



QUILCHENA CYCLONES

The Week Ahead: Dec 8 - 12, 2025

**Monday
Dec 8**

Hot Lunch - Taco Luis

Family Teams

**Tuesday
Dec 9**

**Wednesday
Dec 10**

**Thursday
Dec 11**

Volleyball Game
Students vs Staff at
lunch

**Friday
Dec 12**

Universal Hot Lunch
Program
(for Dec 17th lunch)
Order Deadline

Two more weeks of Term One before our Winter Break! During our last week of school before the Winter Break, our leadership students have planned a few fun days for students and staff to participate in. See the Spirit Days listed below so you can start to plan ahead. Stay dry Cyclones and have a wonderful weekend!

**next
WEEK**

Mon, Dec 15: SPIRIT DAY - Tropical

Tue, Dec 16: Taiko Drumming Residency

Wed, Dec 17: Taiko Drumming Residency and SPIRIT DAY - Crazy Socks & Sandals with Seasonal Hats!

Thu, Dec 18: Band assembly @ 1:30pm - Divs 1, 2, 3

Fri, Dec 19: Sing-A-Long and SPIRIT DAY - Comfy Clothes (Pajama) Day

QUILCHENA QUICK TIP



MyEducationBC

Have you signed in to your MyEducation Parent Portal?

Progress reports, also known as Written Learning Updates, will be published electronically by PDF in your MyEducation Parent Portal On Thursday, December 18 after school. The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access these Updates. Paper copies will not be sent home. Your MyEd Parent Portal account also gives you access to student/pupil numbers. [A quick link is available on our school website](#), as well as instructions on how to register for and access the MyEd Parent Portal.



NOW IS THE TIME TO TRY TO LOG ON TO TROUBLESHOOT ANY ISSUES BEFORE LEARNING UPDATES ARE PUBLISHED ON DEC 18.

PARENT TECH SUPPORT: If you need tech support with your MyEd Parent Portal account (ie: forgot your password), please email the SD38 Parent Tech Help Desk at: myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca

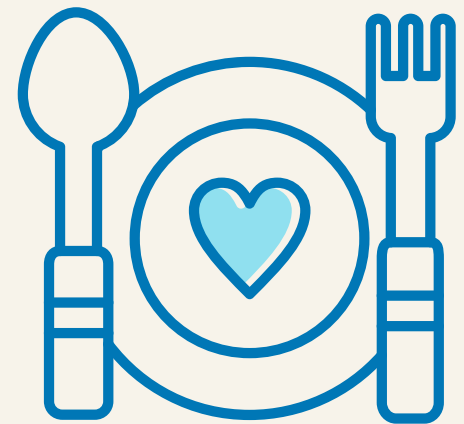


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IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

Universal Hot Lunch Program: Utilizing Feeding Futures funding, as well as National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District will be piloting a *Universal Hot Lunch program* at selected elementary and secondary schools during the months of December and January. This is separate from our PAC Hot Lunch program and is organized at the District level.

Lunch will be offered to all students at Quilchena Elementary School once each month on December 17th and January 14th. We will be using the *MunchaLunch* ordering platform to order. Attached is information on how to register for your MunchaLunch account and how to place your order (starting Monday Dec 8). There are several diet friendly selections. Please note there are ordering deadlines listed on the information page. Please contact Mrs. Kusch if you have any questions.



NEEDING SUPPORT?

Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you require financial assistance for any school-related costs (school supplies, field trips, etc.). 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.



Richmond Lacrosse Association - Try Lacrosse - FREE to All Players: Richmond Lacrosse Association is providing an opportunity for kids to learn about Canada's National summer sport and its history. Please see the attached flyer for the December 10th date at Steves Elementary, and January-March 2026 dates at Diefenbaker Elementary.



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

[http://](#)





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Lost & Found: Please take a look to see if any of these items belong to your child(ren). We will be donating any items that have not been collected before the upcoming winter break.



