



**Quilchena Elementary
School District #38**

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ September 9th – September 13th, 2024

We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.

September 10 – Fire Drill #1

September 12 – Individual Photo Day

September 13 – Terry Fox Run (1:00pm)

September 19 (save the date) – Open House 5pm-6pm

And we are off to a positive start to the school year! A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2024-2025 school year. There is always the feeling of excitement, nervousness, and anticipation at the start of a new year. We appreciated your patience as we finalized our numbers, our staffing allotment, and our class lists. Our goal is to have regular, ongoing communication; each Friday we'll send home The Week Ahead (TWA). We also keep our website up to date and send frequent posts on our X (formerly Twitter) page (@QuilchenaC). Please keep yourself up to date and feel free to connect with the school should you have any questions whatsoever via phone or email Quilchena@sd38.bc.ca.

Divisions:

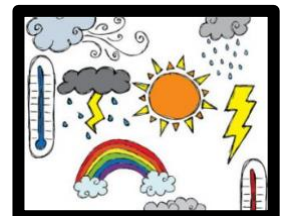
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| • Ms. Davis | Division 1 Gr.6/7 | • Ms. Cantwell | Division 5 Gr.3/4 |
| • Mr. Simpson | Division 2 Gr.6/7 | • Ms. Deacon | Division 6 Gr.2/3 |
| • Mr. Henderson | Division 3 Gr.5/6 | • Ms. Maier/Ms. Cavazzi | Division 7 Gr.1/2 |
| • Mr. Tubajon | Division 4 Gr.4/5 | • Ms. Preswick | Division 8 Gr. K/1 |

In Other Quilchena News:



Terry Fox: The annual Terry Fox Run has become a Canadian tradition every fall with the country coming together to fundraise for cancer research. Our school-wide Terry Fox run will happen the afternoon of **September 13th** with the city of Richmond hosting their run on Sunday, September 15th at Garry point Park. Donations (our goal is to collect \$2 per student) to support Terry's *Marathon of Hope* can be brought to school or we will have a link on our website shortly where you can donate throughout the month of September.

Outside Weather: Every day is an outside day at Quilchena. Students will not only be outside for recess and lunch play but taking part in learning activities outside throughout the day. Please remember to dress for the weather, especially as we move into our fall. A change of socks, pants and shoes are highly recommended as we want to limit the amount of phone calls home and drop offs at school. Thank you for your support with this.



Being Prepared: Thank you for remembering to bring a water bottle, recess snack and a packed lunch with you to school each morning. **A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am and we begin our day together at 8:45am.** Each morning we start with a school wide *Morning Walk* that begins at 8:45am. This is where the whole school goes out together for a morning walk and gives us a chance to connect and start the day off as a community. Giving yourself time in the morning so you are not rushed helps you begin your day in a calm manner.



Parking Lot Safety: Thank you for making the effort to walk/bike to school, which greatly reduces the amount of congestion in our parking lot. Safety is important to us and maintaining speed limits and parking rules, help immensely with this. Please only park in designated parking spots, while adhering to city signage and stopping hours.



PAC News: On behalf of the PAC Executive team, WELCOME back! We hope everyone had a rejuvenating summer break. As a part of the Quilchena community, you are a valued member of the Parent Advisory Council. The PAC is a forum for parents and guardians to discuss matters that impact our school. We also plan fundraising activities and community-building events that support our students' learning. Please attend our monthly meetings to stay informed with school happenings, connect with other families, and have a voice in making the most of your child's experience. Our first meeting will happen on Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm.

Please feel free to email us at quilchenapac@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you and wish you the very best for the school year! To learn more about our Quilchena Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please visit the [Quilchena PAC page](#) , (under the Parents tab in the school's website).

Sincerely,

Pawan & Brent Follett, PAC Co-Chairs

PAC Food days are back!

Tired of packing lunches for your child? Not to worry! This year our PAC food days will take place **weekly** on Mondays or Tuesdays. Vendors include Fresh Slice Pizza, Sushi Lovers, Taco Luis and more for the October to December term. Ordering and payment is done in the Hotlunches.net system. **Ordering will be open on Monday, September 9th and close on Sunday, September 22nd.** Should you have any questions, please contact Noel at noelleung82@hotmail.com.

Please visit the PAC Fundraising page under the Parents tab in the school's website to find all the information on how to register and order your lunches in the *Hotlunches system*! <https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents-0>

Food Days are as follows:

Oct. 1 Bala Foods	Nov. 12 Libby's Kitchen
Oct. 7 Sushi Lover	Nov. 18 Just Poke
Oct. 15 Freshslice	Nov. 26 Bala Foods
Oct. 21 Taco Luis	Dec. 2 Sushi Lover
Oct. 28 Just Poke	Dec. 9 Taco Luis
Nov. 4 Bala Foods	Dec. 16 Libby's Kitchen

Please Note: Every year parents need to register again to set up your account and place your order. Your login from last year won't work.



Family Photo Night

Our very popular **PAC Family Photo Night fundraiser** is back! This year we have teamed up with Vivian Chung Photography and it will take place on October 4th. Time slots will be available between 3 and 9 PM. Stay tuned for more information in next week's TWA!!