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## Quilchena Community

### The Week Ahead ~ February 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

February – Black History Month

February 13 – DuffleBag Theatre Presentation

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 16 – Early Dismissal (12pm) – Learning Updates with families (conferences)

February 17 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)

February 18 – Maha Shirvaratri

February 20 – Family Day (provincial holiday)



There are many things happening at Quilchena next week, including our *Learning Update Conferences* with families, a theatre performance, Valentine's Day and a Friday Pro-D day. Enjoy your weekend Cyclones and see you all Monday!

### In Other Quilchena News:



**Maha Shivaratri:** Maha Shivaratri is a Hindu festival celebrated annually in honour of the god Shiva. The name also refers to the night when Shiva performs the heavenly dance called Tandava. In every month of the luni-solar Hindu calendar, there is a Shivaratri – "night of Shiva" – on the day before new moon. Unlike most Hindu festivals which are celebrated during the day, the Maha Shivaratri is celebrated at night.

**Welcome Donna Sargent:** Quilchena welcomes Donna Sargent as our new school liaison trustee. She will be coming by to visit our school and she is excited to take part in some of our school activities and events.



**Early Dismissal:** A reminder that we will be having Early Dismissal at 12pm on February 16<sup>th</sup> to accommodate our second Learning Update (Parent-Teacher Conferences). Your child(ren)'s teacher has sent home information with you regarding times to sign up and we look forward to seeing you.

**Written Learning Updates:** A reminder that your child's Term 1 Written Learning Update (report card) has been published through the MyEducation BC Parent Portal. If you haven't, please log into your Parent Portal Account on MyEd Parent Portal to view. Please also download, save and print if you want a copy for your records. The last day to view Term One Report Cards will be February 28, 2023. All families were emailed back on December 13<sup>th</sup> from the District regarding instructions on how to access your myEd account and instructions are also posted on the school's website.





**Daily Health Check & Reporting Student Absences:** Thank you for continuing to do a daily health check each morning and keeping your child(ren) home when they are not feeling well. Please continue to notify the school via the *Student Absence Line*, along with the reason for your child(ren)'s absence. If your child(ren) will be absent for other reasons, please also call the Student Absence Line and provide the reason for absence and length of time off.

**Caring for Self and Others: Online Safety:**



With more time at home and less events to attend we encourage parents to take an active role in supporting your child online. They need guidance and supervision. Have ongoing conversations and join them in their platforms so that you can understand the places they spend time virtually hanging out. Talk to your children about their online friends and activities just as you would about their other activities.

Conversations about the importance of safe and ethical social networking might include:

- Only adding people, you know as friends
- Treating people online with kindness and respect
- Not using a real photo as your main profile picture
- Using a nickname or first name
- Not sharing passwords with friends
- Teach your children to always ask you first before sharing personal information online
- Encourage your children to come to you if they encounter anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened (stay calm, if you "over-react" they won't turn to you for help when they need it)
- Protect your children from offensive "pop-ups" by setting your browser to block popups, disabling Java on your computer and/or using blocking software. Ad blockers such as Adblock can also keep kids from seeing banner ads with inappropriate content.

**PAC News:**

**Upcoming Food Days:**

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



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***A Peek Into 100's Day!***

