



Quilchena Elementary

School District #38

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The Weeks Ahead ~ January 22nd – January 26th

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We invite families to visit the School Calendar for all our future notable dates and events.

January 21 – Last Day to Order for Term 2 PAC Food Days

January 22 – Gr. 7 Hugh Boyd Counsellor Visit at Quilchena

January 23 – Div.1 & 2 – Mass Band Concert at Burnett Secondary (6:30pm)

January 24 – J.N. Burnett Gr. 7 Evening on TEAMS @7:00pm

January 25 – Hugh Boyd Gr. 7 Open House Evening @6:30pm

January 26 – Popcorn Day

January 26 – Spirit Day - Anything But A Bag

January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Snow, snow and more snow! We hope you were able to enjoy all the snow we received as we move into some more mild temperatures. As the snow melts, it is quite slushy and wet. Please bring an extra pair of shoes, socks and clothing to change into if needed. We would like to wish Ms. Gerencser a speedy recovery and well wishes after unfortunately breaking her leg. We would also like to welcome two additional Quilchena staff members, Ms. Poon who is working part time in a Resource/ELL role and Mr. Baines, who is job sharing with Ms. Gascoigne. A big Cyclone welcome!

In Other Quilchena News:

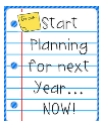


International Holocaust Remembrance Day: January 27th is the 79th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. We remember more than 6 million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust, hundreds of thousands of Romani and Sinti who were killed and persecuted and countless others who suffered the horrors and atrocities of the Nazi regime. We also pay tribute to those who survived this unfathomable tragedy, pledge to keep their memories alive and preserve the truth for generations to come.

Quilchena Spirit Day: On Friday, January 26th, our Grade 7 Leadership Team planned a Spirit Day for students and staff to participate in: *Anything But a Backpack* (bring a basket, bag, briefcase). Let's see how creative we can get, Cylcones!



Notice of Intent to Return: Have you returned your BLUE Form advising the school about your plans for September? Please check your child's backpack/planner for our Attendance Survey if not. Planning for next year starts now and we need to know whether your child will be continuing with us or moving on to another school. If you have any questions about how to answer, please contact Mrs. Hughes in the office.



Kindergarten 2024: Priority 1 Kindergarten Registration closes today. Registrations received between January 20th and May 10th (Priority 2) will be advised by May 17th if their catchment school can accommodate them. Families are strongly encouraged to register during the Priority 1 registration period for the best chance at attending their catchment school for the 2024/25 school year. Please visit our website for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.



Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with the Richmond School District (REDI): On January 25th & 30th, a webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging. This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts. Please see the attachment for registration information.

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School Parking Lot: We did a wonderful job to try to respect our parking lot rules and reducing congestion during the first term. Please continue to keep our kids safe by walking to school when possible, using the crosswalks and sidewalks and parking in designated parking spots and places in the neighbourhood, while obeying city parking rules.

The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised us their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk — especially during this time of year with less daylight. Thank you again for your continued efforts and in keeping our students and families safe.

Grade 7 Parent Night: J.N. Burnett will be holding their Parent Night over TEAMS on January 24th at 7:00pm click [HERE](#) to register. Hugh Boyd Secondary will be holding their Parent Night on January 25th at 6:30pm, beginning with a tour of the school followed by information about program planning. Gr.7 students are allowed to attend with their parents if they wish. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.



Specific information regarding details of the Parent Evenings/Open Houses for other high schools in our district was sent home directly to grade 7 parents/guardians. You may also wish to visit the high school websites for more information.

PAC News:



Talent Search: Quilchena's PAC is busy planning for a Candlelight Concert Fundraiser which will take place on February 2nd. 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.* If you are unable to upload a video, please let Mr. Naluz or Ms. Powell know and they will inform the committee.

Popcorn day! January 26th at recess. Remember to bring your toonie!

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 schoolyear.

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 Snow Play

