

Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ October 23rd – October 27th, 2023

We invite families to visit the [School Calendar](#) on our website for all of our future notable dates and events.

October 15-24 – Navaratri

October 23 – Family Teams

October 23 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (sushi)

October 23 – Volleyball Game at Gilmore

October 24 – Emma Lea Farm Div. 7 & Div. 8

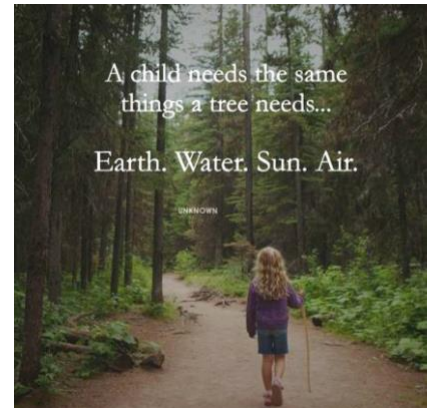
October 24 - Dussehra

October 24 – Drop Everything And Read Day (DEAR)

October 25 – Volleyball Game vs Grauer

October 26 – Photo Retake Day

October 26 – PAC Meeting (7pm)



As we head into late October and our weather begins to shift into more rainy days, please remember to come to school dressed appropriately. Every day is an outside day and being ready for the rain makes playing outside much more enjoyable. Rain boots, raincoats and umbrellas come in handy and allow us to stay dry. Bringing an extra pair of socks, pants, and indoor shoes, also help if we do get wet.

In Other Quilchena News:



Dussehra: Dussehra, also called Dasara or Vijayadashami, in Hinduism, is the holiday marking the triumph of good over evil. The festival's name is derived from the Sanskrit words dasha (“ten”) and hara (“defeat”). It follows the nine-day celebration of Navaratri. Wishing all our Quilchena families who celebrate this holiday a happy and promising Dussehra!

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect: Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31st and we will be having our annual pumpkin patch at school. Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices within your family unit. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind:



It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:



RACE (*black face/brown face*)

CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)

GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)

TRAUMA (*hangman’s noose/weapons*)

Many students are welcome to wear costumes if they wish and have started to plan. We are asking students to not bring any weapon accessories to school if they are part of their costume. We also know that some costumes have full masks. We are asking students that they do not wear their mask while at school, both inside the class and while outside during recess and lunch. This not only prohibits vision for safety reasons but can scare our younger student population. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Thank you for meeting with your child(ren)'s teacher this week during our conferences and for collaborating with them. Some of you may be meeting next week as well. If you haven't yet set a date with the teacher, please reach out and do so. It is a key time to meet with them to review the year so far and to set some goals for your child(ren).



Kindergarten Registration: Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. **Online registration opens on November 1, 2023.** Please visit our [website](#) for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Traffic Safety in School Zones: Some reminders in keeping our Quilchena families and community members safe when arriving and leaving school. **Please drive slowly when entering and exiting our school parking lot.**



Drivers

Stick to the Speed Limit: A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.

Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach: Watch for pedestrians waiting to cross, especially during school hours.

Leave Your Phone Alone: Distraction is the leading factor for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping: If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding to a pedestrian, so proceed with caution and be prepared to stop.

Pedestrians

Cross Only at Marked Crosswalks and Look Both Ways Before Crossing: Do not jaywalk or cross when it isn't your turn.

Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk: Be certain they see you and that they've committed to slowing down to a stop.



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

Questions? Email quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Our Cross-Country Run

**Well done to all those who participated!
See next page for photos!**





Keep Going!