



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community

The Week Ahead ~ June 2nd – June 6th

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

June – Filipino, Italian, Portuguese Heritage and National Indigenous History Month

June 1-3 – Shavuot

June 2 – 6 – Bike to School Week

June 2 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Bala Foods)

June 4 – PAC AGM

June 6 – Cyclone Day (Early Dismissal at 1:30pm)

We are saying goodbye to May this weekend and enter our last month of the school year. We are also saying goodbye to Ms. Cao, our Education Assistant, who will be moving and leaving our District at the end of this month. We wish her the best and we are grateful for all the support she has given our students. We will be welcoming Ms. Izumi on Monday who will be joining our EA team and our Quilchena family. There are lots of June activities planned in the coming weeks, please make sure to check your child's agendas for notices, as well as the school website and calendar. Have a wonderful weekend, Cyclones!

In Other Quilchena News:



June is National Indigenous Heritage Month. On our JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) journey towards reconciliation we continue to build a renewed relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect and partnership. Click the link for more information: National Indigenous Heritage Month

Cyclone Day & Bike Parade: We will be having our school-wide Cyclone Day (Sports Day) on Friday, June 6th. Upper intermediate students have been planning and preparing morning events for our students to participate in and all parents are welcome to come and watch. A notice has gone home with more information about the day. **Please note an earlier finish time of 1:30pm on Friday.**



Cyclone Day Volunteers: Our PAC is calling for volunteers on June 6th for **Cyclone Day!** We will need parent volunteers to help with popping popcorn, selling the popcorn and snacks, and setting up/cleaning up the snack concession area. If you can help with any of these, please sign up HERE or go to the school website, under Parents tab, PAC and Volunteer Opportunities.

Bike to School Week: All schools across BC are encouraged to participate in a province-wide *Bike to School Week* between June 2nd and 6th and our bike racks are ready for you! We hope to see less cars and more bikes as your mode of transportation. Not only does this limit the number of cars in and around our school but reduces carbon emissions and keeps us healthy at the same time. Please plan to join us and find another way than driving to school (bikes, scooters, roller blades)! Please make sure to bring your bike lock and to wear your helmets.



Parent Input - Class Placement 2025-2026: Each year as we enter June, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning, and new registrations. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource staff, education assistants and administration will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are *tentative* until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet again to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

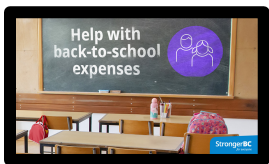
In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. Considerations include:

- **learning styles and strengths**
- **social / personal characteristics**
- **students with special needs**
- **ELL Levels**
- **contractual obligations**

As you can see, this is a complicated process, and this list is by no means exclusive, as there are many factors unique to a situation that must and will be considered.

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to send a letter to Mrs. Kusch at nkusch@sd38.bc.ca by **Monday, June 2nd**. We will not accept any letters that come in after June 2nd. The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher**, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. *Please be aware that the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.*

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). A reminder that 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.**



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:

PAC Meeting: The Quilchena Parents' Advisory Committee will be having its final meeting of the school year on June 4th. Elections for executive positions on next year's PAC will be held at the meeting.

Each school's PAC requires a Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary to operate, and the Chair and Vice-Chair positions need to be filled for next school year. The PAC cannot function without the Chair and Vice-Chair positions filled. This wonderful group of people work together to put on school events and fundraisers that contribute greatly to your student's experience at the school and provide fundraising to support numerous projects every year like the library renovation, the new playground added in 2022, and support for field trips and classroom expenses.

All caregivers are welcome to attend the meetings and run for the PAC executive. If you are considering running for any of these positions or are interested in participating in the PAC to ensure our events and fundraising efforts continue, please join us at the school on June 4th at 7pm. If you have any questions about the positions, please email us at quilchenapac@gmail.com.

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

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