

Quilchena Elementary
School District #38
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ January 30th – February 3rd

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 30 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)
February 2 – Groundhog Day



We are almost through our first month of 2023 and it has been a positive and productive start to Term Two. Each morning, as a school, we participate in our morning walk. A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am and we begin our day, together, at 8:45am. Being on time is a life skill that all our students need to be successful. Please organize your morning to allow enough time to get ready and travel to school, setting your child up for a day of success. A reminder that Monday is a Professional Development Day where the Quilchena staff will be at school learning and working together. See you all Tuesday morning!

In Other Quilchena News:

Absences: If your child(ren) will be absent from school, it is important that you call the **Student Absence line (604-718-4073)** and leave a message with your child's name, division, reason for and length of absence. This information is also posted on our school website for future use. Thank you.



Appointments: Please try to schedule appointments outside of instruction time wherever possible. If this is unavoidable due to a specialist or urgent appointment, please try to 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.



Planning for September 2023 & School Transfers: If you indicated that you are uncertain if your child will return to Quilchena in the new school year, please keep the office informed when your plans are known. Please note: if your plans include transferring to another Richmond school, Transfer Request Forms must be submitted by email to the school of choice between February 6th and February 28th, 2023 (<https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>).



Attendance: Attendance is critical. We have had a great deal of disruption over the last several 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 unfavourable 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.



PAC News:

Upcoming Food Days:

- February 8 - Subway
- February 22 - Sushi Lovers
- March 8 - White Spot
- March 29 - Pizza Hut

Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Band with Division 2

