



Quigley Elementary

Newsletter
May and June 2019

It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner! We continue to have numerous special events and activities for our Quigley students. 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. 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. Once again, we would like to acknowledge our PAC President, Nicole Garcia, 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.

Jump Rope for Heart



Earlier this month our school participated in our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Our school was awarded our 10 year participation banner and were acknowledged for raising over \$16000 for Heart and Stroke Foundation over that period of time. It was exciting to see 260 students doing a wide variety of skipping activities in the gym at the same time to show their support. As a school we raised over \$1500 this year and student prizes will be arriving shortly for those students who raised funds. Thank you to everyone for making a difference and thanks to Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Knorr for organizing this year's event.

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? 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. Don't delay – start earning money for your child today!

Battle of the Books

Ms. Brook and our Battle of the Books teams competed in the Battle of the Books in April. 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. Thanks to Ms. Brook and all of our book warriors for committing to read all those books and representing Quigley at the battle.

We Are Running All Over the Place: QGE Athletes Excel at Cross Country and Track and Field

Our intermediate students had a great day at the Apple Bowl on May 14th competing with fellow students from Hudson Road Elementary. The day was super well organized – thanks largely to Mrs. Rogers – and it was great to see so many QGE parents out cheering on our athletes. The top two students in each event get the opportunity to

participate at the District meet held on June 5th. Good luck to the entire team and special thanks to Mrs. Rogers, all the intermediate teachers, and the many QGE parent volunteers who helped at the track meets.

Our Cross Country team also had a successful season led by Coach Perry. They competed in a number of events and ended the season with our very own Quigley Cross Country race. All 260 students and 30 staff were out on the field cheering on the team. It was a great way to end the season!

Rugby Team Tackles Another Season

Our co-ed grade 4 and 5 touch rugby team under the guidance of Mrs. Rogers, Ms. Yamaoka, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hines competed against a number of other Rutland area schools. The team really developed their rugby skill set and gelled as a team – demonstrating their dominance in the last game of the season. Well done by every player and thanks to our coaching staff. We look forward to even more players coming out for the team next year.

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 – Ursula Fischer and Sharleen Rigg– will be heading off to Pearson and South Rutland respectively.

We are also sorry to announce that Natalie Levinsen – our library assistant, office administrative assistant, noon hour supervisor, former PAC member and QGE mom, and all around amazing person – is heading off to Hollywood Road Education Services to support the Career Education program.

We are happy to announce the retirement of our Head Custodian – Al Schraeder! Al has done a great job of leading our custodial crew and keeping Quigley one of the cleanest and healthiest buildings in the District. We wish him all the best on his next adventures.

Our school counselor, Roger Bridges, will be moving to the new Middle School – Canyon Falls for September. It is guaranteed to be an exciting place to be as they open the new building. We appreciate all the support he has offered our students this year while filling in for Mrs. Friesen.

Finally, we are very sorry to say farewell to Dana Elder. Dana has one of the biggest hearts I have ever known and has touched the lives of many Quigley students, families and staff alike. We are sorry to see her leave but happy for her, as she will be moving south to be with her husband. We thank her for her many years of service and caring for all of our children and families.

We are pleased to have Briana Hokazono returning to our QGE community. As you may recall, Briana was off this year on a maternity leave and spending quality time with her new son!

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 2019-20 Students

We will be hosting a brief orientation meeting for parents only who have students entering Kindergarten at Quigley next September. The meeting on Wednesday June 12th will be for parents to meet with myself and 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. This meeting is intended for adults only, so please arrange for child-care for the hour. We do not want one of your child's first experiences at QGE being one where they are separated from you as a parent, which is one of the reasons why our first week of school is designed as a gradual entry so your child can get comfortable with their new learning environment. Please RSVP to the office if you have not done so already. The event will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the library.

