



Quilchena Elementary

School District #38

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Quilchena Community

The Weeks Ahead ~ December 25th – January 12th

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We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website: <https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/> for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.

December 25- January 7 – Winter Break

December 25 – Christmas

December 26-January 1 - Kwanzaa

January 8 – First Day Back

January 12 – Earthquake Drill



The Quilchena staff wishes everyone a safe, relaxing, and peaceful winter break with your loved ones. Hoping you can find some time to connect and enjoy some time off with your family. We look forward to seeing you back in 2024!

In Other Quilchena News:



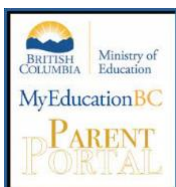
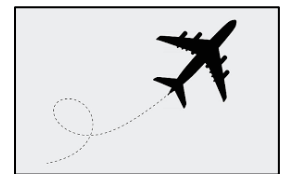
Christmas: December 25th marks this Christian holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the central figure of Christianity. Christmas is a celebration, a time for giving and not simply a day we exchange gifts. The spirit of Christmas is in the 'togetherness', it's in the thought to which you put into thinking about others, it's a selfless time, where we forgive, take stock of what's important and become 'better' versions of ourselves. Christmas is also widely observed in secular (nonreligious) ways. *Merry Christmas* to all our Quilchena families who celebrate Christmas.



Kwanzaa: Kwanzaa, a weeklong Festival of Lights is rooted in African culture, and derived from a Swahili phrase meaning, “first fruits of the harvest.” A key custom during Kwanzaa is the daily lighting of the kinara. It takes place each year from December 26th through January 1st. This joyous holiday draws inspiration from time-honoured African customs and symbols, many related to harvest celebrations and community ideals of shared work, purpose, creativity, possibility, faith and celebration of togetherness. *Heri za Kwanzaa* to those families who celebrate Kwanzaa.



Travel Plans: Please remember if you will be travelling over the break and will not be back to school by January 8th, **you need to notify the office of your return date.** Please



Written Learning Updates: A reminder that your child’s learning update (report card) has been posted on MyEducation BC Parent Portal. Please see the [school website](#) for more instructions on how to access your account. All families were emailed from the District regarding instructions on how to access your MyEd account and how to reset your password if it expired.

Thinking about Grade 8:

The parents/guardians of our Grade 7 students may be starting to wonder about preparations for their child's transition to high school. Rest assured; everything is in hand. When our Grade 7 students return to school following Winter Break, they will be given a letter indicating their catchment high school and the process to request a transfer if that's your plan.



Screen Time: We know that technology is an important part of our lives, and that screens can offer many benefits for learning, entertainment, and communication. However, we also know that too much screen time (and inappropriate content) can have highly negative effects on children's health, development, and well-being. Please balance and monitor your child's screen time during winter break. Suggestions include - set limits and rules, use screens in common spaces, turn screens off an hour before bedtime, set parent controls on content. You, as parents/guardians are the first line of defense for ensuring our children have a healthy relationship with screen time. Please see the link below on how set parental controls. Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad

PAC News:



Talent Search: Quilchena's PAC is busy planning for a Candlelight Concert Fundraiser which will take place in early February. A handful of talented musicians are needed to round out the evening. Audition videos may be submitted to the PAC for consideration. Please see the attached flyer for guidelines.

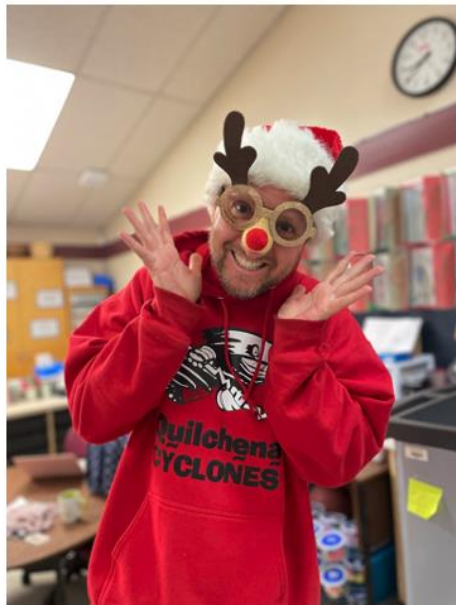
PAC Hot Lunch Food Days TERM 2: Hot Lunch ORDERING for Term 2 (January to March) is available now until January 21st. Late orders WILL NOT be accepted. Don't miss out! You MUST be registered to order, if you haven't registered this year, please do so HERE as the system is cleared at the end of each school year.

Jan 30 – Domino's Pizza	Feb 5 – Pasta	Feb 12 – Sushi Lovers	Feb 20 – White Spot
Feb 26 – Subway	Mar 4 – Taco Luis	Mar 11 – Sushi Lovers	

Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Our Winter Festivities





Have a Wonderful Winter Break!

