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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ April 17th – April 21st

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.

March 22-April 20 - Ramadan

April – Sikh Heritage Month

April 6-29 – Mr. Cooper's Pies Fundraiser

April 14 - Vaisakhi

April 21 – Eid



Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is the Sikh new year and is an important festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. Vaisakhi is a spring harvest festival, which marks the start of the harvest and commemorates Guru Gobind Singh, who was one of the original Sikh Gurus. Vaisakhi is also a celebration of family and solidarity. Happy Vaisakhi to our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival. Have a wonderful weekend, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:

As part of Mental Health Week (May 1st – 7th), Richmond SD 38 presents...



Deb MacNamara: Information Session for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (on Zoom) 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Holding Onto Our Kids in a Digital World - Dr. Deborah MacNamara

As if parenting wasn't hard enough in having to deal with screens, peer pressure on kids - and then we had to add a pandemic on top of it! How can we hold on to our kids so we can influence and guide them? What do kids really need from us to grow into socially and emotionally responsible beings? This presentation will discuss issues from technology to peer problems and how parents are the ultimate answer for what kids need most of all. Practical suggestions for (re)building strong relationships with kids from preschoolers to teenagers will be discussed along with managing challenging behaviour - including screen time!

BIO

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one)*, and her children's picture book, *The Sorry Plane*. She is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and Director of the counselling practice, Kid's Best Bet.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers can click [HERE](#) to register or use the QR code in the attached flyer – please register by Friday, April 28, 2023.

Student Learning Survey 2022-2023: The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It is for students in grade 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, staff and administrators. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.



The Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7 in the coming weeks at school. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to complete a survey if they have a child(dren) in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades and the parent survey is available in English and 17 other languages. These results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions.

Parents

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a login provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct Access option. (Please select one of the options below).

With a login number from your school

Direct Access — no login number required

District: (Blank)

School: Please Select District First

Language: English

Log On

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on any computer with an internet connection, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without a login code by selecting the Direct Access with your school district and school name where your child(ren) attends school.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. [Student Learning Survey Link](#)

SWIS Monthly Announcement for April: Central Registration & Welcome Centre

The SWIS team (Settlement Workers in Schools) has created a monthly calendar showing all the workshops and activities that families can sign up for! Please see the attached calendar showing all events for the month of April!



PAC News:

Upcoming Food Days:

- April 19 Freshslice Pizza
- May 24 Sushi Lovers
- May 3 Taco Luis
- June 14 Subway

Mr. Coopers Pies: Quilchena PAC has once again partnered with Mr. Cooper's Pies to provide their family crafted, locally sourced, ready to heat-and-eat savoury pies! Pies are \$10.50 each or purchase 10+ pies for a 10% discount. Quilchena PAC will receive 25% of all sales. We thank you in advance for your fundraising support. Orders may be placed between **Thursday, April 6th and Saturday, April 29th** - hit the link below or visit our school website>Parents>PAC Fundraising tab. Pick up your order will be on Wednesday, May 3rd between 2:45pm - 3:15pm outside the school gym. [Quilchena PAC Fundraising Page](#)



The Quilchena PAC is organizing a *Pub Night Fundraiser* on Thursday, April 27th at Legends Pub in Richmond. Information on how to purchase tickets has been sent home with your child this week. Make sure to check their agenda pocket and return your request for tickets, along with your payment to the office by April 21st. We look forward to a fun evening!



Save the Date: Family Movie night on May 12! Come for a fun evening of pizza, popcorn and a movie in the gym! More details to follow in the coming TWA's. You can order your Movie Night Pizza on Hotlunches, which opens today and closes on May 3rd.



We will need parent volunteers to help make this event a successful one. There is a sign up for volunteers to help with collecting admission fees, selling food tickets, concession snack sales and pizza distribution. Please click on the link below or visit our school website and look under the Parent Tab.

Sign-up for volunteers:

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

Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com



Please see the attached flyer for information on volunteer opportunities with *The Lower Mainland Green Team* at Terra Nova Rural Park Saturday, April 15th and Saturday, April 22nd. If you're interested in rescuing trees and improving biodiversity by removing a large invasive blackberry bush, come on out. These activities will help you realize the power YOU have to make a difference and the awesome mental and physical health benefits of being out in nature! **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. All ages, backgrounds, abilities and experience levels are welcome. Educational instruction, gloves, tools and snacks (yum!) are provided. We will be out RAIN OR SHINE!**



A Peek Into Our Gardeners

