



**Quilchena Elementary
School District #38**

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ October 16th – October 20th, 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.

October 15-24 - Navaratri

October 16 – PAC Hot Lunch Day – Pasta Day

October 16 – Volleyball Game @ Home vs. Gilmore

October 17 – Cross Country Run at Garry Point (3:30pm)

October 18 – Early Dismissal (12pm) – Student Learning Update Conferences (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 19 – Earthquake Drill #1 (Great Shake Out Day)

October 20 – Provincial Professional Development Day – Schools are closed

We continue to be very fortunate with this beautiful weather, which has brought many smiles and joy during our Morning Walk and our recess and lunch breaks. Thank you for making the effort to be at school on time so your child(ren) may begin the day with their peers. A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am, attendance is taken at 8:45am and then we all head outside for our walk. If you arrive to school after this, please sign in at the office for attendance and join your class. Giving yourself time in the morning so you are not rushed helps everyone begin the day in a calm manner.

In Other Quilchena News:



Navaratri: A Hinduism festival to worship goddess Durga, who represents energy of the universe. This festival is celebrated for 9 nights and is to tell us all that good wins over evil and each of us is meant to chase away wicked thoughts and replace them with good ones. Many people observe a fast during this time. Wishing our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival a very blessed and joyful Navratri.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 18th is an early dismissal day at 12pm. Students will need to only bring a recess snack that day. Your teachers would have sent home an invite to meet with them to review the year so far and to set some goals with your child(ren). Many teachers may take more than one day to meet with all of you. Thank you for collaborating and working with your child(ren)’s teachers.



Needing Support: Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal support and other nutritional supports for students. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca). We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



Back to School Wellness Kit: Back-to-school transition can be a stressful time for students and their parents/guardians or caregivers. The B.C. Children’s Hospital has released a [back-to-school wellness toolkit](#) to help support families with practical guidance and resources to support their child or youth as they adjust to the school routine and change in their environment.



Earthquake Safety: *The Great British Columbia ShakeOut* is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during the event of an earthquake. On October 19th, millions of people worldwide will practice how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On”. The ShakeOut drill has been organized to review, practice and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies.



FSA's: Students in Grade 4 & 7 will be participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) this month. Each year, the Ministry of Education requires school districts to conduct this province-wide assessment and is designed to see how students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. We know this is one assessment and only gives a snapshot of your child’s learning. As a school, we use this information to further learn about your child(ren) and gives us more information about their learning. An email was sent home from the District to all Grade 4 & 7 families on September 21st, 2023 with more information.

PAC News:



Our photo sessions for the PAC family photo night fundraiser yesterday and this evening are fully booked!! Thank-you to all those who signed up to participate and for our parent volunteers who signed up to help during the evening. Questions? Email quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

To learn more about our Quilchena Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please visit the [Quilchena PAC page](#). Bookmark our page so you can get the most current PAC information, events and updates!

A Peek Into Friday Friends Buddy Reading

