



# QUILCHENA CYCLONES

## The Week Ahead: Dec 15 - 19, 2025

### Monday Dec 15

PAC Hot Lunch -  
Village Curry

Spirit Day: Tropical

Gr. 6 Immunizations

Family Teams

### Tuesday Dec 16



**TAIKO DRUMMING RESIDENCY**

### Wednesday Dec 17

Universal Hot Lunch -  
Pasta

Spirit Day: Crazy  
socks & sandals with  
seasonal hats!

### Thursday Dec 18

Band Assembly  
@ 1:30pm Divs 1, 2, 3



Learning Updates  
published on MyEd  
Parent Portal

### Friday Dec 19

Term 2 Hot Lunch  
ordering OPENS

Spirit Day: Comfy  
Clothes & PJ's

Sing-a-long 1:45pm

Last day before  
winter break ❄️

*As Term One winds down and we enter our last week of school before our winter break, it has been a term full of rich learning and many memorable moments. We look forward to our final week of learning and activities together in 2025! You are welcome to join our sing-a-long Friday afternoon!*

### BE PREPARED FOR ANY WEATHER!



Rain/winter  
coat



Rain/winter  
boots



extra clothing  
including socks



winter hat,  
mitts & scarf

Fall weather is a good reminder to dress for the rain and pack extra clothing and shoes so your child(ren) can enjoy the outdoor weather but also be comfortable afterwards. We will surely continue to experience true West Coast weather in the coming weeks filled with rain, puddles, and wind!



**Taiko Drumming Residency:** On Tuesday and Wednesday we are very excited to welcome the Uzume Taiko drumming residency! Payment of \$10 per student is due now please on your [SchoolCashOnline](#) account. This unique in-school experience has been generously subsidized by the school to make it accessible for all families.

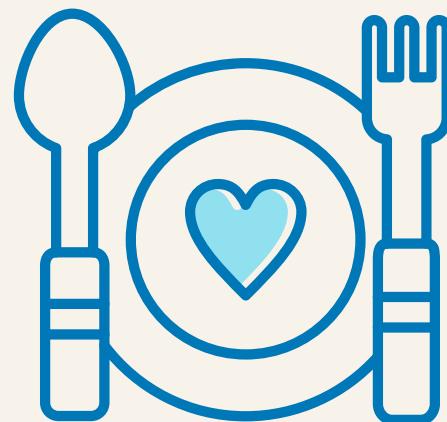


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## IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

**Universal Hot Lunch Program:** Utilizing Feeding Futures funding, as well as National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District will be piloting a *Universal Hot Lunch program* at selected elementary and secondary schools during the months of December and January. This is separate from our PAC Hot Lunch program and is organized at the District level.

Lunch will be offered to all students at Quilchena Elementary School on December 17<sup>th</sup> (**order deadline Dec 12!**) and January 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the *MunchaLunch* ordering platform to order. Attached is information on how to register for your MunchaLunch account and how to place your order. There are several diet friendly selections. Please note there are ordering deadlines listed on the information page and no late orders will be accepted. Please contact Mrs. Kusch if you have any questions.



### ***Have you signed in to your MyEducation Parent Portal?***

Progress reports, also known as Written Learning Updates, will be published electronically by PDF in your MyEducation Parent Portal on Thursday, December 18 after school. The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access these Updates. Paper copies will not be sent home. Your MyEd Parent Portal account also gives you access to student/pupil numbers. [A quick link is available on our school website](#), as well as instructions on how to register for and access the MyEd Parent Portal.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO TRY TO LOG ON TO TROUBLESHOOT ANY ISSUES BEFORE LEARNING UPDATES ARE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY, DEC 18.**

**PARENT TECH SUPPORT:** If you need tech support with your MyEd Parent Portal account (ie: forgot your password), please email the SD38 Parent Tech Help Desk at: [myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca)



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## HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

To ensure we can reach you quickly and easily, please inform the school office of any updates to your contact information. This includes changes to phone numbers, residential address, emergency contacts, or email addresses. Keeping your details current helps us communicate important information in a timely manner and allows us to contact you promptly if any urgent matters or emergencies arise. This is especially important for our Grade 7 families, as accurate information is essential for high school registration and communication. Thank you for helping us stay connected!



**Lost & Found:** Please take a look to see if any of these items belong to your child(ren). We will be donating any items that have not been collected before the upcoming winter break.



