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Quilchena Community
The Week Ahead ~ May 5th – May 9th

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

May – Canadian Jewish Heritage Month & Asian Heritage Month

May 5 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Sushi Lover)

May 6 – Track Meet @ Minoru for grades 4-7

May 7 – Rain City Improv Performance at 9:15am

May 8 – Class/Group Photo Day

We are back to beautiful spring weather and our apple trees are in bloom. We ended our week with our Parent & Community Appreciation Tea this afternoon. Thank you to all our family and community members who have volunteered their time at our school over this past year. We are grateful for your support. Enjoy your weekend Cyclones and see you all on Monday!

In Other Quilchena News:

May marks the beginning of Canadian Jewish Heritage Month, as well as Asian Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to celebrate Jewish culture, faith, and history in Canada. It is also a time to honour and celebrate Asian heritage and the excellence and resilience of people of Asian descent in B.C. Diversity represents one of Canada's greatest strengths, and we strive to ensure that all Canadians have the opportunity to reach their full potential and participate in Canada's civic life.



Canada is home to an estimated 400,000 people of Jewish heritage. Jewish Canadians have made and continue to make important contributions to our society, including medicine, theatre, engineering, music, architecture, academia, politics, law, the arts, and more. During this month, we also recognize the courage, determination, and resilience that members of Jewish communities have shown throughout history.



Over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities, and religious traditions. The people of this diverse, vibrant and growing community have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada - from the arts and science to sport, business, and government. Asian Heritage

Month offers all Canadians an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

SD38's 13th Annual Scholarship Bike Ride: The 13th Annual Richmond School District Scholarship Bike Ride will be on **Saturday, May 24th, 2025**. This is an annual event aimed at bringing the community together to raise funds for scholarships for graduating students in Richmond. It is a fun and casual 12km ride, and open to all with a free post-ride BBQ. Each year, 10 scholarships are provided to graduating students in Richmond, one per secondary school. Our goal is to raise \$5000 through this event. Even if you are unable to attend the ride, we appreciate your support by donating. We meet at J.N. Burnett Secondary School at 9:45am, share a few words



about the event, and then depart together for the ride. The ride is an easy loop that returns to Burnett for a BBQ lunch graciously provided by **M&M Food Market**. This provides time to connect with community in conversation and laughter. The entire event only takes about 2 hours, including lunch – please join us and bring a friend! This ride also provides us with an opportunity to remember and honour two great educators and school leaders – Lorne Bodin and Targett Ng, who were passionate cyclists and advocates for wellness. This ride started in memory of them. We would love for you to join us, by using this link to [DONATE and REGISTER](#) and this link to [DONATE ONLY](#).



Written Learning Updates: The MyEducation BC Parent Portal will be the site where you can view attendance, contact information, and published Learning Updates (report cards). **Term two's Written Learning Updates were available for families to view on Friday, April 25th, 2025.** We recommend you download a copy for your records. They will be available to do so until June 10th, when the data is cleared to make room for our final Learning Summary.

BC Track & Field Championships: For those students who are interested in competing at the BC Track & Field Championships, please click [HERE](#) for more information. Competition is open to all athletes ages 9-13 years old and there are no restrictions. The event dates are Friday, May 23rd to Sunday, May 25th at Minoru Track. You must register prior to the event weekend, please visit the website on how to register and see attached flyer.



City of Richmond - Public Works Open House (May 10th): The Public Works Open House showcases infrastructure services to ensure the safety and health of the community. You are invited to join the Public Work Open House, showcasing infrastructure services to ensure the safety and health of the community. This fun-filled event for families - especially kids - will see how infrastructure services ensures the safety and health of the community. Learn about:

- Water Services, Flood Protection, Sanitary Sewers •Engineering, Roads and Construction Services
- Environmental Programs, Parks, Recreation and Culture •Fleet Operations and Emergency Services.

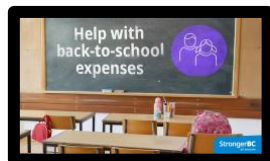
Enjoy live music and entertainment, The “Kidstruction” child-friendly play area, meet Richmond Fire-Rescue and other community partners on-site, and much more! Plus, lunch and snacks are available for purchase from food trucks. Come meet the people who keep Richmond one of Canada's safest and most livable communities!



Summer Learning: Interested in signing up your child(ren) for a Summer Learning Course? Registration for Elementary students opened **Monday April 21st!** 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.](#)

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:

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: Support Local & Stock Your Freezer with Delicious Food. The PAC is partnering with **Neufeld Farms** for our latest fundraiser—and it's a win-win! You get to **fill your freezer with high-quality products** all while supporting Quilchena school. Locally sourced, top-quality products, perfect for busy nights, family dinners, or entertaining. A portion of every order goes directly to supporting our school and students. Full details and ordering links will be available [HERE](#) next week.



PAC Meeting: The final PAC Meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday, June 4th at 7pm. Details, and the agenda will be emailed to parents the day before.

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

A Peek Into Track Attack





