Quilchena Elementary School District #38

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ November 28th – December 2nd, 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 26 – Last day for ordering Purdy's & Gift Cards

November 28 – December 9 – Starlight Campaign

November 29 – Last day for Photo Retake orders

November 30 - Gr.6/7 Volleyball Tournament at Richmond High School

November 30 – PAC Hot Lunch Day

As we look to next week and welcome December, we have a lot to be proud of as a Quilchena Community. We have welcomed back many in person events, group activities and leadership opportunities. Our students have been collaborating, connecting and sharing their learning in meaningful ways. We have 3 weeks left before our winter break and have some fun things planned for our students during the month of December.

In Other Quilchena News:



<u>Starlight Children's Foundation:</u> Over the last several years the Quilchena community has participated in a Food Drive supporting *Starlight Children's Foundation's December Joy of Sharing Event*, an event near and dear to Ms. Davis' heart. Starlight Canada is a non-profit charitable organization and has been spreading joy to sick children across Canada through a

unique blend of hospital to home programs designed for the whole family. All donations received will be shared with our families to bring much needed joy during the upcoming holiday season. Thanking you in advance for considering our request.

How Quilchena will help this year:

Quilchena students and staff will be taking part in a Joy of Sharing Campaign the week of November 28th to December 9th



*A Food Bin for **non-perishable** items will be in the front foyer of the school from Nov. 28^{th} – Dec. 9^{th} . We would love to collect any extra pastas, jarred sauces, jams, granola bars, canned soups, canned fruits, or canned vegetables you may have.

Please be sure to check expiry dates. The dates should go well into the 2023 year.

*Cash Donations are also greatly preferred at this time: Cash donations will be accepted in a bucket at the front of the school office. These cash donations will be taken and used directly to buy non-perishable food items for Starlight families on December 9th.

*School Cash Online Donations can be made. Any denomination is extremely helpful and welcome! Please see the link below for you to make a donation.

https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/54780/125/False/True

*Note: If you need a tax receipt, we ask that you donate online at www.starlightjoyofsharing.com, as the school is unable to provide tax receipts for you.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Kusch or Ms. Davis at the school.



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 1st, 2022. Please visit the website http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.

PAC News:

It's going to be a busy and eventful December and New Year with many PAC related events!

Just a reminder that our *Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser* and the *Gift Cards Fundraiser* ordering deadline is this Saturday, Nov 26th at midnight!!

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser:

- Go to https://fundraising.purdys.com/1005619-96344
- If you ordered last year, you can SIGN IN to your account as a returning customer
- If it is your first-time ordering, you need to REGISTER as a new customer/supporter
- Quilchena's group number is 37245
- Click "Shop online" and "use marketplace"

Gift cards fundraiser:

- You will need to register as a shopper at www.shopfunds.ca to place and submit your order
- Payment by e-transfer to quilchenafundraising@gmail.com
- See the attachment for more details
- Please see the attached list of cards available for purchase

Mabel's Labels:

• Black Friday Sale on now! Up to 50% off! The PAC earns 20% commission on all sales. See our school website -> Parents tab-> PAC fundraising-> Mabel's Labels tile

Hot Lunches/Food Days:

There will be more food days to come in the new year. Please ensure that you have registered your child(ren) in the Hotlunches system. Please refer our school website-> Parents-> PAC fundraising tab for info on how to register and order when Hotlunches ordering is open in January.

Winter Craft Make & Take: Thank you to those who have signed up to help already! We need a couple more volunteers for Willow Star & Orange Tree Ornament craft station - a training session for this craft will be on Wed. Nov. 30th.

• Please sign up by clicking the link below. Shifts on Dec. 9th will be assigned at your training session. Hope to see you there! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BACA628A1F94-quilchena



PAC Bottle Drive: Saturday, January 7th 9:00am -12:00pm

- Save all your cans and bottles for our upcoming bottle drive!! They must be in clear plastic bags (no black bags) and can be dropped off at the school on Jan 7th between 9:00am 12:00pm.
- We still need MANY volunteers for flyer distribution prior to the bottle drive and to pick up bottles on Bottle Drive Day.
- Please see our school website -> parents tab -> volunteer opportunities for more info and for the links to signup to help!
- We will need volunteers to:
- *Distribute flyers to our neighbourhood homes between Dec 1st-18th (Volunteers for Flyer Distribution https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44abac2aa1f8c25-bottle)
- *Drive around the neighbourhood to collect the bags of bottles and return it to the school parking lot on Jan.7th (Volunteer Drivers on Jan. 7th at 9am https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAC2AA1F8C25-bottle1)
- *Help put bags of bottles into larger containers as bags are being brought in from 9am-12pm (Volunteers to move bottles into larger containers https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44abac2aa1f8c25-bottle2)

Please refer to the school's website https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/ and go to the Parents tab for all PAC related information.

Thank-you for your support! *Quilchena Elementary PAC*