

Quilchena Elementary
School District #38
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ November 14th – November 18th, 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.

November 14 – Gr.6/7 Volleyball Home Game vs Gilmore
November 15 – Gr.6/7 Volleyball Away Game vs Grauer
November 16 – Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill
November 18 – Rain City Improv School Wide Performance



Today we hosted a beautiful *Remembrance Day Assembly* to recognize and honour the sacrifices the many Canadians have made to allow us to live and prosper in the country we live in today. On November 11th, we hope whether you are taking part in an outdoor ceremony or at home, you can reflect and honour our brave Canadians. **As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday, November 11th. LEST WE FORGET.**

Through generous donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Trust Fund, the Legion can provide funding to eligible organizations undertaking Veteran support initiatives. Please, take a moment to reflect on the freedoms and peace in your life, and to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for all we have today. Donations can be made through *School Cash Online link below*, if a tax receipt is required, please donate directly with the Poppy Fund Canada. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/53605/125/False/True>

In Other Quilchena News:

Student Absence Line: Did you know that if you are phoning in an absence that there is a special phone number that is different from the main office? It is called our Early Warning Line. Please call 604-718-4073 and leave your child's name, division, and the reason for their absence.

Kindergarten Registration: Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opened on November 1, 2022. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.



Library Support: Ms. McCormick is looking for a parent volunteer on Wednesday mornings to assist her in the library from 8:35am-9:00am. If this is something you are interested in, please see Ms. McCormick.





Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill: We will be having a **Hold & Secure** and **Lockdown** drill the morning of **Wednesday, November 16th** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members have discussed the steps involved in these drills. Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will continue to prepare for other situations that might happen in our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line or a coyote) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to “lockdown” the school. For the broken gas line example, we would follow *Hold & Secure* procedures – a **perimeter** lockdown. For an intruder, we would follow *Lockdown* (formerly known as CODE RED) procedures - a **full** lockdown. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

Quilchena Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population. If you have any questions about the upcoming drill, please contact Mrs. Kusch at school.



PAC News:

Our Purdy's and Gift cards fundraisers have begun! Ordering deadline is November 26th. Please refer to the school's website under Parents>PAC fundraising for more details and to the attachments for more information!

Purdy's Fundraiser: Our “*Quilchena PAC 2022 Holiday Fundraiser*” has begun. By ordering through the school fundraising campaign, we earn 25% from all purchases. Please see the Purdy's Fundraiser attachment on how to register and order.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1005619-96344> (Quilchena's group number is 37245)

Gift Card Fundraiser: We are once again selling **Gift Cards** as a fundraiser and the PAC earns a rebate on all gift card purchases. Please see the Gift Card Fundraiser attachment on how to register and order.

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 Our First Snowy Day

