



*Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ February 17th – February 21st

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 17 – Family Day (Provincial Holiday – schools closed)

February 18 – PAC Hot Lunch (Just Poke)

February 18 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Diefenbaker

February 19 – Early Dismissal @ 11:50am for Learning Updates (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

February 20 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Steves

February 20 – Hugh Boyd Personal Project Exhibition @ 6:30pm

The crisp air and beautiful sunshine this week have been beautiful. Thank you for sending your child dressed for the weather. A reminder that Friday, February 14th is a District Professional Development Day and Monday, February 17th is a Provincial holiday (Family Day). Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend and hope you will be able to enjoy some time together with your family and friends. See you all Tuesday, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:

Library Renovation Update: The library has been handed back to us and Ms. McCormick has begun the unpacking of boxes and figuring out where everything will go in her new space. Once we get everything back in order and our last cupboards are finished being built, we will have our grand reveal and open house. *Please return all library books back to the library that you may have at home so we can do an inventory.*



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 would have sent home information on how to set a conference time for you to meet.

Strategic Plan Survey: The following message was shared with all families in our district on Monday, February 3 and if you haven't already participated in the survey, we encourage you to do so. Thank you for your support in engaging our school communities in this work. For more information and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please [CLICK HERE](#)

The Richmond Board of Education has partnered with Roots & Rivers Consulting to create a Strategic Plan that will guide the Richmond School District over the next five years. As part of the development of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, we are seeking input from students, staff, parents/caregivers, partner groups, and the greater Richmond community through a survey. Additionally, there will be four open houses and a virtual session. Feedback gathered will help shape the priorities that will guide the district for the next five years.



The online survey is anonymous and takes approximately 5–15 minutes to complete. All responses will be reviewed and analyzed to help refine our strategic priorities, and the collective input will be presented to the Board of Education as part of the engagement process.

The survey will be open until Sunday, February 23 and can be accessed [HERE](#)

Family Day Weekend in Richmond: The City of Richmond and community partners have planned over 60 family-friendly activities to do over the Family Day weekend (Feb 14-17). [Click here to register](#) for any of the free and low-cost activities and get ready to be active and enjoy time together!



The Gift of Giving: Division 7 has been creating Valentine's cards for residents of RainCity Housing, a non-profit organization that provides housing and supports to over 2000 people throughout British Columbia's Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast. Mrs. Holz is a volunteer at RainCity's Alderbridge Modular Housing, which is temporary housing for low-income individuals over the age of 19 who live in the community, have a history of homelessness, and who need additional support services to maintain housing. Division 7 also collected contributions for the 40 residents of Alderbridge Modular Housing. Thank you, Division 7, for showing your care for others and making a difference.



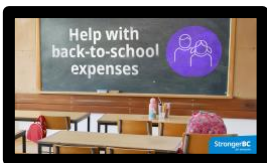
Personal Project Exhibition: Hugh Boyd Secondary is hosting its annual MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition! The culmination of their hard work will be on full display next week and we are thrilled to extend an invitation to all of Hugh Boyd Secondary's feeder schools to celebrate the remarkable 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: 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. 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](#)



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: 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.



Please visit the PAC Fundraising Page [HERE](#) for details of current and ongoing events.

A Peek Into Snow!



