



Quilchena Elementary
School District #38

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ May 20 – May 24

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

May – Canadian Jewish and Asian Heritage Month

May 20 – Victoria Day – Provincial Holiday – No School

May 21 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)

May 22 – Fire Drill

May 23 – Hugh Boyd Gr. 7 Orientation

May 24 – Freezie Sale (Gr. 7 Farewell Fundraiser)

May 24 – Vesak/Wesak/Buddah Day



This week's newsletter will be going out a couple of days early with the busyness of our Track Meet tomorrow and students not being in session on Friday due to our school Pro-D day. We welcomed our upcoming Kindergarten students this afternoon at our *Welcome to Kindergarten Event* and look forward to having them join our Cyclone family in September. A reminder that Friday is a Professional Development Day and Monday is Victoria Day. Enjoy the Canucks game tomorrow evening and your upcoming long weekend Cyclones!

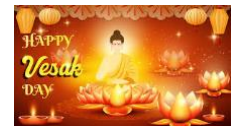


Go Canucks Go!

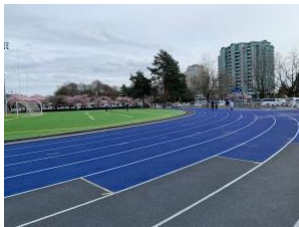


In Other Quilchena News:

Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day: Buddha's birthday - usually on the first full moon day in May, this the most important day that commemorates the birth, awakening and passing away of the historical Buddha; Siddhartha Gautama.



District Track Meet: Our District Track Meet is Thursday, May 16th at Minoru for grades 3-7. We have over 110 students participating and representing Quilchena. The weather forecast has shifted and there is some early morning rain predicted. The District Track Committee will be checking the condition of the track and try to predict how long the bad weather might last. If they determine it is unsafe, we will know by 7:30am and we will notify families via our school website, email and text message (for those who opted in for School Messenger). Our rainout day is scheduled for a week later Thursday, May 23rd. I understand the complications of postponing, however, the safety and a positive experience will be at the heart of the decision that will be made. Let's cross our fingers!



Several notices have been sent home, please review them to make sure you are prepared for tomorrow. **A reminder if you are taking your child home after their events are all done, you will need to check them out with a Quilchena staff member.** Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to drive, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

A Message From our School Nurse: Vancouver Coastal Health has issued a Public Service Announcement regarding the rising cases of Measles. Are you informed? Please review the attached flyer to learn more.





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.

Parent Input - Class Placement 2024-2025: Each year as we enter June, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning, and new registrations. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource staff, education assistants and administration will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are *tentative* until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet again to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. Considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- social / personal characteristics
- students with special needs
- ELL Levels
- contractual obligations

As you can see, this is a complicated process, and this list is by no means exclusive, as there are many factors unique to a situation that must and will be considered.

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to send a letter to Mrs. Kusch at nkusch@sd38.bc.ca by **Monday, June 3rd**. We will not accept any letters that come in after June 3rd. The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher**, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. *Please be aware that the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.*



Gr. 7 Farewell Fundraising: We will be having 2 more Freezie Sales dates (May 24th & 31st) to support our upcoming Grade 7 Farewell. Students will be able to purchase Freezies for \$2 each. Thank you for your support.

Ultimate Summer Programs: Are your kids looking for the "Ultimate" way to stay active this summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf and pride themselves on teaching students life skills such as conflict resolution and teamwork through the self - refereed sport. Their programs are for all skills levels, and they have a Summer Camp near you. If your child is interested, check out their programs here, and use discount code *ultimatebuddy25* for \$25 off.



Exploitation Education Institute (EEI) – Cybersafe from Exploitation Parent

Presentation: The district and EEI are hosting a Zoom parent presentation on May 23rd 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.

A Peek Into Our Welcome To Kindergarten Event!

