



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ September 15th – September 19th, 2025

We invite families to visit the [School Calendar](#) on our [website](#) for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.

September 15 – Fire Drill #2

September 18 – Quilchena Open House 5pm-6pm

September 19 – Terry Fox Run (1:30pm)

It was our first full week with our new classes, and it is wonderful to see students making new friends and reconnecting with familiar faces. September start-up is a busy time of the year, and we thank you for your diligence in returning the needed information and forms promptly. We would like to give a Cyclone welcome to Mr. Logan Holmes, who is temporarily joining our Quilchena Educational Assistant Team while Ms. Wilczewski is on leave. Enjoy your weekend Cyclones and see you all Monday!

Don't forget to pack and bring with you every morning...

A labelled water bottle



A snack and lunch



Proper clothing

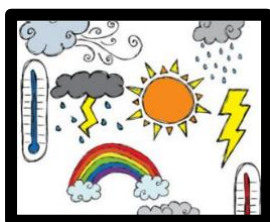


In Other Quilchena News:



Opt-in to District/School Text Message Communication: The Richmond School District has implemented a communication tool that will enable both the district and our school to send you text messages. This will improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service. If you haven't already done so, you can choose to opt-in by sending a text message to 978338 with the comment 'Yes'. Read more [HERE](#)

Terry Fox: The annual Terry Fox Run has become a Canadian tradition every fall with the country coming together to fundraise for cancer research. Our school-wide Terry Fox run will happen the afternoon of **September 19th** with the city of Richmond hosting their run on Sunday, September 14th at Garry point Park. Donations (our goal is to collect \$2 per student) to support Terry's *Marathon of Hope* can be made [HERE](#) throughout the month of September. We've reached over half of our goal by raising \$230 of a targeted \$400!



Outside Weather: Every day is an outside day at Quilchena. Students will not only be outside for recess and lunch play but taking part in learning activities outside throughout the day. Please remember to dress for the weather, especially as we move into our fall. A change of socks, pants and shoes are highly recommended as we want to limit the amount of phone calls home and drop offs at school. Thank you for your support with this.

Meet the Staff Evening - September 18th from 5:00-6:00pm: Please come by for an informal visit to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers and the Quilchena staff, and say hello! We will be having a draw for some Quilchena swag so make sure to fill out a ballot and be present for the draw at the front of our school. We would love to see you! The PAC will be selling **TCBY** (The Country's Best Yogurt) 3oz frozen yogurt cups at the Open House on September 18th at the front of the school. \$3 for 3oz cup. **Cash only**, limited quantities until sold out. Flavours available: Vanilla, Chocolate, Cotton Candy, Raspberry Mango Sorbet and Pink Lemonade. Thank-you for your support! Questions? Contact Vanessa at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com



Quilchena's Grab & Go Fridge: At Quilchena we have a snack fridge called the "Grab and Go Fridge." This fridge was funded through the Ministry of Education Feeding Futures Program. Students can access food in the fridge when they need a nutritious snack to help them get through the day. We know that healthy minds and bodies begin with fresh quality food. The fridge will be stocked with food delivered by the Richmond Food Bank and Fire Fighters, and we are grateful for their support!



These past weeks, teachers and staff have been reviewing and reminding students to understand the purpose for the fridge, as well as the difference between a want and a need (please see attached). Our goal is to have students access the fridge when and if needed and encouraging them to make responsible decisions and not taking when they don't. This will help ensure that there is enough food for when students need it.

Attendance: Attendance is important and valued. Although we understand that on occasion voluntary absences from school are unavoidable, our expectation is that vacations be taken during the generous time allowance of Winter, Spring, and Summer Breaks. Teachers rely heavily on *all students* being in attendance when they plan class collaboration and group projects. Not only is it unfavourable for the student who is absent, but those remaining in-class are left without partners or valuable collaboration input. An Extended Absence Form will need to be completed if your child is going to be away. The District limits the number of voluntary absence days, if exceeded, your child will be withdrawn and will need to be re-registered on your return. Placement cannot be guaranteed back at Quilchena if your child is withdrawn.



Needing Support: Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you require financial assistance for school-related costs (school supplies, field trips or other school-related costs). As always, all requests will be treated with dignity, and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that students have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



Ms. Jessy: Many of you may have already met Miss Jessy who runs the Before & After Childcare at our school. We would like to remind families that Miss Jessy is employed by the families of the children who attend her program. She is not available to intervene in playground squabbles or to supervise other students. If your child is remaining at the playground afterschool a parent or guardian must be supervising them.

Student Accident Insurance: Families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the "InsureMyKids®" program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. The "InsureMyKids®" accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents. Please see attachment or click [HERE](#) for more information.



Homestay Program: SD 38 is once again reaching for support with our Homestay Program. We continue to face a shortage of host families for our International Students. Consider hosting an international student for a month, semester or year. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Construction: The ongoing construction on Moresby Dr. & No. 1 Rd. has been erratic and at times quite extensive. We are anticipating lane closures, parking restrictions and heavy traffic until mid-October. Please prepare an alternate route to school (see map below) and allow extra time for your journey for those days when construction is heavy.



PAC News: The PAC is a forum for parents and guardians to discuss matters that impact our school. We also plan fundraising activities and community-building events that support our students' learning.

Please feel free to email us at quilchenapac@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you and wish you the very best for the school year! To learn more about our Quilchena Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please visit the [Quilchena PAC page](#), (under the Parents tab in the school's website).

Gear Swap: New this year! If you have old Quilchena hoodies or t-shirts that are still in good condition for passing to other families, bring them to the Meet the Staff night and the PAC will have a table outside for them.



PAC Food days are back!

