



Learning, Caring, and Growing together

- Sherry Elwood - Superintendent
- Lynn Archer - Area Superintendent
- Kirsten Wallace - Principal
- Carly Spence - Admin. Assistant

Important Dates

- January 11 - March 14 DARE program for all grade 5 students.
- February 22 - PAC meeting 6:30 pm
- February 23 - Pro- D Day
- Feb. 26 /27 - Boyd Feeder Tournament
- Feb. 28th - Pink Day
- March 2 - Fancy Friday Spirit Day
- March 14 - DARE Celebration 1 pm
- March 15 - Report Cards go home
- March 15 - Last Day of school before Spring Break
- March 16 - April 2 - Spring Break
- April 3 - Welcome Back
- April 5 - Camp Meeting
- October 1, 2, 3 - Camp Jubilee 2018

Strength in Community

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February is here! It is hard to believe we are over half way through our year. It was wonderful to see so many families at student led conferences last week. We also had an incredible turn out for our first Breakfast Club on Wednesday - 65 students and many parents joined us in the gym to enjoy cereal, cheesy toast, eggs and fruit. Thank you to our parent volunteers, staff volunteers and two dedicated volunteers from the Richmond Food Bank. I was impressed by the excellent manners demonstrated by our students. The amazing turn out at student led conferences and our turn out at Breakfast club can be attributed the amazing community we call Quilchena Elementary. I feel blessed to be part of it!

Mrs. Wallace

Welcome Mrs. Vincent - Ortiz & Ms. Garvey



We welcome Mrs. Vincent Ortiz as an Educational Assistant! Mrs. "V" completed the Richmond REAP - Richmond Educational Assistant Program - and then placed at Quilchena School as our 6th Educational Assistant. We are so lucky to have another EA who knows our students so well. With Mrs. V transitioning to the Educational Assistant position our noon hour supervisor position became vacant - we are lucky to have Ms. Jackie Garvey joining us as our

new Noon Hour Supervisor. Please say “hi” and welcome Ms Garvey to our Quilchena Community.

Good Bye Mr. Dame

Mr. Dame, Educational Assistant - has decided to take another position with the district as an Educational Assistant. We are sorry to see Mr. Dame leave our Quilchena Community, however, we wish him good luck in his new venture.



Basketball is Underway



Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls are practicing at lunch and playing games after school. The season will conclude with a tournament at Boyd. The grade 7 feeder tournament is a chance for our students to go to Boyd and be in the building - also a good opportunity for parents. Good luck to all of our players in their games. I attended the games last week and I saw tremendous sportsmanship and team work. Thank you to our coaches Ms. Moes, Ms. Davis, Mr.

Livingston and Mr. Vines. Thanks to our parents for driving students to away games. We couldn't do it without you!

Before and After School Care - Please Register for 2018/2019 School Year!

Quilchena is so lucky to have an in house before and after school care in our building. Jessy Bal runs an amazing program for our students. Registration is ongoing for this school year and she is accepting registrations for 2018/2019 school year. Please see Jessy for registration information or email Jessy at creativelycraftedchildcare@yahoo.com . As well, she is accepting Spring Break registrations. Please email Jessy for more details.

PAC Meeting - February 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Every parent at Quilchena is part of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We hope you can join us at our monthly meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm in room 4. There is free child minding (preschool and K students) provided by our Student Leaders and open gym recreation (grade 1 - 7) provided by West Richmond Community Center.

Expected Attendance Surveys and Kindergarten Registration for 18/19

Our district is already thinking ahead to next year. We ask all of our families to return the pink expected attendance notice to the office. Please let us know if your family is not going to return to Quilchena for the 2018/2019 school year as this information assists in planning. As well, if you know of any kindergarten students who have not registered for kindergarten please urge these families to go Central Registration at the School Board Office and register as soon as possible.

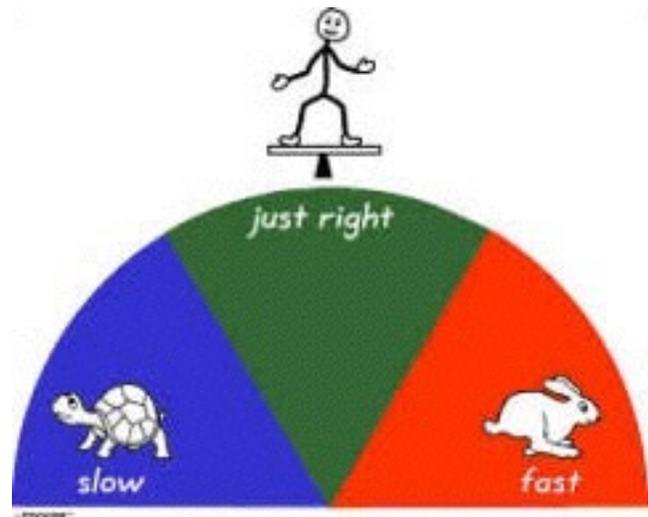
Breakfast Program

As I mentioned in the opening paragraph our first Breakfast Club was well attended. Breakfast Club will run every Wednesday until June. Breakfast club opens at 8:15 am. Breakfast club is free and open to all of our Quilchena Students. We are grateful for food donated by the Richmond Food Bank and FEED U CATE. FEED U CATE has also graciously purchased all our tools needed for preparation and execution of the program.

Sensory Breaks and Self Regulation

As I come to call Quilchena home I am learning more and more about the amazing work our staff are doing with our students. One area I have highlighted in past newsletters is self regulation. Self regulation means being able to regulate our bodies so one is ready to learn. Learning to regulate our bodies and minds creates conditions for students to be best learners they can be. I am so impressed by the care and attention all of our staff take in determining what tools will help students

be ready for learning. We are so lucky that we have space to dedicate to self regulate. Our sensory break area is a space open to all students to regulate their bodies to be ready for learning. Our student population is very diverse and different as well all of student are



different learners and learn in different ways. We are all different and benefit from different approaches to learning. At Quilchena, we are always learning how to meet the needs of our learners.

CREATING SAFE, CARING, RESPECTFUL AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

ERASE BULLYING each and every day

Show your commitment by Wearing Pink on February 28!



February 28th is Pink Day

At Quilchena, we emphasize safe and kind behavior towards one another each and every day. On February 28th we take time to talk about ways we have support our students to treat each other with kindness. We also talk about what bullying is and is not. We emphasize the power of the bystander - a helpful bystander can defuse a bullying situation within 10 seconds. Research shows the bystander can the biggest affect on the outcome of interactions between students. Every day at school students may encounter conflict - and staff are here to help students navigate conflict with successful solutions.

Spring Break 2018

This year spring break begins on Friday, March 16 and ends on Monday, April 2. Easter holidays have been combined with our normal two week spring break.