



*Quilchena Elementary
School District #38*

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ February 12th – February 16th

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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 9 – Pizza Orders Open for Movie Night

February 12 – PAC Food Day (Sushi)

February 13 – Gr.6/7 Basketball Game vs Homma (Home Game)

February 15 – Gr.6/7 Basketball Game vs Steves (Away Game)

February 15 – Krispy Kreme Orders Open (PAC Fundraiser)

February 16 – District Wide Professional Development Day – No school for students

February 19 – Family Day (Provincial Wide) – Schools Closed

We have lucked out with our weather this week and the sunshine has been a lovely treat! It has been a busy week with our Informal Learning Updates taking place with your child(ren)'s teacher and some will continue into next week. Thank you to Ms. McCormick for organizing and offering a successful Book Fair for our students this past week. Thanks also go out to our staff and those parents who volunteered to ensure the Book Fair went smoothly. For our families who celebrate Lunar New Year, have a wonderful weekend with your families and friends and we will see you all Monday, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:



Candlelight Concert: Kudos to our parent committee who organized the beautiful candlelight concert last Friday evening. It was an evening to celebrate music and recognize the talents of our Quilchena students. We raised \$1000.00 and all donations are going towards our upcoming library renovation. See photos below. Thank you for your support!

The Gift of Giving: Division 7 has been creating Valentine's cards for residents of RainCity Housing, a non-profit organization that provides housing and supports to over 2000 people throughout British Columbia's Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast. Mrs. Holz is a volunteer at RainCity's Alderbridge Modular Housing, which is temporary housing and is for low-income individuals 19 years of age or older who live in the community, have a history of homelessness, and who need additional support services to maintain housing. Division 7 also collected contributions for the 40 residents of Alderbridge Modular Housing. Thank you, Division 7, for showing your care for others and making a difference.





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 opened on Monday, February 5th and closes Thursday, February 29th. 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 5th.

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 10th, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or February 13th, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



City of Richmond – Children’s Art Festival: The City is hosting the 15th annual festival on Family Day on February 19th, 2024 from 10am-4pm at the Richmond Cultural Centre.



Social Media Family Sessions: Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “**Social Media Awareness**” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers as they navigate the digital world. Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed. The first session will be on February 28th and information and the registration link is HERE.



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Family Peer Support Workers and FamilySmart Monthly Online Events: The Richmond ICY Team and Foundry (Integrated Child & Youth) have five family peer support workers (employed by FamilySmart) ready and available to serve parents and caregivers in Richmond. The family peer support workers can meet with families supporting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance youth challenge in person, by video chat, phone, or email. Peer support services are available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin, and Punjabi. Families can reach out directly for peer support by email richmond@familysmart.ca or phone 604-607-9570. On a monthly basis, FamilySmart also has several online events accessible to parents/caregivers. Please see the attached winter series poster.



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:



Krispy Kreme Sale: The school and the PAC are launching a fundraiser in aid of the School Library Renovation.

One dozen original glazed Krispy Kreme donuts for \$15 a box.

Order timeline is Thursday, February 15th to Thursday, February 29th.

Donuts will be available for pick-up after school on Friday, March 8th, or on the same day at the school gym during Movie Night from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. If you can help, please sign up [HERE](#)



There are no limits to the quantity you can order, all proceeds will go to the school. Feel free to share the link with friends and family so they may help support our cause. Go ahead and treat yourself knowing your purchase will be helping Quilchena rebuild the School Library!

Please put the name of the person picking up the order in the 'WHO ARE YOU PURCHASING THIS FOR' box. We will be distributing by the name indicated in this box.



Movie Night: Mark your calendars! PAC Movie Night fundraiser is planned for Friday, March 8th! Enjoy watching *Migration* with pizza and popcorn with your family! All funds raised will contribute towards our Quilchena library renovation. Pizza ordering is now live, you can place your order on the Hot Lunch [WEBSITE](#). Ordering closes on March 3rd at 9pm. If you are available to volunteer to help on movie Night, please sign up [HERE](#)

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! Did you know that funds raised through events organized by the PAC help supplement classrooms, bring experiences to the school, and directly impact our students.

Tax deductible donations can also be made to the school in support of the Library renovation. Please click [HERE](#)

Questions? Lana at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

PAC Fundraising

The Quilchena School PAC engages in a number of fundraising events throughout the school year. We aim to foster a sense of community with our fundraising initiatives as we raise much needed finances to enhance our children's educational experience at Quilchena. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Click images to support Quilchena PAC's current fundraisers:

 Register for Hot Lunches Here	 Order Hot Lunches Here	 Ongoing	 Dough Raiser Ongoing	 Ongoing
 Legends Haul Grocery Delivery Ongoing	 Candlelight Concert February 2nd	 Krispy Kreme Coming Soon	 Movie Night Coming Soon	

A Peek Into Our Candlelight Concert

