



Learning, Caring, and Growing together

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Important Dates

- December 1 - Report Cards , School Wide Skating
- December 2 - Most Likely To Succeed 9 am Brighthouse Elementary Gym
- December 4 - 8 - Bollywood dance classes - Thank you PAC
- December 8 - 1:30 Bollywood Performance - canned food items = entrance fee - all donations to the Starlight Foundation
- December 19 - Santa Shuffle 11 am - 12 am
- December 20 - School Wide Sing Along 1:30 - 2:15
- December 21 - School Winter Concert 1 pm
- December 22 - PJ and Stuffy Day
- December 22 - January 8 - Winter Break
- January 8 - School Opens

Communicating Student Learning

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday, reports cards are going home with our students. The term report card is just one piece of the communication parents receive about learning. Conferences, class websites, homework blogs, student learning sent home, student planners and eportfolios may be other ways your child’s teacher is sharing learning. Please take time to talk to your child about their strengths and their stretches. Please ask your child what their learning goal is for second term and what their plan is to reach their goal. It is important that children see their learning journey as their own and not compare themselves to others. Often times, children equate success as being “smart” when in fact we know that hard work and perseverance towards a goal are hallmarks of a successful learner. After reading your child’s report please feel free to make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress and goals with their classroom teacher. Communication between home and school is key to student success. Our doors are always open.



Mrs. Wallace

Skating - Friday, December 1

December 1 Session 1 9:30 - 10:30 - Division UVG (1/2), 4 and 6

Session 2 10:45 - 11:45 - Division UVG (1/2), 3, 5 and 7

Thanks to our PAC for paying for the buses and for the ice rentals. Students must wear a hockey helmet on the ice. Please leave all bike helmets at home, they are not allowed at the rink. Please remember to wear your mittens and dress warmly.

Most Likely To Succeed - Dec. 2, 8:30 am



Please try and make time to see this amazing movie. **Most Likely To Succeed** will be playing at *Brighthouse Elementary* on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8:30 am. It is free, however parents are asked to register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rsd-rdpa-host-a-featured-screening-of-most-likely-to-succeed-mlts-tickets-39690693934>. This movie showcases the ideas inherent in BC's redesigned Curriculum. Student choice, inquiry and creativity as drivers of student education are highlighted throughout this documentary about a Charter

School in San Diego called High Tech High. I highly recommend parents make time to see this movie. Check our @QuilchenaC twitter feed for a live link to the registration page on Eventbrite.

Student Leadership Team Supports the Starlight Foundation

Our Student Leadership team is beginning their first school wide initiative. Students are conducting a food drive from Nov. 27 - Dec. 8th. This year students are supporting the Starlight Foundation. The Starlight Foundation supports families who have children in the hospital. The Foundation provides food hampers at Christmas so families can concentrate on supporting the health of their children. The Student Leaders have challenged Quilchena to donate 350 food items. Please send non perishable food items - canned goods - to your child's classroom donation box or drop off donations in the large wrapped box in the front foyer. Check out our Candy Cane thermometer to see our daily tally of food items collected. Thank you to our Student Leaders for supporting our greater community.



Bollywood December 4 - 8

Once again, we welcome Nazim and his Bollywood dance instruction to Quilchena. Thanks to our PAC for paying for our dance lessons. Each class receives four dance lessons and then we rehearse and present a show all in one week. We invite all parents and guardians and family to our Bollywood Finale at 1:30 pm on Friday, December 8th. We ask that each audience member bring one canned item to donate to the food drive for the Starlight Foundations. This food drive is organized and run by our grade 6/7 Student Leadership Team.

After School Supervision

Many children use our playground after school. It is great to see them getting exercise and fresh air while engaged in play! It is important, however, to note that there is no adult supervision after 3:00 pm, so children without adults with them must be on their way home. We ask that after 3:00 pm students without adults make their way home and check in at home. It is expected that students go home and check in with their family before returning to the play ground.

Mark your Calendar's Holiday Music & Band Concert - December 21 @ 1 pm



Ms. Ho and Mrs. Khoo are very busy with our students rehearsing and practicing their holiday music. Students will be performing on Thursday, December 21 at 1 pm. We invite parents, guardians and family to share in our celebration of music.

Read, Read and Read Again



Reading is the best way for children to develop their writing and spelling skills. As parents, we are continually striving to support our children to be the best learners they can be. Research tells us that the most effective way to support our children to encourage daily reading. It is crucial that children read at their level (not too hard or they cannot understand what they are reading) and that children choose what they read. Research shows us again and again that it does not matter what they read just as long as a child is reading. Our very own library has an amazing collection of books for children to sign out. Or visit our local public libraries or take a trip to the west side of Vancouver and check out Vancouver Kids Book Store. Kids Books is one of the best places to find books for your children. Remember the best way to improve reading is to read and read some more. What have you been reading lately? Share with your children the love of reading.

Santa Shuffle - December 19, 11 am - 12 pm

Student Leaders will be organizing a short run around our neighborhood. The purpose is to enjoy the fresh air and get out into our community. Parent volunteers are requested to marshall the course - please see, Mrs. Wallace, if you can help between 10:45 - 12 on Tuesday, December 19

Christmas Sing Along - December 20, 1:30 - 2:15

I was asked about a month ago by a grade 7 student if we were having the sing along? I said why? Eddie said “you have the to have the sing a long, it is my favorite!”. If this sentiment is true than I expect a fun filled sing along on Wednesday, December 20th. Parents are welcome to join us and sing along to our holiday favorite.

PJ and Stuffy Day - December 22

Our final day of school in 2017 will be the Student Leadership Team’s first Spirit Day. PJ and Stuffy day. All students are encouraged to come dress in their PJ’s (at school we wear our PJ’s over our daytime clothes) and bring their stuffies. Thank you to the Student Leadership Team!

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Social media via Twitter is one avenue we use to communicate student learning and the goings ons about Quilchena. Please follow us @QuilchenaC

