<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>). Fees this school year are as follows: Cultural Fees \$10.00 and School Supplies \$30.00. Please pay your fees by the end of September – your support enables us to create exceptional learning opportunities. For families that may be struggling financially at this time, please feel free to contact the school Principal (Des Sjoquist) to make alternative payment plans as per the School Districts Financial Hardship clause (School District Regulation 425R – Student Fees see www.sd23.bc.ca).

School-Home Communication

Open, honest and respectful communication is the key to building a trusting, caring learning environment. Every teacher will be communicating with you on a regular basis. We will be producing an e-newsletter every month and a weekly calendar email to help you stay informed about school happenings. We encourage you check our school website on a regular basis.

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 very brief message with your child's first and last name, teacher name and grade.

We look forward to an amazing year! See you soon.

Des Sjoquist
Principal

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