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Quilchena Community
The Week Ahead ~ April 7 – April 11th

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

April – Sikh Heritage Month

April 4-14 – Golden Samosa Fundraiser Ordering

April 9 – Track Attack

April 11 – Track Attack

April 12-20 – Passover/Pesach

April 13 – Term 3 PAC Hot Lunch Orders Close – no late orders

April 22 – Save the Date: Library Open House after school

What a beautiful way to begin our third term with the sun making an appearance for most of our week! It feels great to get back into a routine and connect again with classmates and peers. Enjoy your weekend, Cyclones and welcome April!

In Other Quilchena News:



Sikh Heritage Month: Nationally, April is also the celebration of Sikh Heritage. Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. Once again at Quilchena, we are honoring our Sikh local history, students and families, by engaging in awareness and dialogue with our staff and students as a way to engage our learning community in Sikh history and excellence.

Passover: Passover, also called Pesach in Hebrew, is a spring holiday that is the second most important Jewish holiday of the year. Passover is eight-days long (or seven in Israel) and is celebrated by Jews around the world to commemorate their freedom from slavery in ancient Egypt.



Track Attack: It's that time of the year to lace up our runners and jump into track. Starting on Wednesday, grades 4-7 students will participate in Track Attack as part of their PE program. Students will rotate through different stations to introduce and help them prepare for our upcoming track meet. Please make sure to wear proper running gear and clothing (proper runners, shorts/track pants). Our District Track Meet will be held at Minoru Park on Tuesday, May 6th for grades 4-7.



Important Measles and Pertussis Vaccine Information for Families: Please see attached letter from Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health.



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.

Strategic Plan Open Houses: The Richmond School District is hosting a series of open houses in April to engage parents and caregivers in the **2025-2030 Strategic Plan** process. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the district's priorities for the next five years.

Upcoming Open Houses

April 8, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at McMath Secondary
April 14, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Palmer Secondary
April 15, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Burnett Secondary
April 24, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Cambie Secondary
April 28, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Online session ([Click here to register](#))

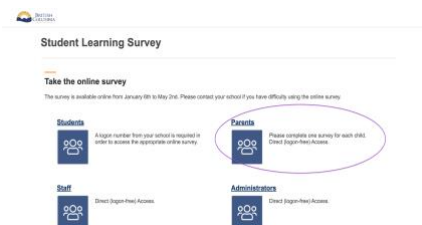


For more details and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan.



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](#)



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:

Golden Samosas: The PAC is running our Golden Samosa fundraiser again! Ordering opens today, Friday, April 4th and closes on April 14th. \$30 for a box of 20 samosas. You will pick up your samosa orders after school on April 24th at the front of the school. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Orders will go through the Hotlunches website. You will need to create an account if you haven't already done so. If you haven't registered this year, please do so [HERE](#).



Term 3 Hot Lunch: Ordering Hot Lunches for the next term (April to June) is open and close 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
May 20 Taco Luis
June 9 Sushi Lover

Apr 28 Village Curry
May 26 Just Poke
June 16 Village Curry

May 5 Sushi Lover
June 2 Bala Foods

May 12 Fresh Slice
June 6 Cyclone Day Pizza

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

A Peek into our Garden Prep

