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## Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 6<sup>th</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 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation*

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

*October 4 – Family Photo Night Sign Up Deadline*

*October 6 – Fire Drill*



As we say goodbye to September this weekend and reflect on our first month of school, it has been a productive and busy month full of new beginnings, learning and connecting. Thank you to all those families who were able to attend our Open House last week and we look forward to meeting with you again during our fall parent-teacher conferences in mid-October. A reminder that Monday is a statutory holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all Tuesday morning! We would also like to extend a big Cyclone welcome to Ms. Powell who will be teaching Music to Divisions 5-8!

### In Other Quilchena News:



**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. Today we wore our orange shirts 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. As we approach September 30<sup>th</sup> tomorrow, the National

Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we hope you will have time to pause, reflect, reconnect and discuss the importance of this day as a family and community.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we are displaying the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in the entryway of 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 30<sup>th</sup>. As this occurs on Saturday this year, the statutory day will be on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.



**No Smoking Regulations:** The City of Richmond has a **No Smoking** policy on school grounds or public parks. Please remember to follow these rules and remember that smoking of any kind is not permitted on school property when dropping off or picking up your child(ren) from school. Please visit the City of Richmond’s [website](#) for further information.

**No Emails?** If you are no longer receiving emails from us, this can be due to changes to the permission forms that you returned this month as information is now being verified. The school only has permission to send emails to the addresses that you included on the SA53 (the Salmon-coloured Personal Information Consent form). Please contact the school if you have noticed changes and would like to update your information. Email is our primary method of communication. If we are unable to email you, you will NOT receive reminders, student absence alerts, teacher updates, newsletters, and news flashes.



**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.



**PAC News:**

Spots are still available for the PAC Family Photo Night fundraiser! 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 School's Learning Around Truth & Reconciliation**

