



Quilchena Elementary
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Quilchena Community
The Week Ahead ~ June 16th – June 20th

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 15 – Father’s Day

*June 16 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Village Curry) – **Last one of the year***

June 16 – All Library Books Due Back

June 17 – Division 4 Swimming @ Minoru

June 20 – Grade 7 Farewell

June 21 – National Indigenous People’s Day

The rain stayed away yet again for us to enjoy our Beach Day field trip this past Tuesday. A big thank you to all our parents and family members who joined us and to those who helped supervise students. It was another excellent day! We also enjoyed our Year End Band Assembly this week and it was wonderful to see the growth of our students in playing their instruments. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and Happy Father’s Day to all our Cyclone Dads out there!

In Other Quilchena News:

City of Burnaby – National Indigenous Peoples Day 2025: The City of Burnaby is organizing a family friendly, community celebration to honour and recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, June 21st from 3pm to 7pm at Civic Square, 6100 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby. This family-friendly event is free to attend and everyone is welcome. With a SkyTrain station nearby, residents are encouraged to leave their car at home and take transit or choose an active transportation option such as walking or cycling. Please see the link for more information. [Click Here](#)



Welcome Back: We will be welcoming back Ms. Davis and Ms. Lau from their maternity leaves in September, as well as Mr. Henderson from his leave of absence.

Saying Goodbye: As the school year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to several members of the Quilchena team who are moving on to new opportunities or joined us on temporary contracts throughout the year. Ms. Ochiai joined our EA Team in April and quickly became a supportive and caring presence for our students. Ms. Poon and Ms. Ishikawa brought their passion for language and learning to our Learning Resource and ELL Team, stepping in for Ms. Lau with dedication and compassion. Ms. Borden joined us after Thanksgiving, filling in for Ms. Davis, and provided thoughtful guidance and instruction to our older students. Mr. Zvi joined our staff after spring break in Division 3, bringing energy, care, and a joy of learning that truly inspired his students. Mr. Tubajon will be moving to the Coquitlam School District. We are grateful for his calm demeanor and his enthusiasm for coaching and athletics. Mr. Simpson will be heading to the Victoria School District. His big energy and commitment to teaching our senior students will be missed.



We are deeply thankful for the contributions each of these educators has made to our school community. They have left a meaningful and positive footprint at Quilchena, and we wish them all the very best in their new roles, schools and districts.

Gr. 7 Farewell Assembly: On Friday, June 20th we will be recognizing and celebrating our Grade 7's as they prepare to say farewell to Elementary School and head off to High School next year. This assembly is for our students and the families of our Grade 7 students.

Year End Farewell Assembly: On Thursday, June 26th at 10:30am, we will be having our *Year End Recognition Assembly* where we will be celebrating our year together and saying some goodbyes to some of our staff who will be leaving us. All parents are invited and welcome to attend this assembly if you wish.

🌿 Division 3 Organic Salad Bags for Sale! 🌿 - Fresh from Our Garden to Your Table! Division 3 has just finished their Salad Garden Unit, and they've harvested more than expected! Come grab a fresh and healthy organic salad bag prepared by our student gardeners.

🍷 What's in the bag?

- Kale
- Red Romaine
- Head Lettuce
- Romaine
- Cherokee Lettuce
- Chives
- Pineapple Sage
- Dill
- Basil



🏷️ Price: \$5 per bag

📍 Where: Outside near the parking lot

🕒 When: 2:40pm – 3pm on Tuesday, June 17th — look for our student-run table near the parking lot!

Proceeds will support our financial literacy learning. A portion will be donated to *Urban Bounty*, who generously hosted Division 3 for free at the *Terra Nova Community Gardens*, and the rest will be put toward our school garden fund for next school year. **Thank you for supporting Division 3's learning and green thumbs! Come early — while supplies last**

Late Return: School restarts on Tuesday, September 2nd and we hope to see everyone on this date. Should extenuating circumstances prevent your child from attending the first day of school, please complete **THIS FORM along with a written explanation of why your child's return to school will be delayed**, send these to Mrs. Kusch. It is the expectation that all students will be in attendance by Wednesday, September 10th. ***Failure to do so may result in your child losing their placement at Quilchena and they may have to attend another school upon their late return.***

Lost Something? Every term a bag full of useful clothing is taken to a local charity store simply because it hasn't been claimed. Is your child missing a hoodie? A jacket? A water bottle? Please look at the image below and have your child come by the Lost & Found table next week to look for lost belongings.



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 three's Summary of Learning will be available for families to view on Monday, June 23rd 2025. **We recommend you download a copy for your records. They will be available to do so until August 1st when the data is cleared in preparation for the new school year**

WaterSafe Courses: Students in grades 5, 6, and 7 next year have the opportunity to attend Camp Jubilee as part of their Outdoor Education. As some activities will be in or near the water, students will



need proof of their swim proficiency. HERE is a list of summer WaterSafe courses. Please book directly with the City of Richmond.



Summer Active Pass City of Richmond: The \$29 Summer Active Pass (richmond.ca/SummerPass) is now available for purchase. Purchase a pass starting June 10th and use it June 14th through September 1st, 2025. This low cost, unlimited pass is for 5 to 18 year olds to participate in select drop-in activities including:

- Swimming, fitness centre access and select drop-in group fitness classes at Minoru Centre for Active Living and Watermania
- Swimming at South Arm and Steveston Outdoor Pools
- Skating at Richmond Ice Centre (public skating only & skate rentals extra)
- Golf at West Richmond Pitch & Putt (Monday to Thursday, 12-4 p.m., excluding holidays. Golf rentals extra; children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.)
- Fitness centre access and select drop-in group fitness classes at Cambie, City Centre, Hamilton, South Arm, Steveston, Thompson and West Richmond Community Centres
- Select drop-in activities at community centres

PAC News:

Thank You: Please join us in thanking our PAC Executive Team this school year for all their hard work in organizing fundraising activities throughout the school year. We would also like to thank Brent and Pawan Follett who are stepping down from their roles as Co-Chairs these past 2 years. All your time and dedication of planning, organizing and executing the many fundraising activities are appreciated.



PAC Executive Team 2025-2026:

PAC Co-Chairs: Jessica Wu and Vanessa Wong
Secretary: Sheena Borges
Treasurer: Jin Mahal



Fundraising Coordinator: VACANT

Our current PAC role of *Fundraising Coordinator* will need filling in the 2025/2026 school year. If you are interested in this role and would like to learn more, please contact quilchenafundraising@gmail.com.

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

A Peek Into Cyclone Day & Beach Day











