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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ October 7th – October 11th, 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.

- October 5 – World Teacher’s Day*
- October 7 – PAC Hot Lunch Day – Sushi*
- October 7-16 – Cyclone Spirit Wear Ordering*
- October 11 – Kol Nidrei*
- October 11-12 - Dussehra*
- October 11-12 – Yom Kippur*

We are happy to welcome some new and familiar faces to our Quilchena family. We would like to extend a big Cyclone welcome to Ms. Poon and Ms. Ishikawa, who will be filling in this year for Ms. Lau’s maternity leave in a Resource/ELL role and to Ms. Borden, who will be filling in for Ms. Davis’s maternity leave starting after Thanksgiving. As we enter the weekend, October 5th is recognized as World Teachers’ Day. Thank you to all the dedicated Quilchena educators for all that you do to teach, care for, connect with and inspire our students.

In Other Quilchena News:



October Recognition: October is an important month of recognition for many groups. Join us in celebrating these communities and their role in building a more diverse and inclusive country – Women’s History Month, German Heritage Month, Canadians Islamic History Month and Latin American Heritage Month.

Spirit Wear Orders: Ordering for Quilchena Spirit Wear is now open! The school will be submitting a bulk order to our supplier this month. Cyclone t-shirts and hoodies are available in Red, Grey, and Pink in both youth and adult sizes and are ready to order until October 16th [CLICK HERE](#) In the meantime, you are invited to wear the colour red on Fridays to show your school spirit.



FSA’s: Students in Grade 4 & 7 will be participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) this month. Each year, the Ministry of Education requires school districts to conduct this province-wide assessment and is designed to see how students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. We know this is one assessment and only gives a snapshot of your child’s learning. As a school, we use this information to further learn about your child(ren) and gives us more information about their learning. An email was sent home from the District to all Grade 4 & 7 families in September with more information.

No Emails? If you are no longer receiving emails from us, this can be due to changes in the permission forms that you returned last month as information has now been verified. The school only has permission to send emails to the addresses that you included on the SA53 (the Purple coloured Personal Information Consent form). Please contact the school if you have noticed changes and would like to update your information. Email is our primary method of communication. If we are unable to email you, you will NOT receive reminders, teacher updates, newsletters, and news flashes.



Game of Apps: Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology? Join us at **Game of Apps** (season 08) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding and design skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management and much more <https://goa.fyi/promo>.

Game of Apps is an after-school program that empowers students with practical technical and life skills to help them succeed in 21st century careers. Over the past seven years, we've taught coding, design and entrepreneurship skills to over 650 students from 73 schools all over BC. Everyone is welcome, both tech-oriented and non-tech oriented students (including artists, musicians, athletes, business-minded students and more)!

This season, they continue to offer the following year-long program: Intro to Programming, levels 1 & 2, grades 6-9, which is 19 weeks. In addition, they have added 6 short 4-week courses. Please see the attached flyers.

There is a registration fee (\$368 for Intro to Programming) to help cover our costs. Game of Apps have kept the fees the same for the past 5 years. SD38 will provide a \$100 subsidy for the first 50 SD38 students who register. In addition, there is an early bird discount if registration is completed by October 7. Game of Apps also have a budget for students/families who might find the fee prohibitive. In the past 7 years, Game of Apps have never turned a student away due to the costs and have always found a way to make it work.

You may find more information on their website, gameofapps.org. Registration and schedule information, as well as details on our upcoming Info Sessions (online).



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 for more information.



PAC News: Please feel free to email us at quilchenapac@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 16th at 7pm. 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).

Save the Date! On November 2nd, 2024 there will be a PAC Pub Night Fundraiser for our library renovation at the *Canadian Brewhouse* in Richmond. Stayed tuned for more details!



A Peek Into Our HUB Cycle Program for Divisions 1, 2 & 3

