



**Quilchena Elementary
School District #38**

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ November 11th – November 15th, 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.

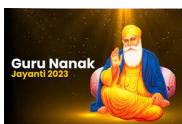
- November 1 – 2025 Kindergarten Registration ongoing to January*
- November 11 – Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day (no school)*
- November 12 – Pac Hot Lunch - Libby’s Kitchen*
- November 12 – Volleyball Vs. Grauer (Home)*
- November 15 - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib*
- November 15 – Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill*
- November 15 – Popcorn Day – bring your toonie*
- November 15 – Movie Night Pizza Ordering Closes*



Today we hosted a beautiful *Remembrance Day Assembly* to recognize and honour the sacrifices the many Canadians have made to allow us to live and prosper in the country we live in today. On November 11th, we hope whether you are taking part in an outdoor ceremony or at home, you can reflect and honour our brave Canadians. **As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday, November 11th. LEST WE FORGET.**

Through generous donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Trust Fund, the Legion can provide funding to eligible organizations undertaking Veteran support initiatives. Please, take a moment to reflect on the freedoms and peace in your life, and to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for all we have today. Donations can be made through *School Cash Online* link [Here](#), if a tax receipt is required, please donate directly with the Poppy Fund Canada. Thank you for your continued support.

In Other Quilchena News:



Guru Nanak Dev Sahib: Happy Gurburab to all celebrating the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib, one of the most celebrated Sikh gurus and the founder of Sikhism. May his message of peace and eternal joy continue to be an inspiration to all.

Bollywood Residency: All Quilchena students will be part of a week-long Bollywood Dance program taught by Karima Essa starting on November 18th. We will end the week of lessons with a final performance on the afternoon of November 22nd. All parents are welcome to join our assembly, stay tuned for the time of the performance. A huge thank you goes out to our PAC for heavily subsidizing this experience for our students.



Library Renovation Update: After much planning we are ready for our Library Renovation to begin! In mid to late November, we will begin to pack up our library and we will be shifting our library space to a mobile library where Ms. McCormick will be bringing the library to classrooms. Much of the demolition will occur over the Winter Break in late December and they will begin construction and the rebuild in early January. There are still many pieces and moving parts, but we are very excited to begin this journey! We would like to thank everyone for supporting the PAC’s fundraising initiatives to support the renovation. The Family Photo Night raised \$2140.00 and this month’s Pub Night raised \$760.44. A big thank you goes out to the Jarvenpaa Family that won the 50/50 draw and generously donated all their winnings back to the library!

Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drill:

HOLD & SECURE

Emergency Outside Building - Lock Out

We will be having a **Hold & Secure** and **Lockdown** drill the morning of **Friday, November 15th** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members have discussed the steps involved in these drills. Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will continue to prepare for other situations that might happen in

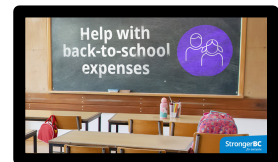
our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line or a coyote) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to “lockdown” the school. For the broken gas line example, we would follow *Hold & Secure* procedures – a **perimeter** lockdown. For an intruder, we would follow *Lockdown* procedures - a **full** lockdown. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

Quilchena Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population. If you have any questions about the upcoming drill, please contact Mrs. Kusch at school.

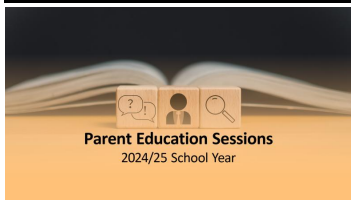
Kindergarten 2025: Kindergarten registration is ongoing until mid-January for children born in 2020. Visit our WEBSITE for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs. Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available HERE. Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



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>



Parent Education Session: District Program Options for Kindergarten: The district will be hosting a virtual Parent Education Session for District Program Options for Kindergarten on November 26th at 6:00 pm. Please see the attached poster for more information about the event.

PAC News:



PAC Meeting – Please note the date change. Please join us on Thursday, November 28th at 7pm to hear first-hand from Mrs. Kusch what’s happening at the school and learn how you can get involved with PAC events. All parents and guardians are welcome. Enter through exterior door #4

Popcorn Days: Our PAC popcorn days are back! Enjoy some freshly popped popcorn at recess on November 15th. Popcorn will cost \$2 a bag and proceeds will be put towards our school library renovation.



