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### Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ September 18<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

We invite families to visit the [School Calendar](#) for all our future notable dates and events.  
Simply click on the 'event' for more details.

*September 21 – Meet the Staff Open House (5-6pm)*

*September 22 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)*



It was our first full week with our new classes, and it is wonderful to see students reconnecting with their friends and making new connections. September start-up is a busy time of the year and we thank you for your diligence in returning the needed information and forms promptly. We would also like to extend a big Cyclone welcome to Mr. Naluz, our new Band and Music Teacher.

#### In Other Quilchena News:

**Terry Fox:** We ended our week with our school-wide Terry Fox Run. Thank you to all our families who donated to support *Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope*. We surpassed our goal and have raised \$462! Our local Richmond Terry Fox Run is this coming Sunday at Garry Point Park if you would like to participate. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



**Meet the Staff Evening - September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm.** Please come by for an informal visit to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers and the Quilchena staff, and say hello! We will be having a draw for some Quilchena swag so make sure to fill out a ballot and be present for the draw out at the front of our school. We would love to see you!

**Being Prepared:** Thank you for remembering to bring a water bottle, recess snack and a packed lunch with you to school each morning. A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am and we begin our day together at **8:45am**. This week we started our school wide *Morning Walk* that begins at 8:45am. This is where the whole school goes for a morning walk together and gives us a chance to connect and start the day off as a community. Giving yourself time in the morning so you are not rushed helps you begin your day in a calm manner.



**Parent Resource For Raising Digitally Responsible Youth:** *Safer Schools Together* has published a [parent guide](#) for Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. The guide was designed to help introduce parents and caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children, and includes tips, how-to's and definitions.

**Needing Support:** Currently, we are requesting that families reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



**Volunteer Opportunity:** The [Lower Mainland Green Team](#) is organizing a [community cleanup at Terra Nova Rural Park this Saturday, September 16th](#) would love to invite you all to join us! This family-friendly activity is for all ages and focuses on facilitating connections between people, trying, and learning new things, exploring local greenspaces, and feeling part of a community, all while having a positive environmental impact.

We will be removing invasive blackberry from Terra Nova Rural Park to rescue trees being overtaken by this aggressive plant, help increase biodiversity and make the area more resilient, functional for birds/wildlife, and beautiful!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! ALL AGES, backgrounds and abilities are invited. Gloves, tools, snacks, educational instruction and a small thank you gift will be provided. This is a great family-friendly activity with small tools and litter picking also available. Come for as long or as little as you're able to!

**Date:** Saturday September 16, 2023

**Time:** 9:45am-1pm

**Location:** Terra Nova Rural Park (beside the Farm Centre)

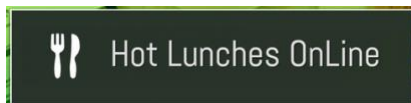
**What:** Invasive blackberry removal

**MORE INFO:** <https://www.meetup.com/the-lower-mainland-green-team/events/295492620/>

**SIGN UP:** Email me at [ashton@greenteamsCanada.ca](mailto:ashton@greenteamsCanada.ca) or [sign up on Meetup](#)



### **PAC News:**



### **PAC Food days are back!**

Tired of packing lunches for your child? Not to worry! This year our PAC food days will take place **weekly** on Mondays or Tuesdays. Vendors include Fresh Slice Pizza, Sushi Lovers, Subway, Taco Luis and Olive Lunch for the October to December term. Ordering and payment is done in the Hotlunches.net system. **The PAC Food Days ordering and payment deadline is September 24th!!** Please visit the [PAC Fundraising page HERE](#) to find all the information on how to register and order your lunches in the Hotlunches system!

Our very popular **PAC Family Photo Night** fundraiser is back! This year we have teamed up with Xavi & Co. photography and it will take place on the nights of October 12 and 13. *More information to come in next week's TWA on this fundraiser and how to sign up for your time slot!*



To learn more about our Quilchena Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please visit the [Quilchena PAC page](#), (under the Parents tab in the school's website).

Bookmark our page so you can get the most current PAC information, events and updates!

<https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents/pac>

A Peek into Our Terry Fox Run

