



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ April 14 – April 18th

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 12-20 – Passover/Pesach

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

April 14 – Samosa Fundraiser Orders Close – no late orders

April 14 – Vaisakhi

April 14 – Track Attack (gr.4-7)

April 16 – Track Attack (gr.4-7)

April 17 – Freezie Sale (\$2)

April 18 – Good Friday – Schools Closed

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 21 – Easter Monday – Schools Closed

April 22 – Save the Date: Library Open House (2:45pm)

We managed to fit in a couple of days of dry weather and ended our week with a beautiful day. We hope for more sunshine next week and this is a good reminder that Westcoast April weather brings spring showers. Please have your child(ren) come prepared to school for all kinds of weather. Having an extra pair of socks and shoes at school is a good idea for those wet days. The weather looks beautiful for this upcoming weekend – enjoy it Cyclones and see you Monday!

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.

Vaisakhi: Vaisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is the Sikh new year and is an important festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. Vaisakhi is a spring harvest festival, which marks the start of the harvest and commemorates Guru Gobind Singh, who was one of the original Sikh Gurus. Vaisakhi is also a celebration of family and solidarity. Happy Vaisakhi to our Quilchena families who will be celebrating this festival!



Easter: Easter is an important Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Christ died on the cross on a day called Good Friday. According to the Bible, Jesus was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as Holy Week. Wishing a Happy Easter to those Quilchena families who recognize this important holiday.



Gr. 7 Farewell Fundraising: The Grade 7's will be having Freezie Sales on April 17th, May 1st, May 15th and May 27th, to support their upcoming Farewell celebration. Students will be able to purchase Freezies for \$2 each. Thank you to the Gr. 7 Farewell Parent Committee for organizing and to the Grade 7 students for helping.

The Gr. 7 Farewell Parent Committee is requesting volunteers to help with Freezie Sales, as well as Volunteers leading up to the Farewell to help with lunch/dessert organization, decorations and overall help with set up for the June 20th Farewell. If you can volunteer some time, please email Quilchena.sd38.bc.ca with your contact information.



Library Open House: We are at the finish line and our library renovations are nearing completion! We will be having an Open House on Tuesday, April 22nd and welcome all families to pop by after school to view our updated space. Hope to see you then!

Earth Day: Earth Day, observed annually on April 22nd, is a global event dedicated to environmental protection. The 2025 theme, “**Our Power, Our Planet,**” highlights the connection between climate action and clean energy, emphasizing the role of individuals and communities in driving meaningful environmental change. Please see attached flyer to see how you can get involved with Earth Week Celebrations around Richmond.



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 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](#))

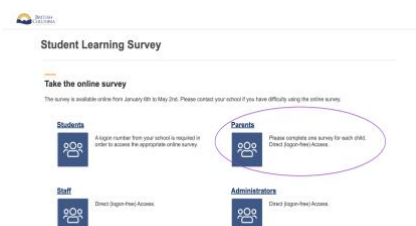
For more details and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan.



Summer Learning: Interested in signing your child(ren) for a Summer Learning Course? Registration for Elementary students starts **Monday April 21 @ 7PM!** Did you know that Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is FREE (one free course) for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, who have refugee status and whose parents are living in BC with a valid work permit? (Note: students entering grade 8 can register for up to three Secondary Enrichment courses.) Summer camps for Elementary age students are also available at an additional cost. You can find Summer Learning 2025 general information HERE. Check out all the exciting Summer Courses we are planning on offering this Summer Learning 2025 in the attachments.

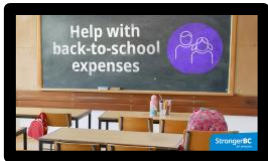


Student Learning Survey 2024-2025: The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student 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 is being administered to students in grades 4 and 7 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. 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 Monday, 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	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		

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

A Peek into Spring Art

