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## Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead – May 23<sup>rd</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website: <https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/> for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.

*May – Asian Heritage Month & Canadian Jewish Heritage Month*  
*May 23 – Victoria Day – Provincial holiday (no school)*  
*May 24 – Class Photo Day*  
*May 26 – Fire Drill*



A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, is a Professional Development Day and Quilchena students will not be in session. Staff will be collaborating and learning together focussing on our School Story and Care Circles, while also partaking in District workshop opportunities that are being offered. Wishing all Quilchena families a wonderful long weekend. The weather is forecasted to have some sunshine, so hopefully you are all able to get outside and enjoy. A reminder that our class photo day is on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and we hope the weather cooperates so we can be outside to use our new playground as our backdrop!

### In Other Quilchena News:

Daily Health Check: The mandatory daily health check remains in place for all members of our community and remains a key component of our health and safety protocols. Just a reminder that if your child is not feeling well **before** they come to school, please keep them at home to rest and not return until they are symptom free. Thank you for your efforts in keeping everyone healthy.



Parent Input - Class Placement 2022-2023: Each year as we enter June, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource staff, educational assistants and administration will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are *tentative* until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet again to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. Considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- social / personal characteristics
- students with special needs
- ELL Levels
- contractual obligations



As you can see, this is a complicated process, and this list is by no means exclusive, as there are many factors unique to a situation that must and will be taken into account.

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to send a letter to Mrs. Kusch at [nkusch@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) by **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. We will not accept any letters that come in after May 31<sup>st</sup>. The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher**, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. *Please be aware that the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.*

### PAC Corner:

#### **Food Day Parent Helpers Needed!**

Parent volunteers are needed to help with organizing the food and helping to distribute to students in each classroom.

Please see the dates of our Food Days below:

Fri. May 27 - Taco Luis - meet outside the multipurpose room at 11:50 a.m.

Fri. June 10 - Pizza on Sports Day - more info to come

*If you can help out for one or more of these dates, please email the Quilchena PAC at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com) to let us know.*



Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day to order for our Gift Card Fundraiser. Please refer to the *PAC Fundraising* page on our school website under the "Parents" tab. There are direct links for you to access all the PAC's fundraising initiatives!

### **A Peek into Learning About our Place**

