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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ September 26th – September 30th, 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 25-27 – Rosh Hashana

September 26-October 5 - Navaratri

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters

September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – No School



It is hard to believe that September is almost behind us. We have been fortunate to have had such a beautiful September and fingers crossed it continues into the fall months. **A reminder that tomorrow is a Professional Development Day where the Quilchena staff will be at school learning and working together. See you all Monday morning!**



Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is one of Judaism's two High Holidays that arrive each fall. It is a time to reflect on the past year, sing, pray, gather with loved ones over traditional foods such as apples dipped in honey and challah. *l'shana tova* to our Quilchena families who celebrate this holiday.

Navaratri is a Hinduism festival to worship goddess Durga, who represents energy of the universe. This festival is celebrated for 9 nights and is to tell us all that good wins over evil and each of us is meant to chase away wicked thoughts and replace them with good ones. Many people observe a fast during this time. Wishing our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival a very blessed and joyful Navratri.



In Other Quilchena News:



National Day For Truth and Reconciliation: If you have an orange shirt or clothing, please wear it on September 29th to recognize and commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors. Our students have been and will continue to partake in meaningful conversations to better understand the significance of this day in our community and nation.

Meet the Staff Evening: We hope to see you this evening between 5:00-6:00pm. Please come by for an informal visit to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers and the Quilchena staff, and say hello!



Settlement Workers in School: Our SWIS worker at Quilchena School can assist newcomer students and their families to access community resources such as recreation services and after school activities. She can also help families adapt to the local school system. Please contact her during school hours. Ms. Lily Zhou will be here every Monday morning and Friday all day.

Student and Family Affordability Fund: Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school nutritional supports for students. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0057-001290> At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Game of Apps: A new season is about to start and this year and they are continuing the middle years program for students in grades 6 to 9. The GoA middle years program is an introduction to coding and software development and is based on Apple's Swift Playgrounds curriculum. The fun and supportive environment encourages all students, regardless of background or interest, to acquire coding skills that will help them in whatever future field they pursue. It is a full-year (October to May) after school program and will be conducted 100% online. The Richmond School District has been a strong supporter of GoA since its inception and will continue subsidizing a limited quantity of the registration fees this year. The full registration fee is \$350, but students will only pay \$250 as the balance will be subsidized by the district. More information about the program can be found on the attached flyer. Early bird discount deadline is September 30, 2022.

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PAC News: If you have not yet registered your child for upcoming Food Days, information is located on our school website, located under the *Parents>PAC Fundraising* tab at the top of the website. More information to come shortly on when Hotlunches will be accepting your food orders. The PAC is always looking for volunteers for Food Days and Fundraising initiatives. Please contact our PAC Executive at quilchenapac@gmail.com.



Upcoming Food Days:
Wed Oct 19 Pizza Day
Wed Nov 9 Subway Day
Wed Nov 30 Sushi Day
Wed Dec 14 Taco Day

Family photo nights! Families can start booking now and have until Oct 9th to book or until all sittings are fully booked. *Please see the attached flyer for instructions.*

