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**Quilchena Community**  
**The Week Ahead ~ MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> – MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

*February 28-March 29 - Ramadan*

*March 3 – PAC Hot Lunch (Fresh Slice)*

*March 3 – Fire Drill*

*March 4 – Gr.6/7 Basketball vs Diefenbaker (Home Game)*

*March 5 – DARE Div. 3 & 4*

*March 6 – Gr.6/7 Basketball vs Steves (Away Game)*

*March 7 – PAC Sponsored Candlelight Concert @ 6:30pm in the School Gym*

February 26<sup>th</sup> is a day to recognize **Pink Shirt Day**. All students and staff at Quilchena participated in a Family Teams event together in the gym and had discussions and activities throughout the week that honoured diversity and inclusion. This was an opportunity to remind us of and focus on working together to treat everyone with respect and to accept differences, not just on Pink Shirt Day, but every day. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to **Lift Each Other Up** and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone. I am very proud of our Quilchena students as we continue to embrace and build a connected, inclusive community. Enjoy your weekend as we enter March and our final couple of weeks before Spring Break.

**In Other Quilchena News:**

**Ramadan:** Ramadan is a time when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. At Quilchena, our staff would like to express our recognition of this spiritual month for our Muslim students and families and wish you a “Ramadan Mubarak”. As our Muslim students and families embark on a month of self-discipline, community, charity, sacrifice, resilience, compassion, and spiritual and physical benefits, our staff is committed to honouring diversity and would like to send our best wishes to our Muslim students and their families.



**Cans & Cash Drive for the Food Bank:** Thank you for supporting our Leadership Student’s efforts to raise money and collect items for the Richmond Food Bank Society. So far, we have raised \$642 and collected 151 cans and food items which will be making their way to families in Richmond. The generosity of our small community continues to surpass expectations, and we can’t thank you enough! Please donate [HERE](#) until Sunday.



**Summer Learning:** The Richmond School District offers engaging summer learning programs where you can explore new interests, learn new skills, and review or preview academic courses. You can find Summer Learning 2025 general information [HERE](#) Program registration will open in late April. More details will be shared as they become available.

**Saleema Noon:** Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. This year Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in Kindergarten to Grade 7. In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon's team of experienced educators work with children of all ages, teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean. A separate email will be sent out next week to families about an informative Parent Workshop via Zoom that takes place on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> along with more details.



**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:**

**Candlelight Concert:** Just one week to go for our Candlelight Concert on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. **Please see the attached flyer for full details and the reservation link. Reserve your seat now** 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](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com) for more information.

**Term 3 Hot Lunch:** Ordering Hot Lunches for the next term will open on March 10<sup>th</sup> more details coming soon. Please visit the PAC Fundraising Page [HERE](#) for details of current and ongoing events.

### **A Peek Into Pink Shirt Day & Family Teams**





