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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ September 12th – September 16th, 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.

September 13-Camp Parent Info Evening (5:30pm)

September 15-Terry Fox Run (1:15pm)

And we are off to a positive start to the school year! A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2022-2023 school year. There is always the feeling of excitement, nervousness, and anticipation at the start of a new year. We appreciate your patience as we finalized our numbers, our staffing allotment, and our class lists. Our goal is to have regular, ongoing communication; each Friday we'll send home The Week Ahead (TWA). We also keep our website up to date and send frequent tweets on our Twitter page (@QuilchenaC). Please keep yourself up to date and feel free to connect with the school should you have any questions whatsoever.

Divisions:

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| • Ms. Davis | Division 1 Gr.6/7 |
| • Mr. Henderson | Division 2 Gr.5/6 |
| • Ms. Wise | Division 3 Gr.4/5 |
| • Ms. Pereira | Division 4 Gr.3/4 |
| • Ms. Deacon | Division 5 Gr.2/3 |
| • Ms. Maier/Ms Cavazzi | Division 6 Gr.1/2 |
| • Ms. Preswick | Division 7 Gr.K/1 |

Don't forget to pack everyday and bring with you in the morning...

A labelled water bottle



A snack and lunch



Proper clothing

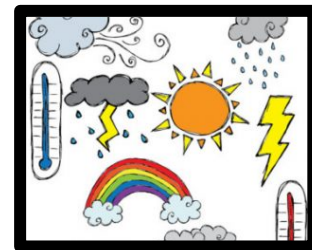


In Other Quilchena News:



Health & Safety: As we begin a new year, schools have begun to re-open their doors as we continue to transition out of the pandemic. We are pleased that schools will now be able to welcome visitors to assemblies and school events, similar to how we did before the pandemic. Visitors should continue to arrive at the front door and check in at the office. We continue to be mindful that Covid19 still continues to circulate around the province and are maintaining many protocols such as hand washing, respecting personal space, limiting congestion in common areas and staying home when not feeling well. Thank you to everyone for respecting these protocols.

Outside Weather: Every day is an outside day at Quilchena. Students will not only be outside for recess and lunch play but taking part in learning activities outside throughout the day. Please remember to dress for the weather, especially as we move into our fall. A change of socks, pants and shoes are highly recommended as we want to limit the amount of phone calls home and drop offs at school. Thank you for your support with this.



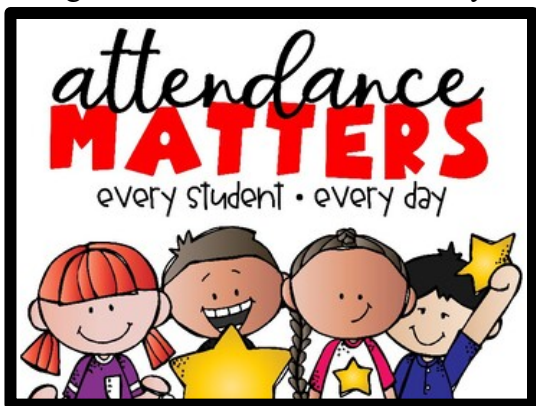
Parking Lot Safety: Thank you for making the effort to walk/bike to school, which greatly reduces the amount of congestion in our parking lot. Safety is important to us and maintaining speed limits and parking rules, help immensely with this.



Punctuality: Being on time is a life skill that reflects respect of another person's time. We expect all students to be in class ready to learn at 8:45am. Our first bell rings at 8:40am. Please organize your morning to allow enough time to get ready and travel to school, setting your child up for a day of success. Lateness not only disrupts the classroom, but it also causes personal embarrassment to the child. Please do your best to arrive on time every day.

Appointments: Please schedule appointments outside of instruction time wherever possible. If this is unavoidable due to a specialist or urgent appointment, please pick up your child during a natural break in the day such as recess (9:55am-10:10am) or lunch (12:00pm – 12:50pm). This will allow the teacher to continue with their lesson plan uninterrupted and prevent your child leaving during an important part of the day. Please always advise the classroom teacher and office in advance that you will be picking up your child and whether they will return.

Attendance: Attendance is critical. We have had a great deal of disruption over the past two years and the best thing for our students is consistency and routine. Although we understand that on occasion voluntary absences



from school are unavoidable, our expectation is that vacations be taken during the generous time allowance of Winter, Spring, and Summer Breaks. Teachers rely heavily on *all students* being in attendance when they plan class collaboration and group projects. Not only is it detrimental for the student who is absent, but those remaining in-class are left without partners or valuable collaboration input. An Extended Absence Form will need to be completed if your child is going to be away. The District limits the number of voluntary absence days, if exceeded, your child will be withdrawn and will need to be re-registered on your return. Quilchena is almost full, and placement cannot be guaranteed if your child is withdrawn.

Camp Jubilee: We have been planning for our Camp Jubilee experience from Oct. 3-5, 2022 for our Grade 5, 6, & 7's. An information package has gone home with your child today. Thank you for taking the time to complete the necessary paperwork and return it back to us in a timely manner. Please remember if you are wanting to participate in any of the water activities, you will need to have your Red Cross Level 5 or the Watersafe course. Upcoming course dates are September 24th & 25th at Minoru Pool. Ms. Hughes will be emailing the information to you early next week on how to register.



There will be a **Camp Parent Information Evening** at 5:30pm in the gym where members from Camp Jubilee will share a presentation and be available for any questions you may have.