



Quilchena Elementary  
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### Quilchena Community

### The Weeks Ahead ~ March 15 – April 1

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

*March 8 – April 14 – Term 3 PAC Food Day Ordering Open*

*March 10 – April 9 – Ramadan*

*March 14 – Last day before Spring Break*

*March 15- April 1 – Spring Break*

*March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day*

*March 25 – Holi*

*March 29 – Good Friday*

*March 31 – Easter Sunday*

*April 1 – Easter Monday*

*April 2 – Third Term Begins – Welcome Back*

*April – Sikh Heritage Month*

As we enter Spring Break, all the staff would like to wish you a wonderful and restful Spring Break. There has been a lot of rich learning happening at Quilchena over the last two terms and a lot to celebrate with your child(ren)’s growth and successes! Please enjoy the break with your family and looking forward to seeing you all on April 2, 2024!

#### In Other Quilchena News:

**Ramadan:** Ramadan is a time when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. At Quilchena, our staff would like to express our recognition of this spiritual month for our Muslim students and families and wish you a “Ramadan Mubarak”. As our Muslim students and families embark on a month of self-discipline, community, charity, sacrifice, resilience, compassion, and spiritual and physical benefits, our staff is committed to honouring diversity and would like to send our best wishes to our Muslim students and their families.



Happy Holi  
2023



**Holi:** Holi is the Hindu festival of colours. It is a festive day to meet and greet others and repair broken relationships. It represents the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil while also signifying the beginning of a good spring harvest season. Happy Holi to our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival.

**Easter:** Easter is an important Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Christ died on the cross on a day called Good Friday. According to the Bible, Jesus was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as Holy Week. Wishing a Happy Easter to those Quilchena families who recognize this important holiday.





**Thank you and Welcome:** We would like to thank Ms. Gascoigne and Mr. Baines for teaching in Division 4 this past year. We wish you the best in your retirement, Ms. Gascoigne, and Mr. Baines, for your return to your previous assignment. We would like to extend a warm Cyclone welcome to Mr. Ritchie for joining Division 4 and our Quilchena family after Spring Break.

**Book Exchange – Coming Soon:** Quilchena’s Green Team is once again organizing a Student Book Exchange this April. Start sorting and putting aside any used books that you would like to exchange for a “new to you” book. Details on how to participate will be coming home after Spring Break but in the meantime, start collecting your old books ready to bring in to school.



**City of Richmond – Play Streets in Richmond:** Please see the attached poster about the fourth and final Play Streets event next week. A Play Street is an event where a neighbourhood street is temporarily closed to create a safe, open space for children to play together. All are invited to these free events, hosted by the City of Richmond and Society for Children and Youth of BC.

**City of Richmond – Spring Break Activities:** The City is offering some low-cost as well as free family-friendly events and activities over the upcoming Spring Break (Mar 15-Apr 1). Please see the link for more information [richmond.ca/SpringBreak](http://richmond.ca/SpringBreak).



**Early Learning For Families:** Previously known as “Ready Set Learn”, this year’s Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events will be held at four schools over 2 days (April 8 & April 9). Please see attachment for more information.

**PAC News:**



**Term 3 Food Days:** Ordering for Term 3 food days opened on March 8 and **closes** on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. No late exceptions. Please go to your Hotlunches.net account to put in your order for the following dates below:

- April 22 Dominos Pizza
- April 29 Bala Foods
- May 6 Sushi Lovers
- May 13 Subway
- May 21 White Spot
- May 27 Bala Foods
- June 3 Taco Luis
- June 7 Freshslice Pizza (Cyclone Day)
- June 10 Sushi Lovers



To access or set up your account, click [HERE](#)

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

## A Peek Into Our Hip Hop Lessons

A big **thank you** to our PAC for heavily subsidizing the cost of this program for our students.

