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## Quilchena Community

### The Week Ahead February 14 – February 18



#### Dates to Note:

February – Black History Month

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 15 – Mid-Year Summative Assessments Published on e-Portfolios

February 17 – Early Dismissal (12pm) Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 18 – Pro-D (no school)

February 21 – Family Day (no school)

February 23 – PAC Meeting (virtual)

February 23 – Pink Shirt Day

February 25 - District transfer window closes

There are many things happening at Quilchena next week starting with Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. I know this is a time of the year when we like to show kindness by bringing treats to share with our classmates. *A reminder to adhere to our Health and Safety protocols that we are not bringing in treats to share with others.* Of course, Valentines are always welcomed and a kind way to show care for others.

#### In Other Quilchena News:

**Early  
Dismissal  
Day!**

**Early Dismissal:** A reminder that we will be having Early Dismissal at 12pm on February 17<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your child(ren)'s teacher will be communicating information with you regarding times to sign up. Conferences this term will be held virtually on Teams or via a phone call.

**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.



**Mid-Year Summative Assessments:** Communicating Student Learning (CSL)  
This year all communication of student learning will take place on your child's e-portfolio. You will find ongoing formative posts throughout the year and summative posts at the mid-point of the year and at the end of the year.

You will be able to access your child's Mid-Year Summative Posts by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please spend some time together, celebrating your child(ren)'s learning and hard work over the last several months.





**Tech Support For Parents:** We understand that with so many new platforms to navigate that you may run into technical difficulties along the way. Our District has responded by having a parent help desk to support you. If you need support, please email the parent tech help desk: [accountsupport@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:accountsupport@sd38.bc.ca) and provide the following information:

- Student Name (First & Last Name)
- School
- Grade
- Phone Number
- Problem you are having

**Caring for Self and Others: Online Safety:**

With more time at home and less events to attend we encourage parents to take an active role in supporting your child online. They need guidance and supervision. Have ongoing conversations and join them in their platforms so that you can understand the places they spend time virtually hanging out. Talk to your children about their online friends and activities just as you would about their other activities.



Conversations about the importance of safe and ethical social networking might include:

- Only adding people, you know as friends
- Treating people online with kindness and respect
- Not using a real photo as your main profile picture
- Using a nickname or first name only
- Not sharing passwords with friends
- Teach your children to always ask you first before sharing personal information online
- Encourage your children to come to you if they encounter anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened (stay calm, if you "over-react" they won't turn to you for help when they need it)
- Protect your children from offensive "pop-ups" by setting your browser to block popups, disabling Java on your computer and/or using blocking software. Ad blockers such as Adblock can also keep kids from seeing banner ads with inappropriate content.