



*Quilchena Elementary
School District #38*

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ October 28th – November 1st 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 28 – PAC Hot Lunch Day – Just Poke*
- October 28 – Deadline to register for photo retakes [HERE](#)*
- October 29 – Fire Drill*
- October 29 – Volleyball vs Gilmore (Home) 3:00pm*
- October 30 – Individual Photo Retake Day (register by October 28th)*
- October 31 – Halloween and Schoolwide Pumpkin Patch – Onsite*
- October 31 - Diwali*
- November 1 – 2025 Kindergarten Registration Begins*
- November 1-15 – Movie Night Pizza Ordering*
- November 2 – PAC Pub Night Fundraiser (Adults Only)*

It turned out to be a beautiful afternoon for our Cross-Country Run at Garry Point Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to Ms. Cavazzi, Ms. Pereira and Coach Sandy for all your time and dedication coaching our students. A reminder that Friday is a Provincial Professional Development Day and there will be no school in session for our students. Have a restful weekend and hope you can get outside and enjoy the outdoors!

In Other Quilchena News:

Diwali: Diwali is one of the biggest holidays celebrated in India and is on October 31st. Diwali is known as the “festival of lights” thanks to the practice of lighting oil lamps and decorating homes and cities with strings of twinkling lights to celebrate and symbolize new beginnings, triumph of good over evil and the victory of light over darkness. Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrate this festival of lights!



Kindergarten 2025: Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opens on November 1, 2024. Please visit our WEBSITE for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at [HERE](#).

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District WEBSITE.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect: Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st and we will be having our annual pumpkin patch at school. Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices within your family unit. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind:

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE** (*black face/brown face*)
- CULTURE** (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH** (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab/turban/kippah*)
- GENDER** (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA** (*hangman’s noose/weapons*)

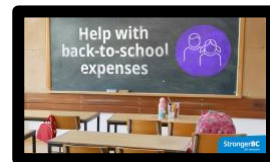


Students are welcome to wear costumes if they wish and many have started to plan. We are asking students to not bring any weapon accessories to school if they are part of their costume. We also know that some costumes have full masks. We are asking students that they do not wear their mask while at school, both inside the class and while outside during recess and lunch. This not only prohibits vision for safety reasons but can scare our younger student population. Thank you for your understanding.



Photo Retakes: Did your child miss the first photo day or they’d like a retake? Retakes will be held on Wednesday, October 30th you must register [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff date to sign up is Monday, October 28th please contact MountainWestStudios directly with any questions 1-888-644-4494 Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Needing Support: The provincial government has renewed 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). 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.



Parent Education Sessions 2024/25 School Year: The Richmond School District is excited to offer a variety of parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child’s well-being in the digital age. More information and registration for parents is available on the SD38 District Website. Our first session is November 13, 2024, hosted by Safer Schools Together. Read more: <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>



PAC News:

Family Photo Night: Thank you to all the families who were a part of the Quilchena Family Photo Night. All families should have received an email with instructions on ordering the photos by now. Please place your order for the photos by Nov. 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vanessa at quilchenafundraising@gmail.com.

Quilchena PAC Pub Night Fundraiser: A reminder to get your tickets for the Quilchena PAC Pub Night by this Friday, October 25th [HERE!](#) The event is happening on Saturday November 2nd and is a great way to meet and connect with other Quilchena families. All proceeds from this event will go towards our library renovation. Hope to see you all there!



Save the Date for Upcoming Fundraising Events:

PAC Movie Night is on Friday November 22nd! Enjoy a movie and pizza dinner with your family at the school gym! Stay tuned for what movie will be shown and more information to come. Pizza pre-ordering for Movie Night will be open between November 1st – 15th on your hotlunches account.

Purdy's Chocolates Campaign runs from November 1st to November 25th. Pick up will be December 6th after school. More info to come.

Golden Samosas Campaign runs from November 15th to November 29th. Pick up will be December 6th after school. More info to come.

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A Peek Into Our Cross-Country Run



