



**Quilchena Elementary  
School District #38**

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**Quilchena Community**

**The Week Ahead ~ November 25<sup>th</sup> – November 29<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.

- November 25 – Pro-D Day (No school for students)*
- November 25 – Purdys Fundraiser Last Day to Order*
- November 26 – PAC Hot Lunch (Bala Food)*
- November 26 – Volleyball Tournament @ Richmond High 3pm-7pm*
- November 28 – Samosa Fundraiser Last Day to Order*
- November 28 – PAC Meeting @ 7pm*
- November 29 – Kindergarten Hearing Assessment*

Thank you to those parents and family members who joined us this afternoon for our Bollywood Dance Performance. Kudos goes out to our students for their hard work in preparing for this. We are proud of them for having the courage to take risks and shine their light to inspire others. Thank you again to the PAC for heavily subsidizing this experience and a big thank you to our instructor, Karima Essa, for her hard work this week. A reminder that Monday is a Professional Development Day and there will be no school in session for our students. Have a restful weekend and see you Tuesday!

**In Other Quilchena News:**

**Library Renovation Update:** We have begun to pack up our library and Ms. McCormick is busy getting book bins with a selection of books to each classroom. Teachers will have a system for students to borrow library books for them to read at home and your Richmond Public Library is also a good place to visit while we have limited access. A big thank you to Ms. McCormick for being so adaptive and for all the extra work to get the library ready for our renovation. The demolition phase will begin on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for weekly updates!



**Punctuality:** Students who arrive late miss morning announcements, morning walk, valuable time with their peers, and the beginning of lessons. This can lead to confusion and a sense of being unsettled throughout the day. Punctuality is a life skill that children need to develop while they are young. Consistently arriving on time helps students establish good routines and shows respect towards those who do arrive on time. Children should be ready to enter through their outside classroom door at 8:40am with our morning bell. Attendance is taken at 8:45am. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may cause occasional lateness. In such cases, please inform the school office. Your child’s success is important to us; by ensuring they arrive on time, you contribute to this.



**Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities:** The next free virtual Erase learning session for families will be held on November 28, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. Families will learn about digital addiction and media habits. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at the following link: [Register for Session](#). Please visit the link for more details and information about the session.



**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 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please see the attached poster for more information about the event.

**IPALS 2025 Registration Now Open:** IPALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters in Immigrant Communities) aims to help immigrant and refugee families learn new strategies to support their preschool-aged children's learning in fun and interactive ways. IPALS is supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The Richmond School District will host the IPALS program at Woodward Elementary StrongStart on Tuesday mornings from January 14 to March 11, 2025. Eligible families can use the link on the attached poster to register for the program. Registration is now open.



**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](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.



**PAC News:**



**Purdy's Chocolates & Golden Samosas Campaigns:** Final few days to get your holiday treats from the Quilchena PAC 2024 Holiday Fundraiser! The PAC will receive 25% of Purdy's profits from sales. And to raise money for Quilchena's Library Renovation Fund, the PAC is selling samosas (half-baked), a box of 20 is \$30. Deadline to order Purdy's is November 25<sup>th</sup> and Samosas ordering closes on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be December 6<sup>th</sup> after school [CLICK HERE](#)



**Pedalheads Swim Lessons:** Pedalheads is offering a fundraising opportunity for families that would like to sign up for swimming lessons. BC Swim Programs running until March 16th are currently open for registration. Anyone registering for lessons until December 31<sup>st</sup> can use the "QUILCHENARICH25" discount code to automatically receive \$25 off, the PAC will also receive \$25 for each registration. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Questions? Email Vanessa at [Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com)

**A Peek Into Our Bollywood Week**





...together  
countless nations.  
All the memories we share  
families, friends and teachers' care  
masterpieces on the walls  
laughter ringing through the halls.  
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