



Quilchena Elementary

School District #38

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### Quilchena Community

**The Weeks Ahead ~ January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

*January 29 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)*

*January 29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia*

*January 30 – PAC Food Day (Dominos Pizza)*

*February – Black History Month*

*February 2 – Groundhog Day*

*February 2 – Candlelight Concert*

We are almost through our first month of 2024 and it has been a positive and productive start to Term Two. Each morning, as a school, we participate in our morning walk. A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am and we begin our day, together, at 8:45am. Being on time is a life skill that all our students need in order to be successful. Please organize your morning to allow enough time to get ready and travel to school, setting your child up for a day of success. A reminder that Monday is a Professional Development Day where the Quilchena staff will be at various workshops learning and working together. See you all Tuesday morning!

#### In Other Quilchena News:

**Absences:** If your child(ren) will be absent from school, it is important that you call the **Student Absence line (604-718-4073)** and leave a message with your child’s name, division, reason for and length of absence. This information is also posted on our school website for future use. Thank you in advance.



**Early Dismissal:** A reminder that we will be having Early Dismissal at **11:50am on February 8<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate our second Learning Update (Parent-Teacher Conferences). Your child(ren)’s teacher will be communicating information with you regarding times to sign up.

**September 2024 Registrations:** The Priority 1 Registration period is now closed. Registrations in all grades for a September start are ongoing through the District’s website. Click [HERE](#) 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 30<sup>th</sup>, there is a webinar on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging. Its 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.



**Family Peer Support Workers and FamilySmart Monthly Online Events:** The Richmond ICY Team and Foundry (Integrated Child & Youth) have five family peer support workers (employed by FamilySmart) ready and available to serve parents and caregivers in Richmond. The family peer support workers can meet with families supporting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance youth challenge in person, by video chat, phone, or email. Peer support services are available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin, and Punjabi. Families can reach out directly for peer support by email [richmond@familysmart.ca](mailto:richmond@familysmart.ca) or phone 604-607-9570. On a monthly basis, FamilySmart also has several online events accessible to parents/caregivers. Please see the attached winter series poster.

**PAC News:**



**Candlelight Concert:** Quilchena's PAC is busy planning for a Candlelight Concert Fundraiser which will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. You will enjoy an evening of musical magic with performances by a community chamber music ensemble as well as some of our very own Cyclone students. Tickets are by donation at the door (suggested minimum \$5) but tickets must be reserved [HERE](#) All proceeds will go towards our much-anticipated Library renovation.

**Return-it:** Did you know that you can support our school by donating your empty bottles and milk containers to the Quilchena PAC through the Return-it Express system? You can donate your empty beverage containers ANYTIME in the year. Simply bring your containers in clear/transparent bags to any **Encorp Return-It Express Kiosk** in the lower mainland, enter Quilchena Elementary's phone number 604-668-6224 at the kiosk, and print out sticker labels. Label your bags and drop off...they will count it for you and the money will be deposited to the PAC's account! All funds raised by the PAC go towards enhancing our students' education and learning through classroom funds, field trip subsidies, and other school-wide programs and more!

Questions? Lana at [quilchenafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenafundraising@gmail.com)

***A Peek Into Our Spirit Day – Anything But a Backpack***





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