



Learning, Caring, and Growing together

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Important Dates

- September 26 - Photo Day
- September 27 - Grade 6 Immunizations
- September 27 - Band Rentals 3 - 5pm in the gym
- September 27 - First PAC meeting - 6:30 Babysitting available
- September 29 - Sharing Assembly
- September 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- October 4 - Early dismissal 11:55 am
- October 9 - Thanksgiving - No School
- October 18 - Cross Country Run - change of location - Garry Point
- October 20 - Pro-D - No school

Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

The staff at Quilchena extends a warm welcome to all our students and families as we embark on the 2017/2018 school year. We extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to the community including our 14 new Kindergarten students and families.

The 2017/2018 Student Handbook was distributed to all students in the front of the student agenda. Please read over the pages with your child. We have also posted a copy on our school website (quilchena.sd38.bc.ca).

Mrs. Wallace

Communication

Communication is important. Please check the website frequently and be sure that you read your emails from the school. We endeavor to go paperless and your efforts to keep informed help keep our communication alive.



Photo Day Reminder

Our individual photo day will be Tuesday, September 26 in the morning.

Supervision of students

Parents are reminded that supervision of students begins at 8:30 am in the morning. There is no supervision before that time unless there are scheduled sports practices or arrangements made by our staff. Recess supervision is provided by our staff. The lunch hour supervision is provided by our two noon hour supervisors, Mrs. Vincent-Ortiz and Mrs. Tham. Students play first from 12:00 - 12:30. Then students come in and eat their lunch from 12:30 - 12:47.

With reverse lunch - play first and then eating time - staff have noticed our students are more able to transition to learning calmly.

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without permission during recess and lunch time unless they go for lunch with parent permission. Always sign out when leaving the school.



At 2:40pm students are expected to make their way home, unless finishing up work with a teacher supervision or participating in a teacher sponsored event. Please ensure your child goes home right after school as there is no supervision.



Sharing Assembly

Our first sharing assembly will be on Friday, September 29. This is an opportunity for students to share the learning and activities that have happened over the past month and inform students about upcoming events.

Forms, forms, forms

The forms for the school year went home last week. Please set aside some time to complete these forms thoroughly as we rely on the information throughout the year. All forms are due by Thursday, September 28.



Orange Shirt Day

September 30th

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.



The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

This year, Mrs. Wallace will visit each class and share one of two picture books as a first step in learning about Orange Shirt Day, *Shi-shi-etko* by Nicola I. Campbell and Kim LaFave or *Stolen Words* by Melanie Florence and Gabriella Grimand.

Learn more: Legacy of Hope [http://www.legacyofhope.ca/Reconciliationof Canada](http://www.legacyofhope.ca/ReconciliationofCanada) <http://reconciliationcanada.ca>

Phyllis' story is on YouTube - a short 3 minute video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3vUqroIkAk>

Terry Fox Run Update

Our Terry Fox Run on September 15th raised over \$350 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for supporting Cancer Research Cyclones! Bravo!

First PAC Meeting - Wednesday, September 27th

All parents at Quilchena are part of our PAC. Please come out and see how you can support our school this Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30pm in room 4. Babysitting is available.