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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead – May 9th – 13th, 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 10 – Jeans Up Day – donate now!

May 12 – Class Photos (outdoors)

May 13 – PAC Food Day



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, education 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 by **Tuesday, May 31st**. We will not accept any letters that come in after May 31st. 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.*

JeanUp: Quilchena Elementary School has a long-standing relationship with BC Children's Hospital with our annual participation in their JeanUp! Campaign (formerly Jeans Day). This year, we will once again partner with them to raise much needed funds for our province's foremost teaching and research facility for child health. We encourage our Quilchena Community to wear denim clothing on Tuesday, May 10th as well as donate to the campaign. Our goal is \$2 per student (\$364 - but more would be great!) Please help Quilchena meet their fundraising goal to help the province's most vulnerable children at BC Children's Hospital.



Here's the link to our donation page, feel free to share it with friends and family - Thank you!

<https://secured.bcchf.ca/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=979894&langPref=en-CA>

Class Photos: Group photos will be taken by Mountain West Studios on Thursday, May 12th. Weather permitting, these photos will be taken outdoors on our new playground. Get your smile on Cyclones!



SWIS: Central Registration & Welcome Center

Our "How to" Video Series is out and covers how to find and register for sports and activities in community centres. These videos are targeted to newcomers but can be helpful for anyone. Please see the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpjoLkDtSbw>

Details for SWIS workshops and group activities for the month of May can be found in our monthly video link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_GS6AtiNx4

PAC Corner:

Annual General Meeting

Our Quilchena PAC AGM will take place on **Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm** at the school. We look forward to seeing people in person! At this meeting, we will be voting in our PAC executive members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We are actively looking for members to join our team! Email us at quilchenapac@gmail.com if you have questions about these roles or would like to put forth a nomination. Please mark your calendars. Hope you can join us!



Food Days

- **Food Day ordering:** Closed May 5th. **If you did not sign up, please remember to pack your child(ren)'s lunch in the morning and not drop off lunch to the school.**
- **Gift Card Fundraiser:** Open now until May 21st. Back by popular demand – buy gifts cards for the same price you would at your local retailers and earn money for the school! Visit the PAC Fundraising Page on our school website for full details.

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 Division 3 & 4's Field Trip to MOA

