



Quilchena Elementary

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### Quilchena Community

### The Week Ahead ~ May 6 – May 10

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

*May – Canadian Jewish and Asian Heritage Month*

*May 5/6 – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)*

*May 5 – Red Dress Day*

*May 5 – Cinco-de-Mayo*

*May 6 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Sushi)*

*May 9 – Class Photo Day*

*May 10 – Gr. 7 Farewell Freezie Sale Fundraiser*

*May 10 – Professor Wow Theatre Presentation*

We would like to honour and recognize two of our Quilchena staff members who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Richmond Board of Education. Congratulations to Ms. Maier and Ms. Wilczewski for your dedication and hard work in the Richmond School District!



Enjoy the **Canucks** game tonight and your weekend Cyclones. See you Monday!

### In Other Quilchena News:

May marks the beginning of Canadian Jewish Heritage Month, as well as Asian Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to celebrate Jewish culture, faith, and history in Canada. It is also a time to honour and celebrate Asian heritage and the excellence and resilience of people of Asian descent in B.C. Diversity represents one of Canada's greatest strengths, and we strive to ensure that all Canadians have the opportunity to reach their full potential and participate in Canada's civic life.



Canada is home to an estimated 400,000 people of Jewish heritage. Jewish Canadians have made and continue to make important contributions to our society, including medicine, theatre, engineering, music, architecture, academia, politics, law, the arts, and more. During this month, we also recognize the courage, determination, and resilience that members of Jewish communities have shown throughout history.

Over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities, and religious traditions. The people of this diverse, vibrant and growing community have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada - from the arts and science to sport, business, and government. Asian Heritage Month offers all Canadians an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.



**Written Learning Updates:** The MyEducation BC Parent Portal will be the site where you can view attendance, contact information, and published Learning Updates (report cards). Term two's Written Learning Updates were available for families to view on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We recommend you download a copy for your records. They will be available to do so until June 14<sup>th</sup>, when the data is cleared to make room for our final Learning Summary in June.



**Student and Family Affordability Fund:** The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one-time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school fees & supplies
- field trips and school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities



Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch ([nkusch@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nkusch@sd38.bc.ca)) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

CONTINUING  
EDUCATION

**Continuing Education Summer 2024:** Attention Richmond families! Did you know that Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is **FREE** for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and students who have Refugee status? With an array of exciting and enriching courses and camps to choose from, your child is sure to have a memorable summer. Registration will be staggered with the first registration date opened on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Sessions do fill up quickly.

Choose from Elementary Enrichment, Summer Exploration, Summer Fine Arts, Academic Full Credit, Academic Completion, Secondary Enrichment, and Secondary Enrichment Skill Building Courses. We also offer Summer Camps for both elementary and secondary students, with options for ages 6-16. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and learn in a fun and engaging way! Keep your child's learning journey going strong this summer and sign up now for Summer Learning 2024. For more information go to our website at [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca) or visit the attached catalogue.

**City of Richmond – Youth Week:** The City of Richmond recognizes Youth Week during May 1-7, with lots of activities for youth. Please see the link for more information: [HERE](#)



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**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](mailto:richmond@familysmart.ca) or phone 604-607-9570.



**Upcoming Events:** May 7 - National Child & Youth Mental Health Day online event with Kim Barthell - "**Connecting with Kids**" Event Link: [Connecting with Kids Event Link](#)



EXPLOITATION  
EDUCATION  
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**Exploitation Education Institute (EEI) – Cybersafe from Exploitation Parent Presentation:** The district and EEI are hosting a Zoom parent presentation on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm that reviews the content recently shared in elementary school presentations around online exploitation, age of consent laws, information sharing, and risks with online gaming. This session will also provide key tips to parents in keeping their children safe and respectful to others. Please see attachment for more information.

**PAC News:**



**Movie Night:** Our final Movie Night of the year has been cancelled in favour of cheering on the Canucks! **Go Canucks!** Families who pre-ordered pizza will be contacted directly about options to keep their order or receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding ~ *The PAC Executives*

**Gr. 7 Farewell Fundraiser Freezie Sale:** Support our Gr.7's farewell event with a \$2 Freezie purchase May 10<sup>th</sup>.



*A Peek Into Garden Prep!*



