



**Quilchena Elementary
School District #38**

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ December 2nd – December 6th, 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.

December 2 – PAC Hot Lunch (Sushi)

December 2 – TCO2 Presentations

December 6 – Fire Drill

December 6 – Purdy’s & Samosa pick up after school

As we look to next week, we are already welcoming December this weekend! You can feel the shift in temperature and the chill in the air. Thank you for coming to school prepared for any kind of weather and to wear layers on colder days. We have enjoyed a successful 3 months and have 3 weeks left before our winter break. Many activities are planned for our students during the month of December, make sure to keep in the loop by visiting our school website and reading our weekly newsletter. Enjoy your upcoming weekend, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:

Inclement Weather, School Closure Notifications: The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites. Facebook Twitter No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools. If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school.



Library Renovation Update: We are in full swing in packing up our library and Ms. McCormick has brought book bins with a selection of books to each classroom to borrow from. 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. Stay tuned for more updates!

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 second session *Cellphones: What’s Healthy, What’s Not, and What We*



Can Do to Support Our Kids is in January hosted by Hannah Beach. Please read more and click to register: <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>.

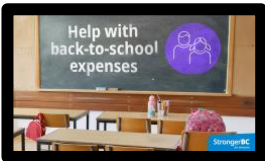


TCO2 (Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others): Next week students in Grade 4/5 and 6/7 will take part in a presentation given by *Children of the Street*. These interactive workshops focus on consent, boundaries and preventing the sexual exploitation of children and youth in British Columbia. Each presentation is age-appropriate, and the material covered is in line with the BC Curriculum. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

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). 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: Thank you to everyone who purchased products from Purdy's and Golden Samosas – your orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, December 6th after school.



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 31st can use the "QUILCHENARICH25" discount code to automatically receive \$25 off, the PAC will also receive \$25 for each registration. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Popcorn Days: Our next PAC popcorn is coming up – Friday, December 13th. Students will have to opportunity to enjoy some freshly popped popcorn at recess. Popcorn will cost \$2 a bag and proceeds will be put towards our school library renovation.



Questions? Email Vanessa at Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Our Richmond Secondary Volleyball Tournament

