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The Week Ahead ~ April 8 – April 12

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

April – Sikh Heritage Month

April 8 – Fire Drill

April 10 – Eid-al-Fitr

April 13 - Vaisakhi

April 14 – Term 3 PAC Food Day Ordering Closes

What a beautiful way to begin our third term with the sun shining for most of our week! It feels great to get back into a routine and connect again with classmates and peers. Enjoy your weekend Cyclones and welcome April!

In Other Quilchena News:



Sikh Heritage Month

Sikh Heritage Month: Nationally, April is also the celebration of Sikh Heritage. Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. Once again at Quilchena, we are honoring our Sikh local history, students, and families, by engaging in awareness and dialogue with our staff and students to engage our learning community in Sikh history and excellence.

Eid-al-Fitr: As the month of Ramadhan comes to an end, we would like to extend a Happy Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim students and families. It marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries. May your celebrations during this special time bring peace, happiness, and prosperity and of course lots of special foods to everyone! Happy Eid from our school family to yours!



Vaisakhi: Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is the Sikh new year and is an important festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. Vaisakhi is a spring harvest festival, which marks the start of the harvest and commemorates Guru Gobind Singh, who was one of the original Sikh Gurus. Vaisakhi is also a celebration of family and solidarity. Happy Vaisakhi to our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival.

Book Exchange: Quilchena’s Green Team has been working very hard to plan Quilchena’s upcoming Book Exchange. Reusing books is a great way to be green and help the environment. Please bring in used children’s books in good condition until April 10th. We welcome children’s graphic novels, picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books. For every book your child brings, they will receive a ticket to exchange for a different book at the Book Exchange. Book Exchange dates are during the lunch hour on Thursday, April 11th for grades K-3 and Friday, April 12th for grades 4-7.





Track Attack: It's that time of the year to lace up our runners and jump into track. Starting on Monday, grades 3-7 students will participate in Track Attack as part of their PE program. Students will rotate through different stations to introduce and help them prepare for our upcoming track meet. Our District Track Meet will be held at Minoru Park on Thursday, May 16th.

Parent Sessions on Social Media Awareness: In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together is offering parent sessions on social media awareness. These sessions all take place in the evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm and all parents/caregivers and their children (aged 10 and up) may attend. The dates are: Wednesday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 16th. Information can be found [HERE](#)



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.

Family Peer Support Workers and Family Smart 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 click [HERE](#) for more information.



PAC News:



Mr. Cooper’s Pies: Our Mr.Cooper’s pies fundraiser starts today! Try these delicious savoury pies for an easy and convenient meal! These English meat pies are made locally in Steveston. Ordering deadline is April 28th. Pick up your pies at the school on May 2nd. Click [HERE](#) to order!

Term 3 Food Days: Don’t delay! Our term 3 PAC Food days ordering deadline is April 14th! No late orders accepted. Please go to your Hotlunches.net account to put in your order for the following dates below:

- April 22 Dominos
- 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 (Cyclone Day)
- June 10 Sushi Lovers



Click [HERE](#) to order.

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A Peek into Outdoor Play

