



**Quilchena Elementary**  
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## Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**We invite families to visit the [School Calendar](#) on our [website](#) for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.**

*September 29 – Orange Shirt Day*  
*September 29 – PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi*  
*September 30 – Truth & Reconciliation Day (School Closed)*  
*October 2 – Quilchena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*  
*October 2 – Student Photo Order Deadline*  
*October 3 – Family Photo Rain-Out Date*  
*October 1 – Kol Nidrei*  
*October 2 – Yom Kippur*  
*October 3 – Dussehra*

As we say goodbye to September next week and reflect on our first month of school, it has been a productive and busy month full of new beginnings, learning and connecting. Another busy week coming up – don't forget to keep in the know by visiting our school website and school calendar. This Monday will be Ms. Hughes' last day with us as she begins a new adventure at Cook Elementary. While we are sad to say goodbye, we are incredibly grateful for her time, care and contributions to our school community. We wish her all the best in her new role!

### In Other Quilchena News:



**National Day For Truth and Reconciliation:** On September 30<sup>th</sup>, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, honouring the Survivors of residential schools, their families, and the children who never returned home. As a learning community, we reaffirm our commitment to truth, remembrance, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Note: This day is also known as Orange Shirt Day, this is a time for collective reflection and recognition of the message, "Every Child Matters". Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in solidarity.

A reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and therefore school will not be in session on this day. Please visit the link to view what events are happening in Richmond. [TRC Events in Richmond](#)

**Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur:** At sundown on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Jewish community will begin observance of Kol Nidrei, the solemn opening service of Yom Kippur. We extend our thoughts to those preparing for this sacred time of prayer, reflection, and personal renewal. Translation note: Kol Nidrei means "All Vows." It refers to a traditional prayer recited at the start of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. May this Day of Atonement bring peace, reflection, and renewal as you fast, pray, and gather with your communities. Translation note: Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement."



**Dussehra:** We extend our warmest greetings to members of the Hindu community observing Dussehra. This festival marks the victory of good over evil and is often celebrated with prayer, cultural events, and family gatherings. May this day bring joy, prosperity, and light.

**Saying Goodbye; A Message from Mrs. Hughes:** As I prepare to say goodbye to this incredible school community, my heart is full of gratitude. Working alongside such compassionate, dedicated educators and staff has been a true privilege. Being a small part of your children's education experience has been nothing short of an honour. Thank you for making the past 7 years so special. My last day will be Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to drop by the office to say goodbye. Once a Cyclone, always a Cyclone.



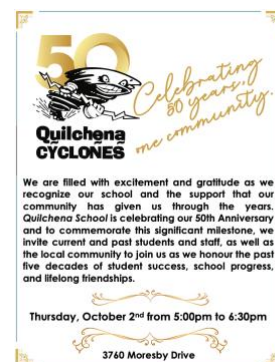
**Spirit Wear Orders:** We're happy to announce the shop is open! [HERE](#) Order by October 12<sup>th</sup> for a mid-November delivery.



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion in our school's history — **Quilchena is turning 50!** For half a century, our school has been a cornerstone of learning, growth, and community spirit. Whether you're a current student, a proud alumnus, a dedicated staff member (past / present), or a cherished friend of the school, your presence will make this celebration truly special. It's time to come together and celebrate the legacy we've built and the bright future ahead. Please join us on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm to 6:30pm to mark this special occasion. Spread the word!



"Primos Street Eats," a family run business, will join us on the night. They offer vibrant flavors of their Mexican heritage: tacos, quesadillas, and churros.



**Cross-Country Team:** Thank you to Mrs. Pereira and Mrs. Cavazzi for organizing this club and to, Mr. Sumra, our school volunteer for giving his time to help coach. A sign up meeting will happen next week for interested students from grades 1-7. Practices will be on Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:15am, rain or shine. The first practice will be on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be Cross-Country Run at Garry Point starting at 3:30pm. Your child will be given a consent form from Ms. Pereira or Ms. Cavazzi. Please return these back to school with your child once completed.

**Student Photos are Ready to Order through Mountain West Studios:**

**Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!**

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** (after the deadline a late fee is applicable)

**Missing your login code? No problem!**

1. Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>
2. Enter the information required.
3. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.



**Catch Up Photo Day:**

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints.
- If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: October 23 2025
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 21 2025

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494 Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca) \* Orders will be delivered to the school for distribution \*



**Opt-in to District/School Text Message Communication:** The Richmond School District has implemented a communication tool that will enable both the district and our school to send you text messages. This will improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service. If you haven't already done so, you can choose to opt-in by sending a text message to 978338 with the comment 'Yes'. Read more [HERE](#)

**Grade 5 Active Pass:** The City of Richmond is offering students in Grade 5 a pass for FREE admission to drop-in swimming, skating, pitch and putt gold, and various drop-in programs at local community centres. Please click [here](#) for more details and registration process for the free pass.



**Construction:** The ongoing construction on Moresby Dr. & No. 1 Rd. has been erratic and at times quite extensive. We are anticipating lane closures, parking restrictions and heavy traffic until mid-October. Please prepare an alternate route to school (see map below) and allow extra time for your journey for those days when construction is heavy.



**Needing Support:** Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you require financial assistance for school-related costs (school supplies, field trips or other school-related costs). 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 students have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



**PAC News:** Please feel free to email us at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com) if you have any questions. To learn more about our Quilchena Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please visit the [Quilchena PAC page](#), (under the Parents tab in the school's website).

PAC Food days ordering is closed. If you missed the ordering window, don't worry as there will be another opportunity to order for the second school term.

Should you have any questions about Food Days, please contact Noel at [noelleung82@hotmail.com](mailto:noelleung82@hotmail.com).

### **A Peek Into Our School's Journey of Learning About Truth & Reconciliation On Musqueam Land**







From Granville Ave.

## Alternate Routes to Quilchena



- Walking Path to the school
- Alternate route from the north to street parking
- Alternate route from the south to street parking
- Construction Zone