



*Quilchena Elementary  
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### Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ September 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 22 – Last Day for PAC Food Day Orders**

*September 23 – Fire Drill #2*

*September 27 – Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day*

*September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Observed (schools closed)*

Another week has flown by and we are almost a month into our school year. We continue to be very fortunate with this beautiful fall weather, which has brought many smiles and joy during our Morning Walk and our recess and lunch breaks. Thank you for making the effort to be at school on time so your child(ren) may begin the day with their peers. A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am, attendance is taken at 8:45am and then we all head outside for our walk. If you arrive to school after this, please sign in at the office for attendance and join your class. Giving yourself time in the morning so you are not rushed helps everyone begin the day in a calm manner.

#### **In Other Quilchena News:**



**National Day For Truth and Reconciliation:** As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. If you have an orange shirt or clothing, please wear it on September 27<sup>th</sup> to recognize and commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors. Our students have been and will continue to partake in meaningful conversations to better understand the significance of this day in our community and nation.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we display the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag last year through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. This student-led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an “Every Child Matters” flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.

Finally, a reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and therefore school will not be in session on this day. Please click [HERE](#) to view what events are happening in Richmond.

**Cross-Country Team:** Sign up and practices have begun for our Cross-Country Run Team. Interested students from grades 1-7 practice Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15am, rain or shine. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be Cross-Country Run at Garry Point starting at 3:30pm. Please return the consent form to Ms. Pereira or Ms. Cavazzi. If you haven't signed up and still would like to, please connect with our sponsor teachers or come out to the next practice. Thank you to Mrs. Pereira and Mrs. Cavazzi for organizing this club and to, Mr. Sumra, our school volunteer for giving his time to help coach.





**Request from the Library:** Ms. McCormick is looking for a parent volunteer to help in the library on Wednesday mornings from 8:45-9:15am. Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly visits would be very appreciated. Please contact Ms. McCormick at [cmccormick@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cmccormick@sd38.bc.ca) if you think you might have some time.

**Needing Support:** This past spring, the provincial government 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 supplies, fees or other school-related costs. We are requesting that families reach out to Mrs. Kusch ([nkusch@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nkusch@sd38.bc.ca)) 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.



**City of Richmond Active Recreation & Sport Fund:** For Richmond residents 18 and under, funding is provided for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion. Please visit [Richmond.ca/subsidy](http://Richmond.ca/subsidy) for more information.

**City of Richmond – Gang Prevention Information Sessions:** In partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these free sessions are designed for parents, guardians and caregivers. Registration is required (see attachment for more information).



**Spirit Wear Orders:** Quilchena Spirit Wear is coming! The school will be submitting a bulk order to our supplier. Stayed tuned for more information in the coming weeks on how to order Cyclone t-shirts and hoodies! In the meantime, you are invited to wear the colour red on Fridays to show your school spirit.



**Quilchena's Grab & Go Fridge:** At Quilchena we have a snack fridge called the "Grab and Go Fridge." This fridge was funded through the Ministry of Education Feeding Futures Program. Students can access food in the fridge when they need a nutritious snack to help them get through the day. We know that healthy minds and bodies begin with fresh quality food. The fridge will be stocked with food delivered by the Richmond Food Bank and Fire Fighters, and we are grateful for their support!

This past month, teachers and staff have been reviewing and reminding students to understand the purpose for the fridge, as well as the difference between a want and a need (please see attached). Our goal is to have students access the fridge when and if needed and encouraging them to make responsible decisions and not taking when they don't. This will help ensure that there is enough food for when students need it.

**Exciting news! School photos are now live!**

- Please visit click [HERE](#) to access the gallery
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 4, 2024** (after the deadline a late fee is applicable)



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2. Click on "Looking for your login code?"
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

## Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: October 30, 2024
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 28, 2024

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

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## PAC News:

**PAC Food Days – Ordering Deadline Approaching!** This year our PAC food days will take place **weekly** on Mondays or Tuesdays for the October to December Term 1. Ordering and payment is done in the Hotlunches.net system. 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>

**Reminder that the deadline for ordering hot lunch is Sept. 22! We cannot accept any late orders so please put your orders in before the deadline. Any questions please contact Noel at [noelleung82@hotmail.com](mailto:noelleung82@hotmail.com).**

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 orders. Your login from last year won't work as student division numbers may be different.

**Popcorn Days:** The PAC is still looking for volunteers to help with popcorn days. Your time would be needed in the morning to assist with having the popcorn ready by recess snack. If you're interested in helping, please contact us at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com).



**Family Photo Night:** This year we have teamed up with Vivian Chung Photography and it will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 9 pm. All time slots have been filled! A big thank you to all the Quilchena families for supporting this PAC fundraiser.

## A Peek into Our Cross Country Team