Primary Play Day

We are hoping for sunny, but not too hot, weather on Tuesday, June 25th 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



Our grade 5 students had an amazing time at Gardom Lake Bible Camp on May 14th. Students had an opportunity to participate in canoeing, archery, rock climbing, hiking, crafting and playing capture the flag. The evening ended with roasting hotdogs and smores over a large fire. We want to thank the many parents who volunteered and spent the entire day leading our students and making sure everyone had a full belly! We also want to thank our PAC for supporting yet another great QGE event. Finally, it takes a lot of extra effort to plan these sorts of valuable experiences for our students – so we would like to thank Mr. Dreger, Ms. Brook, Ms. Stephen, Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Verhagen for all their time and efforts.

On Tuesday, June 25th the grade 4 and 5 students will be helping with the Primary PlayDay in the morning and then heading off to Beasley Park in the afternoon for a picnic, field games and swim in the lake. On Wednesday, June 26th the grade 5 students will be travelling to Springvalley Middle School for a barbeque and orientation. Finally, at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 27th 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.

Exceptional Request for Class Placement

As per the email we sent out on May 30th, we are now in the process of building our classes for 2019-2020. The class building process is a lengthy one that involves numerous meetings between teachers and support staff. Our goal is to place each student in the best possible learning environment - an environment that takes into consideration each student's unique academic, social, emotional and physical needs, while at the same time considering our staffing resources and respecting contractual obligations. It is always a challenging process that can change quite suddenly if we have a change of personnel or a student moves out of our school or new students arrive into our school. The last thing we ever want to do is to re-organize our classes in early September, so we try to make the best decisions for every student with the most current and accurate information we have. We are currently projecting a full Kindergarten program with a wait list, a few spaces available in all primary grades, and space in our intermediate classes. If you are planning to move out of our school community please let us know right away to help minimize the chances of a reorganization.

Please trust that your child's classroom teacher wants your child to be happy and successful next year, and therefore will do their best to place your child in the 'best fit' class we have. Our teachers care deeply about each child and do their best to get to know the social dynamics that positively (and negatively at times) affect your child. They will take this into consideration when building social networks in next year's classes. That being said, if you would like to make an exceptional request for your child's placement, please pick up a form from the office and return it by Wednesday, June 12th to the office. We will not be accepting any verbal or electronic requests, nor will we be able to consider your request after the process is complete. Classroom teachers have been told to direct parent requests to the office for an official form. Last year we only had 9 requests from parents and all of the requests had actually already been accommodated through the class building process prior to us reviewing parent requests.

We do not accept any requests for Kindergarten as our teachers spend the first week of school getting to know all the students and building the classes based on their observations and conversations with parents.

PAC Meeting

Our final PAC meeting of the school year is on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 pm. Come on out and meet our new PAC Executive! This is the meeting where we give away the \$1,000,000 annual prize, but you have to be in attendance to win. Child minding is provided at these meetings.

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 4	Fire Truck Visit for Primary Classes
June 5	District Track Meet
June 11	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm Library
June 12	Kindergarten Orientation for 2019-20 @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm Library
June 12-13	Sexual Health Education for Grade 5s
June 18	UBC-O Health Fair in the Gym 12:00 – 2:00
June 20	Grade 2s and 3s to Ben Lee Water Park
June 20	Grade 4s to Kelowna Museum
June 21	Ks and Grade 1s to Ben Lee Water Park
June 24	Grade 3s to Strathcona Park
June 25	Primary Play Day 9:00 – 11:10 am
June 25	Grade 4s and 5s to Beasley Park
June 26	Grade 5 Welcome to SVM BBQ @ 9:30 am Springvalley Middle
June 26	Grade 1s to Jump2It 9:00 – 11:00 am
June 26	Grade 3s Walk to Mission Creek 12:10 – 1:40 pm
June 27	Last day of classes for students: End of Year Assembly @ 9:00 am Gym
June 27	Kindergarten Farewell @ 1:30 pm Gym
June 27	Report Cards Sent Home @ 2:30 pm
June 28	Staff in attendance @ QGE
July 2 – 4	QGE Office hours 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
September 3	HERE WE GO AGAIN!