



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community
The Week Ahead ~ MARCH 10th – MARCH 14th

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 9 – Daylight Savings (clocks spring forward)*
- March 10 – PAC Hot Lunch (Sushi)*
- March 10 – PAC Hot Lunch Term 3 Ordering OPENS*
- March 10 – Earthquake Drill*
- March 10 – Gr.6/7 Basketball @ Byng (Away Game)*
- March 10 – Saleema Noon Parent Workshop (Zoom @ 6:30pm)*
- March 11 – Hugh Boyd Feeder School Basketball Play Day (3:30pm)*
- March 12 – Saleema Noon Student Sessions*
- March 12 – DARE Graduation Div. 3 & 4*
- March 13 – Gr.6/7 Basketball Quilchena vs Cyclones (Lunchtime Game)*
- March 14 – Gr.6/7 Basketball vs Staff (Skills Competition)*
- March 17-28 – Spring Break, enjoy your time off Cyclones!*

We have one more week of school before we head into Spring Break, Cyclones. We have a busy last week ahead – please make sure to check the school calendar and website for upcoming events. Don't forget to change your clocks to one hour ahead on Sunday morning for Daylight Savings. Enjoy your weekend and see you all Monday!

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.



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.



Sharing Smiles Day: This is a dentistry-student-driven, annual tradition that fosters positive relationships between UBC dental students and youth and young adults in the special needs community. Held at the **Pacific Autism Family Network (PAFN)**, this event offers a fun-filled day of games, crafts, and activities, all designed to promote oral health awareness. It's a wonderful opportunity for student volunteers from the Faculty of Dentistry to connect with participants, their families, and friends in an engaging and supportive environment. See flyer for full details.



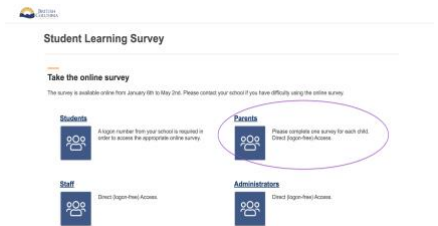
Saleema Noon: Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school next week to work with parents and students in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Emails have been sent home with more details along with the link for the Parent Workshop via Zoom that takes place on Monday, March 10th.



Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS): To view the latest SWIS Newsletter for our newcomer community, please go to our website [HERE](#).



Student Learning Survey 2024-2025: The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. The Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7 after spring break at school. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to complete a survey if they have a child(dren) in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades and the parent survey is available in English and 18 other languages. The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online. The survey will be available until Friday, May 2nd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada. [Student Learning Survey 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: Tonight's the night! Our much-anticipated Candlelight Concert is tonight Friday, March 7th from 7-8pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. **Please see the attached flyer for full details and the reservation link, there's still time to reserve your seat!** Thank you to those who have already reserved seats, we look forward to seeing all the young Quilchena performers and to the Formosa Music Ensemble who will be doing a collaboration with our students for the finale piece. By donation at the door. Concession will be open. CASH ONLY



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



Term 3 Hot Lunch: Ordering Hot Lunches for the next term (April to June) will open on Monday, March 10th to Sunday, April 13th. Late orders *WILL NOT* be accepted. Don't miss out! You **MUST** be registered to order, if you haven't registered this year, please do so [HERE](#).

Apr 22 Just Poke	Apr 28 Village Curry	May 5 Sushi Lover	May 12 Fresh Slice
May 20 Taco Luis	May 26 Just Poke	June 2 Bala Foods	June 6 Cyclone Day Pizza
June 9 Sushi Lover	June 16 Village Curry		

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

A Peek into Nature Exploration – Dyke Walk



