



Quilchena Elementary

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### Quilchena Community

**The Weeks Ahead ~ February 5<sup>th</sup> – February 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

*February – Black History Month*

*February 5-8 – Book Fair*

*February 5 – PAC Food Day (Pasta)*

*February 7 – World Read Aloud Day*

***February 8 – Early Dismissal at 11:50am for Conferences***

*February 9 – Popcorn Sale*

*February 9 – Gr.6/7 Basketball Game vs McKay (Home Game)*

*February 10 – Lunar New Year*

Welcome to February! Van Isle Violet, BC’s groundhog, saw her shadow on Groundhog Day today so we are in for another 6 weeks of winter weather. We have been very fortunate overall with our winter weather, but we do ask that families ensure students are properly dressed and prepared for all kinds of weather. Having a pair of indoor shoes that you can keep at school is also helpful on rainy days. We would like to welcome Mr. Rey Austria as part of our Quilchena Family, he joins us as our new custodian, Ms. Rose has now retired and we wish her well. Enjoy your upcoming weekend Cyclones and see you all Monday.

#### In Other Quilchena News:



**Black History Month:** Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: “A Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to Build”. This theme represents both an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs. No matter where you live, we invite all

Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history. *“We need to cultivate listening, partnership, and solidarity to carve out a better collective future.” — Desmond Cole*

**Lunar New Year:** The first day after the new moon is celebrated at Lunar New Year, a religious and cultural festival for Chinese, Vietnamese and Koreans of Buddhist and other backgrounds. It is a time when families and friends get together to say goodbye to the old and welcome the new. 2024 is the *Year of the Dragon*. The dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage, and good fortune. *Gung hay fat choy* to all our Quilchena families who celebrate this holiday!



**Early Dismissal:** A reminder that we will be having Early Dismissal at 11:50 am on February 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate our second Learning Update (Parent-Teacher Conferences). Your child(ren)’s teacher would have communicated information with you regarding times to sign up.



**Transfer Requests:** Are you considering a new school for your child for September? Is your child in grade 7 looking to attend a high school other than their catchment one? The school transfer window opens on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Transfer Request forms must be completed and emailed directly to the school of choice within this timeframe. Transfers are not guaranteed, decisions will be communicated to families on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Richmond Education Assistant Program (REAP) Information Session:** Do you want to unlock your potential and make a positive impact on the lives of children and youth with diverse abilities? Are you interested in pursuing a career in education? Join the **Richmond Education Assistant Program (REAP)** and obtain your *Education Assistant Graduate Certificate* in six months to one year. Applicants can choose to enroll in our full-time or part-time program. Our program is designed to provide hands-on training and experience in supporting K-12 students. The majority of REAP graduates find jobs within our district after completion, so this program is the perfect way to start your career in education. Full-Time REAP 2024 will start in July 2024 and end in November 2024. For more information please register [HERE](#) for an information session on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



**Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming:** Quilchena Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Feb 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to browse and purchase books at recess, lunch and after school. Please note we will open the Book Fair during conference times for family visits. There will be no online fair this year. Profits from our book fair will go towards purchasing new books for the library and classrooms. Please contact Ms. McCormick at [cmccormick@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cmccormick@sd38.bc.ca) if you have further questions. We look forward to seeing you!

**City of Richmond – Sensory Swims:** The city is offering new, inclusive swims for those who experience sensory sensitivity and may be on the autism spectrum, have anxiety or sensory sensitivity, and for families wanting a supportive environment with reduced noise. At Minoru Centre for Active Living on the last Sunday of each month (8:00-9:30am).



**PAC News:**



**Popcorn Day:** Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is our next Popcorn Day. Send your child to school with a toonie and they can buy a bag of popcorn at recess time.

**Save the date!** Another PAC Movie Night fundraiser is planned for March 8th! Enjoy a movie with pizza and popcorn with your family! All funds raised will contribute towards our Quilchena library renovation. More details to come in next week's TWA!!

**Have you checked out the PAC Fundraising Page? Click [HERE](#):** Please visit the PAC Fundraising page to learn more about events and opportunities that will benefit our school community !

Questions? Lana at [quilchenafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenafundraising@gmail.com)



# A Peek Into Our Friday Friends