Voluntary Student Absences: As we are close to the end of our first term, we would like to remind families again of the importance of student attendance. We acknowledge that there may be exceptional circumstances that necessitates a student's extended voluntary absence, but it should not be the goal of families to remove their children from school for vacations during instructional time. Missed school not only impacts your child, but also the entire class when group projects and collaboration times are affected. If voluntary absences exceed the allowable amount, your child will be withdrawn from Quilchena, requiring re-registration on your return. As well, teachers will not be providing work packages or homework for students. If voluntary absences are unavoidable, please advise your teacher, as well as complete the Extended Leave Form [HERE](#) and return it to the office at least one week prior to departure. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Taiko Drumming Residency: On Tuesday, December 16th and Wednesday, December 17th we are very excited to welcome the Uzume Taiko drumming residency! A permission notice with full details, including cost (due now), was sent home last week with your child. This unique in-school experience has been generously subsidized by the school to make it accessible for all families. We can't wait for our students to enjoy this dynamic and culturally rich learning opportunity! (Please see our Dec 1-5 TWA for a detailed workshop description).





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HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

To ensure we can reach you quickly and easily, please inform the school office of any updates to your contact information. This includes changes to phone numbers, residential address, emergency contacts, or email addresses. Keeping your details current helps us communicate important information in a timely manner and allows us to contact you promptly if any urgent matters or emergencies arise. This is especially important for our Grade 7 families, as accurate information is essential for high school registration and communication. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

GRADE 7 FAMILIES: TRANSITION TO GRADE 8

You may be thinking about the transition to Grade 8 and we want to reassure families that there is nothing you need to do at this time. More information about the high school transition process will be sent home after the winter break. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming details, and ensure your contact information is up to date with the office.



PAC NEWS – COMING SOON...

**Term 2 Hot lunch
ordering**
Open on December 19 until
January 12!

 Hot Lunches OnLine

Westcoast Seeds fundraiser!
January 2026



Food Dates & Vendors:

Jan 19 Taco Luis
Jan 27 Sushi Lover
Feb 2 Primo's
Feb 9 Just Poke
Feb 17 Village Curry
Feb 23 Bala Food
Mar 2 Fresh Slice
Mar 9 Libby's Kitchen

