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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ September 25th – September 29th, 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 22 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)

September 24 – PAC Food Days Ordering Deadline (no late orders)

September 24 – 25 – Yom Kippur

September 26-27 – Mawlid al-Nabi

September 29 - Sukkot

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 2 – Day of Truth and Reconciliation Observed (schools closed)

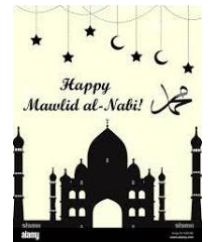
We hope to see you this evening between 5:00-6:00pm at our Open House! Please come by for an informal visit to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers and the Quilchena staff, and say hello! We would also like to extend a big Cyclone welcome to Ms. Berry in Division 4.

In Other Quilchena News:



Yom Kippur: *Yom Kippur* means “Day of Atonement” in Hebrew. This is the holiest Jewish holiday of the year and ends the ten days of High Holidays or “Days of Awe,” which begin with Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally, this is a time where Jewish people refrain from work and all adults fast from sundown the evening before Yom Kippur until nightfall the next day. On the day of Yom Kippur itself, there are many traditional prayers. *Yom Tov* to our Quilchena families who recognize this holiday.

Mawlid al-Nabi: *Mawlid al-Nabi* is a special day in Islamic calendar to remember the birth of Prophet Muhammad. It is observed on the 12th day of the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal, the third month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every year, Muslims around the world celebrate the occasion by wearing new clothes, offering prayers, and exchanging gifts. The day is celebrated by preparing special meals at mosques and at home with friends and family. *Happy Mawlid al-Nabi* to all our Quilchena families who celebrate this special day.



National Day For Truth and Reconciliation: As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. As we approach September 30th, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we wanted to share with you a few important events that are taking place in our school and district.

On September 22nd, 2023, our entire district staff will be engaging in a day of learning about Indigenous History, First Peoples Principles of Learning, and our collective role in reconciliation. Please note, this is a Non-Instructional Day and schools will not be in session.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. This student led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an “Every Child Matters” flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.

Finally, a reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30th. As this occurs on Saturday this year, the statutory day will be on Monday, October 2nd, 2023, and therefore school will not be in session on this day. [HERE](#) you will find a resource that families can use to spark conversation and learn more.

If you have an orange shirt or clothing, please wear it on September 29th to recognize and commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors. Our students have been and will continue to partake in meaningful conversations to better understand the significance of this day in our community and nation.

Health & Safety: Please continue to keep your child(ren) home when they are experiencing flu and cold like symptoms or not feeling 100%. We continue to be mindful that Covid19 still continues to circulate around the province, and we are trying to reduce the risk of others getting sick. Thank you to everyone for respecting these protocols.



Cross-Country Team: Sign up and practices have begun for our Cross-Country Run Team. Interested students from grades 1-7 practice Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15am, rain or shine. On October 17th, there will be Cross-Country Run at Garry Point starting at 3:30pm. Thank you to Mrs. Pereira and Mrs. Cavazzi for organizing this club and to, Mr. Sumra, our school volunteer for giving his time to help coach.

Photo Orders: The online gallery from our school photo session is now live!

Please visit the link [HERE](#)

- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Order deadline is: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2023** (after the date a late fee is applicable)

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Click [HERE](#)
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade, and student number.
4. Order your photos!



About Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH 2023**
- Please visit the link [HERE](#) and sign up by **MONDAY OCTOBER 23RD 2023**

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

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Game of Apps: Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology? Join us at **Game of Apps** (season 07) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding and design skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management and much more [HERE](#). Please see the attached flyers for more information on how to register.

For new GoA students in grades 6 to 9, we continue to offer our Middle Years program (levels 1 and 2). Program details: [HERE](#)

For past students who have completed Middle Years level 2, we have a brand-new program where students may enter Apple's Swift Student Challenge, which is part of Apple's annual WWDC (Worldwide Developers' Conference), for a chance to win some Apple prizes and a trip to the 2024 WWDC in Silicon Valley. Program details: [HERE](#)

The Richmond School District will again offer a \$100 subsidy to the first 50 students who register. Early-bird pricing is available before September 30th.

PAC News: PAC Food days are back!



FINAL REMINDER FOR PAC FOOD DAYS for the October to December term! **Ordering and payment deadline is Sunday 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! Sorry, no orders will be accepted after the deadline.

We are looking for someone to take on the role of PAC Food Day Coordinator for the 2024/2025 school year. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

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. Please visit the PAC fundraising page to sign up for your time [HERE](#).

Volunteer opportunities for our PAC Family Photo Night and PAC Food days! Please visit the volunteer opportunities page under the Parents tab [HERE](#) to see how you can help!

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 Cross Country Team



