



# Quigley Elementary

Newsletter - April 2019

## Spring Student-Led Conferences

We will be hosting our Spring Student-Led Conferences on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The format will be similar to our fall conferences, but the focus will be on student growth from September to April. You will be amazed at how much your child has progressed. Please sign up for your conference appointment time. Conferences are scheduled for 20 minute slots starting at 12:45 pm in most classrooms and running until 1:45 pm. We will start up again at 4:00 pm and run until 5:20 pm. Visit the school website to find the sign up link. Don't delay as appointment times are limited. We already have approximately 40% of the students signed up for a time. **Remember we will be dismissing at 12:30 pm on April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## District Chess Tournament Success



We had several students participate in the District Chess Tournament on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at OKM. Congratulations to Yuganis for winning the Grade 1 competition and to Jasper for being awarded the best attitude award. Well done Quasars!

## Staying Active at QGE

There is always something active going on at QGE. With the snow finally off of the fields and NHL play-offs starting soon, our running team has started for grade 3-5 students, our rugby team has started for grade 4-5 students (special thanks to parent Mr. Hines for volunteering to coach with Mrs. Rogers!), and our annual intramural floor hockey tournament for grade 4-5 students is under way. Track and field begins in the middle of April for all intermediate students with our Apple Bowl meet on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Junior and Senior Engineers Program

Once again we are excited to offer a special 4-week session from STEM Learning Lab focused on engineering. We are going to try and run two different programs – Senior Engineering for students in grade 4 - 5 on Wednesday's afterschool beginning April 24 and running until May 15 from 2:40 – 3:40 pm; and Junior Engineering for students in grade 2-3 on Mondays afterschool beginning April 15 and running until May 13 from 2:40 – 3:40 pm. The cost to register is \$73.00. You can register by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/stem-learning-lab-8081784235> . In order for a program to run we need at least 10 students enrolled. Please sign up asap.

### **Spring Valley Middle School Articulation Process**

The majority of QGE grade 5 students will be moving on to Springvalley Middle School (SMS) at the end of June. SMS does an excellent job of preparing both students and parents for the transition to Middle School. The process will begin on April 15th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm with SMS inviting all grade 5 to 6 parents to a welcome and orientation event. You are also invited for refreshments in the library and to attend the 6:15 p.m. Springvalley Middle PAC meeting following the presentation. The SMS Admin and Leadership team have already visited our students to begin preparing them for the big move.

### **Author and Illustrator Visit**

We are very fortunate to have Karen Autio and Loraine Kemp coming for an author / illustrator visit and master class on April 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be presenting to all grade 3 – 5 classes in the gym and then facilitating a writers' workshop and illustrators' master class for a select group of students later in the day. Autio and Kemp's book, [Growing Up in Wild Horse Canyon](#) is a narrative nonfiction picture book exploring the history of the Okanagan. In a hidden Okanagan canyon, a ponderosa pine tree sprouts and begins to grow. Seasons pass and the tree's growth becomes a measure of human history in the Okanagan Valley, ranging from First Nations' quests to fur brigades to horse wrangling to secret wartime commando training to the firestorm of 2003. Thanks to Mrs. Murdoch Black for organizing another great author visit and the QGE PAC for their financial support of this event.

### **Battle of the Books**

Ms. Brook will be traveling with our Battle of the Books teams on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 3 – 5 have been reading nine different novels over the past few months in preparation for the battle. Grade level teams will do battle over trivia questions concerning each novel. It is a great academic event and students always have a lot of fun. Good luck to our Quigley Warriors!

### **Early Learning for Families Night**

Please help us!!! We are looking for as many three and four year olds in the Quigley area as we can find! Parents are invited to bring their toddler to our Early Learning for Families (ELF) night on Wednesday, May 1st from 4:30 – 5:15 pm in the QGE library. We will have interactive stations for parents to play with their toddlers and explore areas of social-emotional regulation, gross motor skill development, early literacy and early numeracy. Each participating toddler gets to go home with a 'goodie' bag filled with books and tools to help further school readiness. Best of all – it is free! Please encourage your neighbors and friends to attend with their three or four year old. Contact the school to register: 250-870-5134 or [QGE@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:QGE@sd23.bc.ca).

### **Staffing Update**

We wanted to welcome Ms. Tessa Christenson back to Quigley. She will be taking over the Social Emotional Learning teacher position for the remainder of the year.

### **PAC Meeting**

Our next scheduled PAC meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. Don't forget about our PAC Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. There are plenty of vendors participating with lots of great crafts and garden treats. We are partnering with our Rutland Family Early Childhood PreSchool for this event, so there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Bounce Castles and Concessions. Special thanks to SignCraft for donating banners to our Quigley community – please support this business when you get a chance. This is a great fund raiser for our PAC...and lots of fun!

Together we can create exceptional learning environments for our students.

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Principal

**Important Dates**

April 10 SMS Admin visit with grade 5 students at QGE 9:30 am  
April 13 PAC Spring Craft Fair from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
April 15 Springvalley Middle School Grade 5 to 6 Parent Orientation Meeting 5:00 – 6:00 pm at SMS  
April 16 Writer / Illustrator Visit  
April 17 Student-Led Conferences 12:45 – 5:20 pm (EARLY DISMISSAL @12:30)  
April 18 Police Dog Visit for Grade 1 classes 12:45 pm  
April 18 Battle of the Books 9:30 am – 12:00 noon  
April 19 Good Friday – No School  
April 22 Easter Monday – No School  
April 23 Class Photos  
April 26 Axe Capoeira Viva Brazil Cultural Performance 10:00 am  
April 26 SMS Band Performance 12:00 pm  
May 1 Early Learning For Families @4:30 pm Quigley Library  
May 3 Bike Rodeo  
May 3 Concussion Safety Assembly 12:00 pm  
May 9 Grade 5 Trip to Gardom Lake  
May 13 PAC Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
May 14 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm