



Quilchena Elementary

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The Week Ahead ~ April 15 – April 19

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

April – Sikh Heritage Month

April 12-28 – *Movie Night Pizza Ordering*

April 13 - *Vaisakhi*

April 8-28 – *Mr. Cooper's Pies Fundraiser*

April 15, 17, 18 – *Track Attack (gr.3-7)*

April 18 – *PAC Meeting (7pm)*

April 19 – *Popcorn Day Sale (\$2)*

April showers and some chilly weather has welcomed us this week. A reminder that every day is an outside day, and we hope to have some more sunshine come our way. Enjoy your weekend, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:



Sikh Heritage Month

Sikh Heritage Month: Nationally, April is also the celebration of Sikh Heritage. Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. Once again at Quilchena, we are honoring our Sikh local history, students, and families, by engaging in awareness and dialogue with our staff and students to engage our learning community in Sikh history and excellence.

Vaisakhi: Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is the Sikh new year and is an important festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. Vaisakhi is a spring harvest festival, which marks the start of the harvest and commemorates Guru Gobind Singh, who was one of the original Sikh Gurus. Vaisakhi is also a celebration of family and solidarity. Happy Vaisakhi to our Quilchena families who will be celebrating this weekend!



Written Learning Updates: As we did for the first term, the MyEducation BC Parent Portal will be the site where you can view attendance, contact information, and published Learning Updates (report cards). **Term 2 Learning Updates will be available for viewing on April 24th.** Please ensure you have logged into your account, instructions are [HERE](#).

Parent Sessions on Social Media Awareness: In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together is offering parent sessions on social media awareness. These sessions all take place in the evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm and all parents/caregivers and their children (aged 10 and up) may attend. There is one more date this month on April 16th. Information can be found at this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://www.saferschoolstogether.com)



Summer Learning: Our Summer Learning Program for 2024 is here! Registration will be staggered with the first registration date starting on April 22. The catalogue is now available to view and download. Programs fill up quickly, be ready to register. You will need your child's PEN (Personal Education Number), this can be found on their Learning Updates (Report Cards).



Family Peer Support Workers and Family Smart 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 or phone 604-607-9570.



Monthly Upcoming Events: Please see attached information and links below.

April 16 - In Person Event for Parents & Caregivers at Grauer School - **“Beyond Behaviours: When Is it More? Ages 4 to 8 years”** Event Link: [Beyond Behaviours Event Link](#)

May 7 - National Child & Youth Mental Health Day online event with Kim Barthell - **"Connecting with Kids"** Event Link: [Connecting with Kids Event Link](#)

PAC News:



Popcorn Day: Friday, April 19th is our next Popcorn Day. Send your child to school with a toonie and they can buy a bag of popcorn at recess time.



Mr. Cooper's Pies: Our Mr.Cooper's pies fundraiser is underway! Try these delicious savoury pies for an easy and convenient meal! These English meat pies are made locally in Steveston. Ordering deadline is April 28th. Pick up your pies at the school on May 2nd.

Term 3 Food Days: Don't delay! Last chance to order for our April to June PAC food days! Ordering deadline is April 14th! No late orders will be accepted. Please go to your Hotlunches.net account to put in your order for the following dates below:

- April 22 Dominos
- April 29 Bala Foods
- May 6 Sushi Lovers
- May 13 Subway
- May 21 White Spot
- May 27 Bala Foods
- June 3 Taco Luis
- June 7 Freshslice (Cyclone Day)
- June 10 Sushi Lovers



To access or set up your account, click [HERE](#)

Movie Night: Our final PAC family movie night fundraiser for this school year is happening on Friday, May 3rd! Enjoy a movie and pizza with your family! We will be showing *Trolls Band Together*. Sign into your Hotlunches.net account to order your pizza. Ordering opens today, April 12th until April 28th. Funds raised will support our school library renovations! We will require parent volunteers to help at the Movie Night. Please use this link [Parent Volunteer Sign Up Link](#) to sign up to help.



Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Student Art



