



Quilchena Elementary School
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THE WEEK AHEAD

OCTOBER 27th – OCTOBER 31st, 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.*

Mon, Oct 27:	PAC Hot Lunch Day – Ttop Kitchen
Tue, Oct 28:	Gr. 6/7 Volleyball Game vs Dixon (home)
Wed, Oct 29:	Cross Country District Fun Run – 3:30pm @ Garry Point
	PAC Meeting – 6:30pm
Fri, Oct 31:	Halloween / Pumpkin Patch!

Thank you to all our families who came to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers this week. It was a time to celebrate their learning and set goals for the remainder of the term. A reminder that tomorrow is a provincial wide professional development day and all schools will be closed. Have a wonderful upcoming weekend Cyclones and see you all Monday.

IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...



Halloween is on Friday, October 31st and we will be having our annual pumpkin patch at school. For those who celebrate it, Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices within your family unit. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE (*black face/brown face*)

ETHNICITY AND CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab/turban/kippah*)

GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)

TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

Students are welcome to wear costumes if they wish and many have started to plan. We are asking students to not bring any weapon accessories to school if they are part of their costume. We also know that some costumes have full masks. We are asking students to not wear their mask while at school, both inside the class and while outside during recess and lunch. This not only prohibits vision for safety reasons but can scare our younger student population. Thank you for your understanding.





Cross-Country Team: On Wednesday there will be a District Cross-Country Run at Garry Point starting at 3:30pm. If your child is participating in the run, we will meet you at Garry Point.

Being Prepared: Thank you for remembering to bring a water bottle, recess snack and a packed lunch with you to school each morning. **A reminder that our first bell rings at 8:40am and we begin our day together at 8:45am.** Each morning, we start with a school wide *Morning Walk* that begins at 8:45am. This is where the whole school goes out together for a morning walk and gives us a chance to connect and start the day off as a community. Giving yourself time in the morning so you are not rushed helps you begin your day in a calm manner.



Kindergarten 2026: Richmond School District #38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration opens on November 1, 2025. Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 6, 2026.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 5th from 5:30 – 6:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>. Please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Reporting information: This school year, all teachers will be using the same written format for communicating student learning. There will be five communication events: four Learning Updates (two written and two conferences) and one written Summary of Learning at the end of the year.



Parent Education Sessions 2025/2026 School Year: *Safer Schools Together* provides regular family training sessions over the course of the year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and upcoming dates. Please also find the attached document *Raising Digitally Responsible Youth* (2025 version).

Early Learning Family Events 2025-2026: Ready Set Learn (RSL) funding supports programs and initiatives for families and their young children aged 0-5. It is aimed at fostering positive connections between families, schools, and local community agencies. SD38 Early Learning Program designs and offers four, free Early Learning Family Events for families with children aged 0-5. Held throughout the year at elementary schools across the district, these events feature activity stations, opportunities to connect with other families, participation from community partners, and live performances for children. The first event is happening on November 27 at Mitchell Elementary. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30pm Door #4

The PAC meeting has been shifted to an earlier time to accommodate families with younger children. We hope to see our Quilchena families at the meeting!

QUILCHENA PAC PRESENTS...

Family Movie Night: Friday, November 21st ~ Doors 5:30pm ~ Showtime 6:00pm

Pre-order your pizza dinner starting Friday, October 24th until Friday, November 14th. No late orders will be accepted (limited pizzas for sale on the night of.). There will also be a cash only concession stand at the event.

Parent Volunteers needed! Please see movie poster to sign up.

** Parents must be present and responsible for their children! Please see the movie poster for more information.*

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS...

Neufeld's Fundraiser

Campaign runs from November 3-19. Pick up is November 26 after school. Fundraising link coming soon!

Purdy's Fundraiser

Campaign runs from November 10-24. Pick up is December 5 after school. Fundraising link coming soon!

PAC general questions and inquiries: quilchenapac@gmail.com



PAC Food Day questions: Noel at noelleung82@hotmail.com

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).



A peek into... ART!