STAY CONNECTED



PAC General questions:
quilchenapac@gmail.com



PAC Food Day questions:
noelleung82@hotmail.com



<https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents/welcome>



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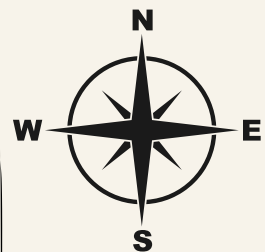
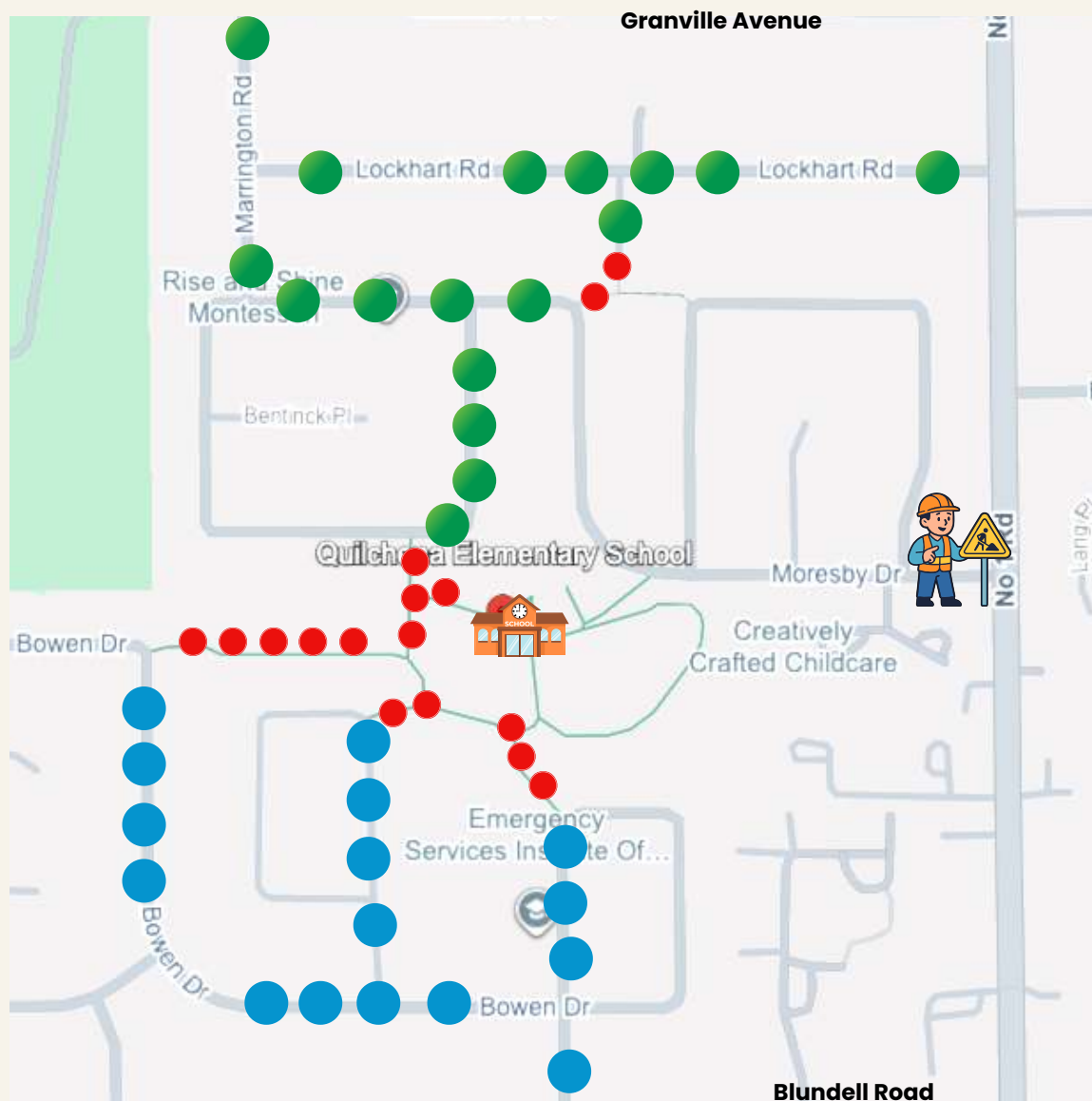
MORESBY DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

The unavoidable traffic disruption Thursday afternoon at Moresby and 1 Road was due to an emergency road closure. This closure was unscheduled and unavoidable. The City of Richmond was still on site this morning repairing a significant broken water main.

We understand that traffic delays can be frustrating, and we respectfully ask that everyone remain patient and kind to the traffic control flaggers. Please be nice — they are doing their best to keep everyone safe.

We encourage families to give themselves extra time in the morning and to always have an alternate route to school prepared for days when construction and delays may be heavy.

Thank you for your cooperation.



-  North - Alternate driving route to street parking, then use walking path
-  South - Alternate driving route to street parking, then use walking path
-  Walking path



A Peek into Undercover Staff Spirit Month



Jersey Day



ALL Black

Canadian Tuxedo - Jeans day



Crazy socks and sandals



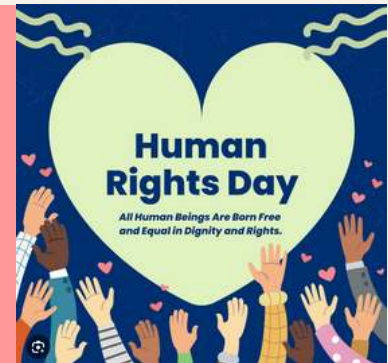


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IMPORTANT & COMMEMORATIVE DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 10: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

National Human Rights Day is celebrated annually on December 10 to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the UN General Assembly in 1948. The day is a global observance to raise awareness and mobilize action to uphold the fundamental rights and freedoms of all people, as outlined in the UDHR



DECEMBER 14-22: HANNUKAH

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

To our Jewish students, staff and families, we wish you a joyous Hannukkah filled with light, hope and togetherness. As you light the menorah over eight nights, may this Festival of Lights bring warmth and happiness to your homes and hearts.

