



*Quilchena Elementary
School District #38*

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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ February 10th – February 14th

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

February – Black History Month

February 10 – PAC Hot Lunch (Bala Foods)

February 11 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Quilchena vs. Dixon

February 13 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Quilchena vs. Steves

February 13 – Burnett Grade 7/ Parent Information Night @ 6:30

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 14 – Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)

February 17 – Family Day (Provincial Holiday – schools closed)

Welcome to February! Van Isle Violet, BC’s groundhog, saw her shadow on Groundhog Day this past week so we are in for another 6 weeks of winter weather. Please ensure students are properly dressed and prepared for all kinds of weather, especially during this cold spell. If your child doesn’t already have, please send an indoor pair of shoes for them to change into to reduce the amount of snow and salt we are tracking into the classrooms, gym and hallways. We have been enjoying playing in the snow and had a fantastic school wide skating field trip to Minoru this past Monday. Enjoy your weekend and see you all Monday, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:



Library Renovation Update: The acoustic panelling above the new wall has been installed this week and cabinetry for the Maker Space area is now being constructed. We are close to getting the keys back to the library in the next week. Next steps will be to start putting the library back together again and filling our beautiful new shelves with our favourite books.

A Kind Reminder about Food Sharing: There are several children within the school that have life-threatening food allergies. With this in mind, we have adopted a ‘**No Food Sharing**’ policy. The policy goes beyond simply refraining from sharing snacks and lunches but also to the classroom where special occasions may be celebrated. Please keep this in mind as Valentines Day approaches.



Early Dismissal: A reminder that we will be having Early Dismissal at 11:50 am on Wednesday, February 19 to accommodate our second Learning Update (Parent-Teacher Conferences). Your child(ren)’s teacher will be sending home information on how to set a conference time shortly.

Personal Project Exhibition: Hugh Boyd Secondary is hosting its annual MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition! The culmination of their hard work will be on full display next week and we are thrilled to extend an invitation to all of Hugh Boyd Secondary’s feeder schools to celebrate the remarkable outcomes of our students’ efforts. Please join them **Thursday February 20 at 6:30pm, in the Old Gym at Hugh Boyd Secondary** to celebrate all their hard work.



Parent Education Sessions 2024/25 School Year: If you missed the session, *Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids*, given on the 21st by Hannah Beach, you can view the webinar recording using this link. [Webinar Recording Link](#) 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

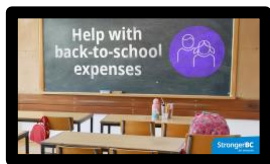


Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. More information and registration for parents is available on the SD38 District Website. The next session is on February 25 and is again hosted by Hannah Beach - *Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression* from 6:30-8pm. Please read more and click to register: [District Parent Education Sessions Link](#)

Family Peer Support Workers and FamilySmart Monthly Online Events: The Richmond ICY Team and Foundry (Integrated Child & Youth) have five family peer support workers (employed by FamilySmart) ready and available to serve parents and caregivers in Richmond. The family peer support workers can meet with families supporting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance youth challenge in person, by video chat, phone or email. Peer support services are available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin and Punjabi. Families can reach out directly for peer support by email richmond@familysmart.ca or phone 604-607-9570. On a monthly basis, FamilySmart also has several [online events](#) accessible to parents/caregivers. Please see the link to view upcoming sessions – [Session Information Link](#).



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:



Candlelight Concert Date Change: We have moved our Candlelight Concert to **Friday, March 7 at 6:30-8pm**. Please see the attached flyer for full details and the reservation link. Thank you to all the young Quilchena musicians for sending their audition videos these past few weeks. New this year, the Formosa Ensemble will be doing a collaboration with our students for the finale piece. We encourage any Quilchena students interested in singing with the ensemble to reach out to the PAC. No experience needed. Please email quilchenapac@gmail.com for more information.



PedalHeads: Register your child for Pedalheads Programs [HERE](#) using code: QUILCH25 to support our PAC fundraising - you save money, we earn money. They offer Bike, Soccer, Swim, and Trail options in both Richmond and South Vancouver. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Questions? Email Vanessa at Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com

A Peek Into Skating at Minoru