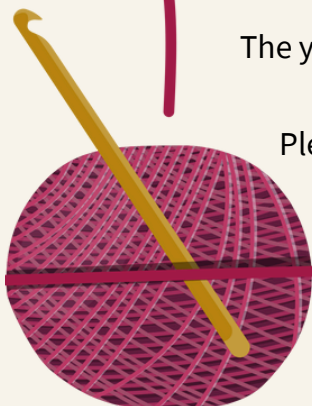
## GRADE 7 FAMILIES: TRANSITION TO GRADE 8

You may be thinking about the transition to Grade 8 and we want to reassure families that there is nothing you need to do at this time. More information about the high school transition process will be sent home after the winter break. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming details, and ensure your contact information is up to date with the office.

## CRAFT CLUB is looking for donations....

Crochet hooks and yarn!  
The yarn should be acrylic or cotton please  
*easy to use for beginners*

Please drop off at the office anytime  
next week.



*Thank You*



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**PAC NEWS – COMING SOON...**

**Term 2 PAC Hot Lunch  
ordering  
opens on Friday, December 19  
until January 12!**



Hot Lunches OnLine

**Westcoast Seeds fundraiser!  
January 2026**



## **Food Dates & Vendors:**

Jan 19 Taco Luis  
Jan 27 Sushi Lover  
Feb 2 Primo's  
Feb 9 Just Poke  
Feb 17 Village Curry  
Feb 23 Bala Food  
Mar 2 Fresh Slice  
Mar 9 Libby's Kitchen

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Quilchena PAC is excited to be organizing the upcoming Spring Fair in May 2026, a fun-filled event that will feature student-led carnival games and craft booths where students can sell their handmade creations. All proceeds from the fair will go directly back to support our school and students.

To make this event a success, we are looking for parent and guardian volunteers to help with planning the event. **If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out to Vanessa/Jessica at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com).**



# YEAR END QUILCHENA PAC UPDATE THANK YOU!

The PAC had an awesome start to the year with many well attended fundraising events. We would like to take this time to thank our school community for your continued support. PAC events not only help raise funds for important initiatives in the school, but also help foster a sense of community between our Quilchena parents and guardians. We look forward to many more successful events for the remainder of this school year!

## PAC EVENTS SEPT-DEC

Here are a list of events to date and the funds raised at each event.

September to December - Term 1 Hot Lunch (\$2,393)  
September - Meet the Teacher Frozen Yogurt Sale (\$50)  
September - Pedal Heads (\$300)  
October - Family Photo Day (\$2,250)  
November - Neufeld's Farm Fundraiser (\$789)  
November - Family Movie Night (\$678)  
December - Popcorn Day (\$110)  
December - Purdy's Fundraiser (\$132)

**Grand Total - \$6,702**

## TERM 2 PAC EVENTS

Upcoming PAC Events January - March

January - Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser  
January to March - Term 2 Hot Lunch  
January to March - Popcorn Days  
March - Golden Samosa

## QUESTIONS?

If you would like to get involved in the PAC please email us at [quilchenapac@gmail.com](mailto:quilchenapac@gmail.com)



# VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED

The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team.

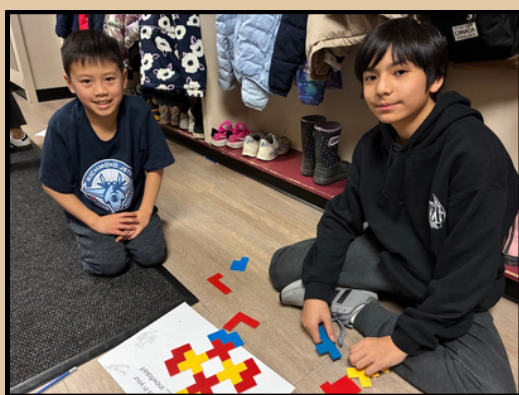
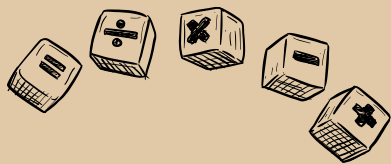
Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed.

Training is provided.  
All languages welcome.

To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to:  
[culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca)



# A Peek into our **MATH**-Themed Family Teams



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$$M = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{f(k) - f(2k)} > \frac{27f(1) - f(n)}{4f(0) - f(1)}$$



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## IMPORTANT & COMMEMORATIVE DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### DECEMBER 14-22: HANNUKAH

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

*To our Jewish students, staff and families, we wish you a joyous Hannukkah filled with light, hope and togetherness. As you light the menorah over eight nights, may this Festival of Lights bring warmth and happiness to your homes and hearts. Happy Hannukah!*



### DECEMBER 21: WINTER SOLSTICE

The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

