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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ January 9th – January 13th, 2023

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.

January 7 – PAC Bottle Drive Fundraiser
*January 13 – PAC Food Day Order **Deadline***
January 13 – Earthquake Drill #2
January 13 – Black Excellence Day



The Quilchena staff would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful and family-filled winter break and enjoyed the abundance of snow we received! We have enjoyed the positive buzz back in our hallways and classrooms this past week and look forward our second term together.

In Other Quilchena News:



Black Excellence Day: Black Excellence Day started from the movement in early 2021. Black Excellence Day is a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians and to learn about the contributions of Black Canadians and their ongoing civil rights struggle. A day to honour the rich history, art, and stories of Black Canadians. The term “Black Excellence” was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960’s and honours great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.

School Parking Lot: We did a wonderful job to try to respect our parking lot rules and reducing congestion during the month of December. Please continue to keep our kids safe by walking to school when possible, parking in designated parking spots and finding places in the neighbourhood, while obeying city parking rules. Also, just a reminder, if you are parked in a designated parking spot, please turn off your car while you wait. Our district has a ‘no idling’ policy, and your car shouldn’t be running. **When a vehicle's engine is turned off instead of idling**, not only does this reduce GHG emissions, but saves fuel as well. Thank you again for your continued efforts.

Donations: Some parents have been asking how they can donate to our school. To name a few, these donations go towards gym equipment, classroom projectors, Math and Science materials. Now, donations are earmarked for some pickleball gym equipment, math manipulatives and a projector for our library. The Richmond School District is a registered charitable organization and accepts donations to help support various programs, initiatives, student scholarships and activities that benefit our students. Donations to a specific school or a district program can be made online <https://sd38.bc.ca/our-district/donations>. We graciously thank all our parents who have donated to our school and our district initiatives.

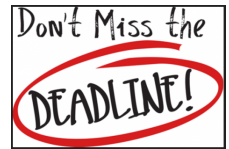




Planning for September 2023: Planning for the next school year is underway. Please check your child’s backpack for our pink Attendance Survey. Please indicate whether your children are planning to attend Quilchena next year, and return the form to school by Friday, January 20th. Students who have been absent this week will receive the form on their return to school.

Kindergarten 2023: Priority 1 Kindergarten Registration will close on January 20th, 2023.

Every year there are families who miss out on this registration period resulting in their child not being able to attend their catchment school or being placed on a waitlist, both of which cause undue stress to parents and guardians and are completely avoidable. Families are strongly encouraged to register during the Priority 1 registration period for the best chance at attending their catchment school for the 2023/24 school year. As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in the catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available.



If you, or someone you know, has a child residing in the Richmond School District, born in 2018 we encourage you/them to register their children for Kindergarten at your earliest convenience: ONLINE – <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.



Thinking about Grade 8: The parents/guardians of our Grade 7 students have been given a letter indicating their catchment high school and the process to request a transfer if that’s your plan. Parent information evenings will be held during the months of January and February, please see the dates noted on the back of letter that was sent home. Each school’s website will also have this information and we encourage parents to attend. For Grade 7's hoping to attend a high school other than their catchment school, Transfer Applications for 2023/24 will open on Monday, February 6, 2023. The application forms and information will be available January 15th for parents to download from the SD38 website (<https://www.sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>). They must be emailed directly to school of choice between 06-FEB and 28-FEB. Students applying for out-of-catchment incentive programs MUST also submit a transfer request.



PAC News:

PAC Bottle Drive: Our PAC bottle drive is happening tomorrow on Saturday, January 7th at 9am!

Bring in your empty beverage containers to the school parking lot anytime between 9am-12pm. Please have them in clear recycling bags only! You may also leave them on your front curb of your home (only if you live in the Quilchena or Gilmore catchment areas) by 8am on the morning of January 7th for pick up by our PAC volunteers.



You can also bring your empty beverage containers into the Return-it depot at No.2 Rd and Blundell ANY TIME in the year (they must be in clear bags). At the Express Kiosk, enter the school's phone number [604-668-6224](tel:604-668-6224) to print out a label to put on your bag. No sorting or counting required! They will do that for you! (If you sort and count the containers yourself, just tell them you want to donate to Quilchena PAC).

Volunteers still needed: We will need volunteer drivers to collect bags of bottles from the neighborhood homes and bring them back to the school and a few volunteers to help put the bags into larger containers, as the drivers are bringing them back.

Please sign up below if you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAC2AA1F8C25-bottle1>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAC2AA1F8C25-bottle2>



Food Days/Hot Lunches: Just a reminder that our Hotlunches system is open for online ordering for the January to March food days. **The deadline to order is Friday, January 13th at 8pm. No late orders accepted!!**

<https://quilchenapac.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Please refer to the school's website -> parents tab-> PAC fundraising -> for details on how to register for Hotlunches and how to order.



Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

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

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Quilchena PAC