



Quilchena Elementary School
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THE WEEK AHEAD

OCTOBER 20TH – OCTOBER 24TH, 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.

October 20:	Diwali
October 20:	PAC Hot Lunch Day – <i>Just Poke</i>
October 20-23:	Book Fair
October 22:	Early Dismissal for Conferences (11:50am)
October 23:	Individual Retake Photo Day (please register – details below)
October 24:	Provincial Pro-D (no school in session)

We welcomed Mrs. Carly Spence to our school office this week – if you haven't had a chance to pop by and introduce yourself or say hello, please make sure you do! Since the start of school, we have been very fortunate with beautiful weather, which has brought many smiles and joy during our Morning Walk and our recess and lunch breaks. A reminder that every day is an outside day and to be prepared for all kinds of weather, especially as we head into our rainy season. Proper jackets, umbrellas and boots are recommended, as well as a change of socks, pants and shoes. Thank you for your support with this.

In Other Quilchena News:



DIWALI is one of the biggest holidays celebrated in India and is on October 20th. Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating the Festival of Lights! To our Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and interfaith families, may this joyous occasion bring brightness, peace, and renewal into your homes and hearts. Translation note: Diwali (Sanskrit: दीपावली – Deepavali) means “row of lights.” It is celebrated across many faiths with the lighting of lamps, sweets, prayers, and family gatherings.



Student Photo Retakes through Mountain West Studios: Did your child miss the first photo day or they'd like a retake? RETAKES WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 AND YOU MUST REGISTER. [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 21st, 2025. [Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering. Questions: Please contact Mountain West Studios 1-888-644-4494 Email: help@mountainwest.ca



Student Learning Update: October 22nd is an early dismissal day at 11:50am. Students will need to only bring a recess snack this day. Your teachers would have sent home an invite to meet with them to review the year so far and to set some goals with your child(ren). Many teachers may take more than one day to meet with all of you. Thank you for collaborating and working with your child(ren)'s teachers.



Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday! Students can attend and make purchases at the Book Fair from 2:45-3:15pm until Thursday, October 23rd. The Book Fair timing will be extended during conferences on October 22nd for you to visit until 4:30pm.



Mud Kitchen Tools: Our mud kitchen play area is one of the students' favourite places to play at recess and lunch. It is located near our sand pit and playground area. We re-use old pots, ladles and scoops to play and our stock is running low. If you will be donating any of these items, we would love to take them off your hands. Thank you in advance!



Cross-Country Team: October 29th there will be a District Cross-Country Run at Garry Point starting at 3:30pm. If your child has been given a consent form from Ms. Pereira and Ms. Cavazzi, please return these back to school with your child as soon as possible.



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](#)

Needing Support: Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch (nkusch@sd38.bc.ca) if you require financial assistance for any school-related costs (school supplies, field trips, etc.). 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 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).

Should you have any questions about Food Days, please contact Noel at noelleung82@hotmail.com.



A PEEK INTO SUNNY FALL DAYS!

