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### **Quilchena Community**

### **The Week Ahead ~ Spring Break – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**March 10 - April 13 – Term 3 PAC Hot Lunch Orders Open**

**March 14 – Holi**

**March 17 – *St. Patrick's Day***

**March 17-28 – Spring Break, enjoy your time off Cyclones!**

**March 31 – Welcome Back – Term 3 begins**

**March 30-31 – Eid-al-Fitr**

**April 3 – PAC Meeting @ 7pm**

Congratulations to our Grade 6/7 basketball team for a successful season and thank you to Mr. Simpson, Mr. Tubajon and Mrs. Borden for coaching. They finished off their season at the Hugh Boyd Feeder Play Day Tourney this past week. We would like to welcome Mr. Zvi to Division 3 and to our Quilchena family. A big thank you to Mr. Atkinson for stepping into the role after the winter break and we wish you well as you return to your previous assignment and continue to teach within the Richmond School District.

As we enter Spring Break, all the staff would like to wish you a wonderful and restful Spring Break. There has been a lot of rich learning happening at Quilchena over the last two terms and a lot to celebrate with your child(ren)'s growth and successes! Please enjoy the break with your family and looking forward to seeing you all on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025!

### **In Other Quilchena News:**

**Holi:** Holi is the Hindu festival of colours. It is a festive day to meet and greet others and repair broken relationships. It represents the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil while also signifying the beginning of a good spring harvest season. Happy Holi to our Quilchena families who celebrate this festival.



**Eid-al-Fitr:** **Eid-al-Fitr:** As the month of Ramadhan comes to an end, we would like to extend a Happy Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim students and families. It marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries. May your celebrations during this special time bring peace, happiness, and prosperity and of course lots of special foods to everyone! Happy Eid from our school family to yours!

### **Important Measles and Pertussis Vaccine Information for Families:**

Please see attached letter from Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health.



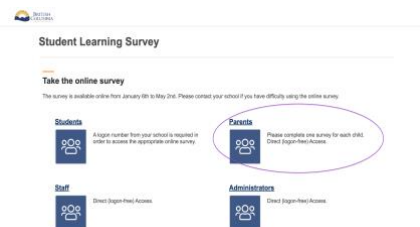
**Saleema Noon Body Science Information:** Our Body Science sessions are now complete. For families who opted to provide their children with this important information themselves, resources have been made available to assist you, please click the following links. [Parent Resource Handout - ENGLISH](#) [Parent Resource Handout - MANDARIN](#) [Parent Resource Handout - FARSI](#) [Growing Up Game Plan - Online PreTeen Empowerment Masterclass](#)



**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](#) The catalogue will be available in early April and program registration will open in late April. More details will be shared as they become available.



**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](#)



**City of Richmond - Spring Break Activities & Day Camps:** The City of Richmond is offering some low cost and free family-friendly events and activities over the upcoming Spring Break (March 15-30). There are lots of regular in-person, day camps and online activities for all ages happening during this two week break. Programs include crafts, music, fitness classes, dance, languages, online social gatherings and sports. [CLICK HERE](#) to browse and register.

**Royal Soccer Club - Summer Day Camps:** This July and August the Royal Soccer Club is offering morning and full day sessions for children ages 5-13. Before and after-care available. Don't miss out on their Early Bird discount - sign up by March 31st to qualify. For location and registration details [CLICK HERE](#)



**Homestay Hosts Needed:** Be a host for an international student for a month, semester, or a year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home for students. Click [HERE](#) for contact information.

**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. 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:** What a night! Our Candlelight Concert did not disappoint! Those in attendance enjoyed the musical talents of several Quilchena students as well as the Formosa Music Ensemble. Thanks to the PAC for hosting, the parent volunteers for helping out and to all who contributed financially, we raised an amazing \$805 for the Library Renovation Fund!



Questions? Please contact [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 our Candlelight Concert