Tired of packing lunches for your child? Not to worry! This year our PAC food days will take place **weekly** on Mondays or Tuesdays. Vendors are listed below. Ordering and payment is done in the Hotlunches.net system. **Ordering opened on Monday, September 8th and will close on Monday, September 22nd. No late orders will be accepted.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Noel at noelleung82@hotmail.com.

Register your children [HERE](#) Please visit the PARENTS page [HERE](#) and select 'PAC Fundraising' to find all the information on how to register and order your lunches in the **Hotlunches system!**

Term 1 Food Days are as follows:

Sept. 29 Sushi Lovers	Nov. 10 Libby's Kitchen
Oct. 6 Taco Luis	Nov. 17 Just Poke
Oct. 14 Freshslice	Nov. 24 Freshslice
Oct. 20 Just Poke	Dec. 2 Sushi Lovers
Oct. 27 Ttop Kitchen	Dec. 8 Taco Luis
Nov. 3 Village Curry	Dec. 15 Village Curry

Please Note: Every year parents need to re-register to set up your account and place orders. Your login from last year won't work.



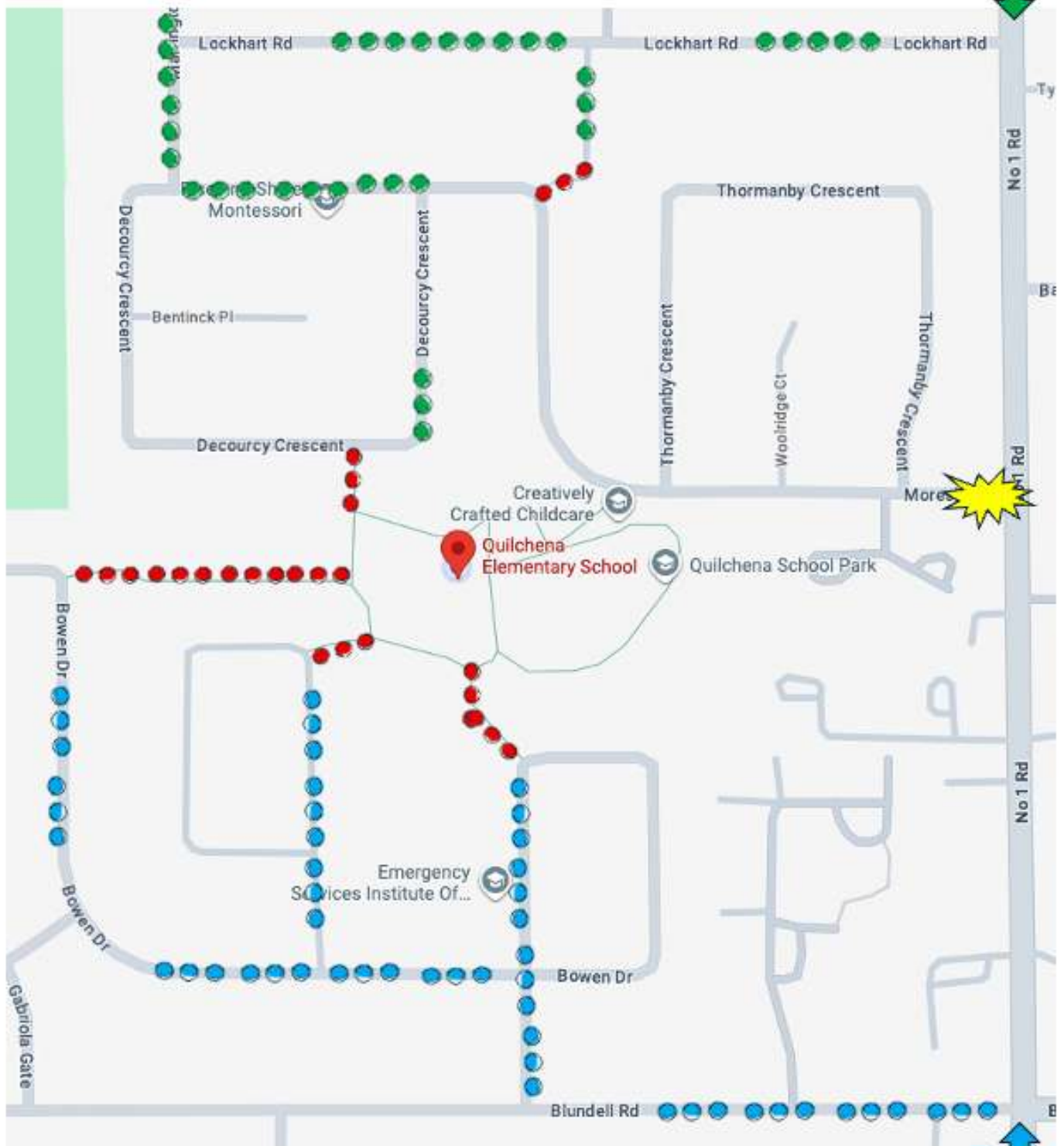
Family Photo Night

Our very popular **PAC Family Photo Night fundraiser** is back! This year, we're holding an outdoor photoshoot, scheduled for Sunday, October 5th at Terra Nova Rural Park with last year's photographer: Vivian Chung Photography. We've booked the school gym for October 3rd as a backup just in case the weather doesn't work out. Please see the attached flyer for the booking link.

We can't do it without you! Are you available to help make this fundraiser a success? Consider volunteering to help for an hour on the day, many hands make light work. Please sign up [HERE](#)

From Granville Ave.

Alternate Routes to Quilchena



Walking Path to the school

Alternate route from the north to street parking

Alternate route from the south to street parking

Construction Zone

