



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community
The Week Ahead ~ February 24th – February 28th

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 24 – PAC Hot Lunch (Village Curry)*
- February 24 – 28 – Cans & Cash Drive For The Food Bank*
- February 25 – Gr.6/7 Basketball vs Dixon (Home Game)*
- February 25 – Hannah Beach Parent Session (see below)*
- February 26 – Pink Shirt Day*
- February 26 – Family Teams*
- February 26 – PAC Meeting @ 7pm*
- February 26 – Maha Shivaratri*
- February 27 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Dixon (Away Game)*
- February 28 – Ramadan Begins*

Two months almost done in Term 2! Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended their child(ren)'s Learning Updates (Parent-Teacher Conferences) this week and sharing in their learning. If you haven't yet made a conference time, please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher to do so. Enjoy your weekend, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:



Maha Shivaratri: Maha Shivaratri is a Hindu festival celebrated annually in honour of the god Shiva. The name also refers to the night when Shiva performs the heavenly dance called Tandava. In every month of the luni-solar Hindu calendar, there is a Shivaratri – "night of Shiva" – on the day before new moon. Unlike most Hindu festivals which are celebrated during the day, the Maha Shivaratri is celebrated at night.

Cans & Cash Drive for the Food Bank: Our Leadership Students are excited to kick off a **Cans & Cash Drive** to support The Richmond Food Bank Society and help families in need! This is a great opportunity for our students to give back and make a real difference in our community. **How You Can Help: Donate the Food Bank's most needed items – Canned protein – chicken, turkey, tuna, salmon, and vegetarian protein - beans, chickpeas, lentils, peanut butter, Rice, pasta, and whole grains, Tinned meals - chunky soup, chili, Canned or powdered milk.** All products should be unopened and within expiry dates.



Bring your items to school next week between Monday and Friday, February 24 - 28

Cash Donations – The Food Bank can turn every \$1 donated into \$7 worth of food! Please consider donating today through [SchoolCashOnline](#), cash will also be accepted at the office until February 28. With your support, we can make a big impact! Thank you for joining us in teaching our students the power of kindness and generosity. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at quilchena@sd38.bc.ca

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](#)

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: **Reserve your seat now** for our Candlelight Concert on Friday, March 7th from 6:30-8pm. Please see the attached flyer for full details and the reservation link. We look forward to seeing all the young Quilchena performers and to the Formosa Ensemble who will be doing a collaboration with our students for the finale piece. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success *please click the link to sign up to help with setup, take admissions and sell snacks during the evening.* [Click Here To Volunteer](#)



Questions? Please contact quilchenapac@gmail.com for more information.

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

A Peek Into Our Learning Updates!

