



**Quilchena Elementary
School District #38**

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ December 4th – December 8th, 2023

We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website for all our future notable dates and events.

December 3 - Mr. Cooper's Pies order deadline

December 4 – Fire Drill

December 4 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)

December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

December 7 – Purdys and Mr. Cooper's Pies pick-up day

December 7-15 – Hannukah

December 8 – Popcorn Day

With December upon us, you can feel the shift in temperature and the chill in the air. Thank you for coming to school prepared for any kind of weather and to wear layers on colder days. During our last week of school before the Winter Break, our leadership students have planned a few days for students and staff to participate. You can start to plan ahead for the last week of December.

December 18: *Wear your seasonal scarves, toques & mittens*

December 20: *Dress like a candy cane*

December 22: *Wear your PJs & Comfy Clothes*

In Other Quilchena News:

Hanukkah: December 7th marks the start of this Jewish eight-day, “Festival of Lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and traditional fried foods. Central to the holiday is the lighting of the menorah, an eight-branched candelabrum to which one candle is added on each night of the holiday until it is ablaze with light on the eighth night. The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication” (also spelled Hanukkah). *Hanukkah Sameach* to those families who celebrate Hanukkah.



Starlight Children's Foundation: Today marks the final day of our ‘Joy of Sharing’ campaign. We would like to thank our Quilchena Community for their continued support of this event. Through donations from you, Starlight Children’s Foundation and Ms. Davis are able to provide much needed support to our Starlight Families this holiday season.



Opt-In to District/School Text Message Communication: The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and our school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, *we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.* You can choose to opt-in by sending a text message to 978338 with the comment ‘Yes’. Please complete this action by today, December 1st. **For more information see attachment.**



Student Attendance: We appreciate mornings can be busy. Allowing extra time to get ready and gather belongings will ensure students arrive ON TIME which sets them up for a calm start and a day of success. Their attendance in school is important. Wherever possible we ask families to plan vacations during our very generous seasonal breaks. Lengthy student absences not only impact your child’s learning but also that of the class where group projects can be impacted. Please think before you voluntarily remove your child from school.

PAC News:



FINAL PUSH for our Pie Fundraiser! LAST CHANCE to order Mr. Cooper's Pies. Stock your freezer for the cold months ahead. Savoury pies are a hearty meal on a winter night. **Ordering deadline is December 3rd** . [Click Here](#) for further details.



PAC Movie Night - TONIGHT - Friday December 1st!

Enjoy a movie and pizza dinner with your family at the school gym! We will be showing *The Super Mario Bros* movie. Admission is \$3. Doors open at 5:30pm and the movie starts at 6:00pm.

All children must be supervised by an adult.

A limited amount of pizza will be available for sale this evening for those who did not pre-order. Snacks and popcorn will also be available for sale.

PAC Hot Lunch Food Days TERM 2: Mark your calendars! Hot Lunch ordering for Term 2 (January to March) will be available from Friday, December 15th to Sunday, January 21st Late orders WILL NOT be accepted. Don't miss out! You MUST be registered to order, if you haven't registered this year, please do so as the system is cleared at the end of each year.

Jan 30 – Dominos Pizza	Feb 5 – Pasta	Feb 12 – Sushi Lovers	Feb 20 – White Spot
Feb 26 – Subway	Mar 4 – Taco Luis	Mar 11 – Sushi Lovers	

A Peek Into Our Gr. 6/7 Richmond High Volleyball Tourney



**What a great job our
Grade 6/7 Volleyball
Cyclones did at the
Richmond High Tourney!**



