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**Quilchena Community**

**The Week Ahead ~ January 20<sup>th</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup>**

We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website for all of our future notable dates and events.

*January 17 – Term 2 Hot Lunch Order Deadline*

*January 17 – Priority 1 Kindergarten Registration Deadline*

*January 17 – Late French Immersion Registration Deadline*

*January 20 – Fused Glass Workshop Part 2*

*January 21 – Hugh Boyd Grade 7 Counsellor Visit at Quilchena*

*January 21 – Hannah Beach Virtual Session (see below to register)*

*January 22 – PAC Meeting (7pm)*

*January 23 – Family Teams*

A chilly but beautiful week it has been to enjoy the outdoors. As we continue to be in the winter months, the fields can be quite mucky and wet. Please send an extra pair of shoes, socks and pants that your child can keep at school in case they slip in the mud.

**In Other Quilchena News:**

**Parent Education Sessions 2024/25 School Year:** **Register Now!** 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 next session on January 21<sup>st</sup> is hosted by Hannah Beach - *Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids* from 6:30-8pm. Please read more and click to register: [District Parent Education Sessions Link](#)

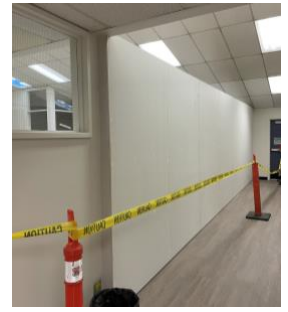


**School Parking Lot:** Thank you for respecting our parking lot rules and reducing congestion during the first term. Please continue to keep our kids safe by walking to school when possible, using the crosswalks and sidewalks and parking in designated parking spots and places in the neighbourhood, while obeying city parking rules. Please also remember to lower your speed limit in school zones (30kms) and to drive slowly when in our parking lot.

The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised us their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk —especially during this time of year with less daylight. Thank you again for your continued efforts and in keeping our students and families safe.



**Library Renovation Update:** A lot of progress happened over the winter break and over the past 2 weeks since we have been back to school. New floors, fresh paint and our new wall has been built that separates the hallway from the library. Next steps are to bring in the newly built shelving and cupboards that will start to be installed next week! Thank you to the continued PAC fundraising events that you have supported to support the renovation.



**Written Learning Updates:** A reminder that your child’s Term 1 Written Learning Update (report card), along with your child’s ELL report (if applicable), was published in December on the MyEducation BC Parent Portal. This will be available to download until early March. Please see the [school website](#) for more instructions on how to access your account. All families received an email from the District regarding instructions on how to access your MyEd account and how to reset your password if it expired.



**Grade 7 Parent Night:** Hugh Boyd Secondary will be holding their Parent Night on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, beginning with a tour of the school followed by information about program planning. Gr.7 students are allowed to attend with their parents if they wish. J.N. Burnett will be holding their Parent Night on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. You may also wish to visit the high school websites for more information. The parents/guardians of our Grade 7 students were given a letter indicating their catchment high school (and the parent information evenings they host) last week. Please contact Mrs. Hughes if you did not receive this information.

If a student wishes to apply to attend a school other than their secondary catchment school, they must complete and submit a Transfer Application Form. These forms can be downloaded from the district website [here](#). Transfer Application Forms will be available online January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Completed transfer applications need to be emailed to the requested school office during the First Round Transfer Application Period beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 and ending on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Students applying for out-of-catchment incentive programs MUST also submit a transfer request.

**Squid Game:** We know as parents, trying to keep up with social media and online streaming shows can be a full-time job. A second season of *Squid Game* has started on Netflix and is rated for mature audiences, and we wanted to make sure all our community knows what this show is about if you are not familiar. The series revolves around a contest in which players, drawn from different walks of life play a series of children’s games for the chance to win a monetary prize, with a deadly penalty if they lose. This show has violent and adult content and many of our students have been watching and talking about the show during the school day. Some students are also playing games that mimic the show at recess and lunch, which at school we do not support. We know as guardians and parents; you make the decision in the content your children watch but we encourage you to have open discussions with your children of what behaviours are appropriate when at school and in the community. Thank you for your support with this matter.

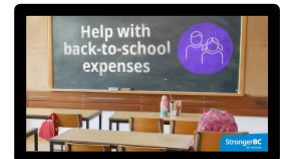


**Kindergarten 2025:** Priority 1 Kindergarten (children born in 2020) Registration will close today, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Every year there are families who miss out on this registration period resulting in their child not being able to attend their catchment school or being placed on a waitlist, both of which cause undue stress to parents and guardians and are completely avoidable. Families are strongly encouraged to register during the Priority 1 registration period for the best chance at attending their catchment school for the 2025/26 school year. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

**District Program Options Applications for September 2025/26:** Applications for Early French Immersion (entering Kindergarten or Grade 1), Late French Immersion (entering Grade 6) and Montessori (entering Kindergarten to Grade 4) are being accepted online. Parents must have their child's registration ID number (new students) or Pupil Number (current students) in order to apply. **The deadline for applications for September 2025/26 is today Friday, January 17, 2025.** After this date, the online application will close and parents who wish to submit a late application will need to email [programoptions@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:programoptions@sd38.bc.ca) to submit a PDF application. Click **HERE** to apply now.



**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:**

**PAC Hot Lunch Food Days TERM 2:** Our first Hot Lunch for Term 2 will be on January 28<sup>th</sup>. **Ordering closes today, January 17<sup>th</sup>,** for Term 2 (January to March) and there will be no late orders accepted. **Any questions please contact Noel at [noelleung82@hotmail.com](mailto:noelleung82@hotmail.com).**

Jan 28 – Sushi Lovers  
Feb 24 – Village Curry

Feb 3 – Taco Luis  
Mar 3 – Fresh Slice

Feb 10 – Bala Foods  
Mar 10 – Sushi Lovers

Feb 18 – Just Poke



**Westcoast Seed Fundraiser:** The PAC is excited to be sponsoring a new fundraiser later this month, partnering with the Community Roots program at West Coast Seeds. They offer a broad range of vegetable, flower and fruit seeds - orders open January 18<sup>th</sup> and close February 1<sup>st</sup>. An email with ordering information will be coming soon!

**Candlelight Concert:** **Calling all talented Quilchena musicians!** We are looking for students to perform at February's Candlelight Concert. Please send your audition videos (2 min max) to [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com) by today, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We encourage a variety of instrumentalists and highly recommend collaboration between students (vocalists, piano duets, violin with piano accompaniment...etc). Successful candidates will be notified on January 24<sup>th</sup>.



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



## A Peek Into Our Fused Glass Workshops

