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### Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

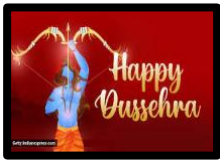
We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the ‘event’ for more details.

- October 11 – Kol Nidrei
- October 11-12 - Dussehra
- October 11-12 – Yom Kippur
- October 14 – Thanksgiving Monday (school not in session)
- October 15 – PAC Hot Lunch Day – Fresh Slice
- October 15 – Gr.6/7 Volleyball Game at Gilmore
- October 7-16 – Cyclone Spirit Wear Ordering
- October 16 – PAC Meeting at 7pm
- October 16-23 – Sukkot

As we head out into a long weekend, the Quilchena staff wishes all our families a safe and family-filled Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for and we hope you can find some dedicated time to enjoy with your loved ones. See you all back at school on Tuesday.



#### In Other Quilchena News:



**Dussehra:** Dussehra, also called Dasara or Vijayadashami, in Hinduism, is the holiday marking the triumph of good over evil. The festival's name is derived from the Sanskrit words dasha (“ten”) and hara (“defeat”). It follows the nine-day celebration of Navaratri. Wishing all our Quilchena families who celebrate this holiday a happy and promising Dussehra!

**Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur:** *Kol Nidrei* is a prayer evening that ushers in the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur. *Yom Kippur* means “Day of Atonement” in Hebrew. This is the holiest Jewish holiday of the year and ends the ten days of High Holidays or “Days of Awe,” which begin with Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally, this is a time where Jewish people refrain from work and all adults fast from sundown the evening before Yom Kippur until nightfall the next day. On the day of Yom Kippur itself, there are many traditional prayers. *Yom Tov* to our Quilchena families who recognize this holiday.



**Sukkot:** Sukkot is one of the three major festivals in Judaism. It is a festival for giving thanks for many things, like food and shelter. The holiday celebrates the farmer's yearly harvest, which takes place in the fall.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>** [CLICK HERE](#). In the meantime, you are invited to wear the colour red on Fridays to show your school spirit.





**Reporting Information:** This school year, all teachers will be using the same written format for communicating student learning. There will be five communication events: four Learning Updates (two written and two conferences) and one written Summary of Learning at the end of the year. We will have our first parent-teacher conferences mid-October and your child(ren)'s teacher will be sending home information on how to set a conference time shortly.

**Early Learning Caregiver Information Sessions and Family Events 2024/25:** These are our *free* Early Learning virtual Caregiver Information Sessions and in-person Early Learning Family Events offered for the 2024/25 school year for families with children aged 0-5.

**Caregiver Information Sessions:** Join us for a series of virtual Caregiver Information Sessions designed specifically for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-5. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and supportive resources to help you navigate the early years of parenting in the areas of supporting literacy, numeracy, the importance of play and in preparing for kindergarten. Our District's Early Learning Program is committed to supporting you in creating nurturing and enriching environments for your child's growth and development. The first virtual session, **Early Literacy at Home, is on October 17, 2024 at 6 p.m.** *Registration is now open! See attachment for more information.*

**Early Learning Family Events - Mark your calendars!** The District welcomes your family to the Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences and an exciting roster of performers all while meeting new friends and building home-to-school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early Learning. *No registration required. See attachment for more information.*

**Halloween Fun Run hosted by Kajaks Track and Field Club:** For Grades 3-7, join other local elementary runners for a fun Cross-Country Run on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Garry Point Park. Run 1.6km and leap over hay bales. This is a fun run, in preparation for the District Cross Country meet the following week so no ribbons will be awarded. Please see attached flyer for more information.



**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](https://gameofapps.org). Registration and schedule information, as well as details on our upcoming Info Sessions (online).



**PAC News:**

**Quilchena PAC Pub Night Fundraiser:** Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-10pm and the *Canadian Brewhouse and Grill* (4755 McClelland Rd Unit 1305, Richmond).

Parents and caregivers! Take the night off and enjoy a night out at a local pub. The PAC is excited to be hosting our Quilchena Pub Night at the Canadian Brewhouse and Grill this year. Each ticket is \$25 and includes a burger and a drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options available). **Please note this is an adult only event.**

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our library renovation. We hope to see you all there. Questions? Email Vanessa at [Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com). Click on the following link to purchase Pub Night Tickets. Ticket sales end on October 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Upcoming PAC Meeting:** Our next PAC meeting is October 16th from 7-8 pm. We will be electing our new Secretary and Vice Chair at this meeting. Please join us if you're interested in exploring these roles and helping with the Quilchena PAC. We hope to see everyone there!

**Popcorn Day Volunteers:** The PAC is still looking for volunteers to help with popcorn days. Your time would be needed between 8:15-10:30am. If you're interested in helping out please contact us at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com) for more information. Funds raised will go towards our library renovation.



**A Peek Into  
Our Sewing  
Club**