



Quilchena Elementary School

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THE WEEK AHEAD NOVEMBER 10th - NOVEMBER 14th, 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.*

- Mon, Nov 10:** Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am – All welcome
 PAC Hot Lunch Day – Libby's Kitchen
 PAC Purdy's Fundraising campaign begins until November 24th
- Tue, Nov 11:** Remembrance Day – No School
- Wed, Nov 12:** Volleyball Practice 8am
- Thu, Nov 13:** Last Day to Order (retake) Photos
 Volleyball Game @ Gilmore
- Fri, Nov 14:** Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill
 Movie Night Pizza Ordering Closes
 PAC Neufeld Farm Fundraiser begins until November 19th

It has been a busy and productive week with our School Wide "I Read Canadian" day, Grade 6/7 Volleyball games and preparing for our Remembrance Day assembly. On November 11th, we hope whether you are taking part in an outdoor ceremony or at home, you can reflect and honour our brave Canadians. **As a reminder, school will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th. LEST WE FORGET.**

QUILCHENA CATCH UP...



If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message (voice messages are preferred at this time).

**EARLY WARNING VOICE MAIL:
#604-718-4073**

Students who arrive late are asked to please sign in at the office upon arrival.



Please keep your child home when they are not feeling well. Children with **fever, cough or a runny nose, diarrhea, or vomiting** should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. If your child has diarrhea or vomiting, they can return to school when they are free of these symptoms for 24-48 hours.

If your child is not feeling well, please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved.



Veterans' Week (Nov 5 – 11) is dedicated to honoring the courage and sacrifice of veterans who have served in wartime, military conflicts, and peacekeeping missions. It is also a time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to acknowledge the ongoing service of those in uniform today.



Indigenous Veterans Day is observed on November 8th in Canada to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who have served in the military. The day serves as a commemoration of their service, particularly during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War and acknowledges the unique challenges they faced and injustices they endured, such as being denied veterans' benefits after the wars.

IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...



Remembrance Day: A reminder about our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 10th at 10:30am. We welcome all families to join. Due to the solemn nature of this assembly, we ask guests to please turn devices off and to refrain from clapping after performances. Thank you for helping us set a quiet and reflective tone to our assembly.

Students are welcome to wear their Scouts, Cadets, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, etc., uniform to the Remembrance Day assembly if they wish, as it's a meaningful way to show respect and unity while honoring those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

On November 10th every student will receive a poppy. Poppy donations can be made through School Cash Online link [HERE](#). If a tax receipt is required, please donate directly with the [Poppy Fund Canada](#). Thank you for your support.



Allergy Alert – No nuts at school please.... Be aware that we have many students with severe, life-threatening nut allergies in our school. Please do not send food to school containing any type of nuts, or traces of (including Nutella, etc).

Birthday celebrations: To keep all children safe and to respect every family's preference, as a school we celebrate birthdays in a simple and inclusive way. We kindly ask that families **do not send birthday treats or gift bags**. If you would like to do something special to mark your child's day, please communicate with your child's teacher. Thank you so much for your understanding and support in helping keep everyone healthy, safe and included.

Student Photo Retakes - Mountain West Studios:

Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>

- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is November 13, 2025
- All orders will be shipped to the school. If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped directly to you or home with a shipping fee applied.

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering. Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca



Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill: We will be having a **Hold & Secure and Lockdown drill the morning of Friday, November 14th** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members have discussed the steps involved in these drills. Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will continue to prepare for other situations that might happen in our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line or a coyote) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to “lock down” the school. For the broken gas line example, we would follow Hold & Secure procedures – a *perimeter* lockdown. For an intruder, we would follow Lockdown procedures - a *full* lockdown. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with them before the drill.

Quilchena Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

If you have any questions about the upcoming drill, please contact Mrs. Kusch at school.

Parent Education Session: Kindergarten District Program Options

(Early French Immersion & Montessori): The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2026-2027 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs.



Topics will include:

Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
Montessori Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Registration Information
Important Dates to Note

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Hosts: Gordon Fitt, Catherine Jule, Kristine Canas and Karen Leung

Meeting Link: Code and QR code on Flyer





PAC NEWS

QUILCHENA PAC PRESENTS...Family Movie Night!

Friday, November 21st

Doors 5:30pm ~ Showtime 6:00pm

Pre-order your pizza dinner now until Friday, November 14th on the Hotlunch.net site.

No late orders will be accepted (limited pizzas for sale on the night of.). There will also be a cash only concession stand at the event.



WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Volunteers to help with collecting tickets at the Door, selling snack tickets, and in the concession.

** Parents must be present for the movie duration and responsible for their children!*

PURDY'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Get your holiday treats from the Quilchena PAC 2025 Holiday Fundraiser! The campaign runs from November 10-24. Pickup is December 5 after school. The PAC will receive 25% of all profits from sales. [Fundraising link](#)



NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

The Quilchena PAC would like to share that the Neufeld Farms fundraiser is now LIVE and OPEN FOR ORDERS until November 19th. The pickup is at the school from 2:30-3:00pm on Wednesday November 26th.

All proceeds from this fundraiser are going towards a new screen and projector for the gym. We're hoping to enhance the quality of our PAC movie nights and other group activities for the kids and any support people are able to provide is appreciated! Please share with your family and friends who may be interested.



Order here: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-quilchena-elementary-pac/ref/em>



PAC general questions and inquiries: quilchenapac@gmail.com

PAC Food Day questions: Noel at noelleung82@hotmail.com

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).

View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below
All of your favorites are just a click away...



Quilchena Elementary PAC NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

Orders In By: November 19 2025, end of day
Pick up: November 26th 2025, 2:30 pm



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A PEEK INTO “I READ CANADIAN” SCHOOL WIDE READ



