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## Quilchena Community

### The Week Ahead February 21 – February 25



#### Dates to Note:

February – Black History Month

February 18 – Professional Development Day (no school)

February 21 – Family Day (no school)

February 23 – PAC Meeting (virtual)

February 23 – Pink Shirt Day

March 11 – Fire Drill

March 14-25 – Spring Break

March 28 – Return to school

welcome

We would like to welcome Ms. Kwok, our new Band teacher, to our Quilchena family. Mr. Woods has moved to McRoberts Secondary to teach Band and we wish him all the best in his new role. Ms. Kwok graduated from UBC, with both a Music and Education degree, and has been playing the violin for 16 years. She first started learning the violin when she was in Elementary school, which is where her love for music began. Apart from the violin, Ms. Kwok can also play the clarinet, the viola, and the flute. She loves to work in schools because each student brings something unique to Band.

#### In Other Quilchena News:

##### Pink Shirt Day: 2022 Theme - Lift Each Other Up



On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Pink Shirt Day** is an opportunity to remind and focus on working together to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to *Lift Each Other Up* and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone.

COVID has continued show us the importance of helping and to care for one another. The symbolism of Pink Day is not only something that we focus on for just one day. This is part of our every day in how we treat one another and celebrate our diversity.

**Daily Health Check:** Thank you for continuing to review the Daily Health Check each morning and keeping your child(ren) home when they are not feeling well. Please continue to notify the school via the *Student Absence Line*, along with the reason for your child(ren)'s absence.



**Family Day Opportunity: Join our Epic Family Day Scavenger Hunt & Virtual Tour Event**

**Joy Kogawa** is the author of the children's novel *Naomi's Road* and the children's picture book *Naomi's Tree*. For adults, she wrote the novel *Obasan*. These books tell the story of one displaced family living through the Second World War. The main character Naomi, like many Japanese Canadians, endures brutal mistreatment in silence. Through these novels, Kogawa conveys the devastating effects of the internment.



A place of remembrance, Historic Joy Kogawa House also represents a deeper story of resilience and dignity in the face of overwhelming grief and trauma. Through the lens of Joy Kogawa's lifelong work to understand and forgive, programs such as this Family Day event increase appreciation for the lived experience of BC's culturally diverse groups.

Help Joy Kogawa find lost objects in a free interactive digital tour of her childhood home. Answer riddles and solve a word search or colour a floorplan for clues to their location, then bring your completed BC Family Day scavenger hunt for a prize on your next in-person visit! Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/epic-scavenger-hunt-help-joy-kogawa-find-lost-objects-tickets-267006201737>

**Ultimate:** Are your kids looking for the "Ultimate" way to stay active during the spring and summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf and pride themselves on teaching students life skills, such as conflict resolution and teamwork through the self-refereed sport.

They have programs for all skills levels and they have a program near you. If you are interested, you can check out their programs here: <https://elevateultimate.com/register-here/> and use the discount code "SchoolPE25" for \$25 off Spring Break Camps and Spring Programs.

