



QUILCHENA CYCLONES

The Week Ahead: Jan 5 - 9, 2026



Winter Break: Dec 22, 2025 - Jan 2, 2026



**Monday
Jan 5**

BACK TO
SCHOOL

Term 2 PAC Hot Lunch
ordering OPEN from
Dec 19

**Tuesday
Jan 6**

**Wednesday
Jan 7**

Earthquake Drill #2

**Thursday
Jan 8**

Universal Hot Lunch
Program
ORDER DEADLINE
(for Jan 14th lunch)

**Friday
Jan 9**

Until Jan 12th



The Quilchena staff wishes everyone a safe, relaxing, and peaceful winter break with your loved ones. Hoping you can find some time to connect and enjoy some time off with your family. We look forward to seeing you back in 2026!





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IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

LEARNING UPDATES MYEDUCATION PARENT PORTAL



Progress reports, also known as Written Learning Updates, have been Published electronically by PDF in your MyEducation Parent Portal. The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access your child's Learning Update. 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.

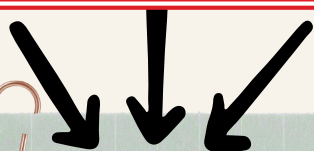
PARENT TECH SUPPORT: If you need tech support with your MyEd Parent Portal account (ie: forgot your password), please email the SD38 Parent Tech Help Desk at: myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca. All families were sent an email from the District on December 10th with information and quick links and tips.



MyEducationBC



IMPORTANT



Learning Updates
are only available
on your MyEd
Parent Portal account
for a limited time!

Please print a copy
or save the PDF
to your desktop
for future use.

Filename	Date/Uploaded	Creator	Description
Learning Update	7/22/2024 3:10 PM	Quilchena, Elementary	Learning Update
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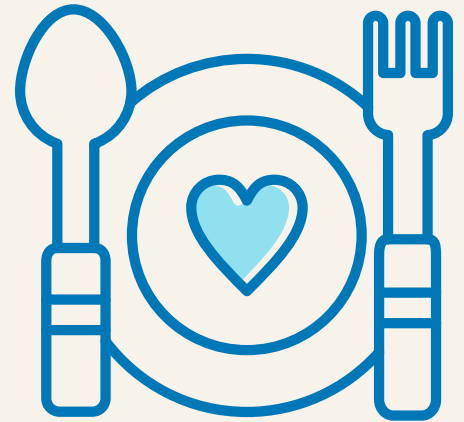
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Universal Hot Lunch Program: Utilizing Feeding Futures funding, as well as National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District is piloting a *Universal Hot Lunch program* at selected elementary and secondary schools during the months of December and January. This is separate from our PAC Hot Lunch program and is organized at the District level.

We had our first lunch this past Wednesday and the second lunch offered to all students at Quilchena Elementary School will be on January 14th (**order deadline January 8th**). If you did not order for the January date yet, please do not forget to do so as they will not take late orders.

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 contact Mrs. Kusch if you have any questions.



January 2026

Travel Plans / Voluntary Student Absences: If your child will not be back to school on Monday, January 5th, 2026, please complete an Extended Leave Form prior to leaving to ensure the school office is aware of your return date. This form can be emailed to the office if you are unable to get it to us before end of day today! (quilchena@sd38.bc.ca)

We would like to remind families of the importance of student attendance. We acknowledge that there may be exceptional circumstances that necessitates a student's extended voluntary absence, but it should not be the goal of families to remove their children from school for vacations during instructional time. Missed school not only impacts your child, but also the entire class when group projects and collaboration times are affected. If voluntary absences exceed the allowable amount, your child will be withdrawn from Quilchena, requiring re-registration on your return. As well, teachers will not be providing work packages or homework for students.

If voluntary absences are unavoidable, please advise your teacher, as well as complete the Extended Leave Form [HERE](#) and return it to the office at least one week prior to departure. We greatly appreciate your cooperation!



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PAC NEWS

Term 2 PAC Hot Lunch ordering OPEN NOW until January 12!

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



Hot Lunches OnLine

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.**

A Peek into Taiko Drumming

Dec 16 & 17



AND...December highlights!





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IMPORTANT & COMMEMORATIVE DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 14-22: HANNUKAH

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 24 - JANUARY 7: QUVIASUKVIK

Inuit winter feast and festival observed by the Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut. Celebrates the coming year and placates the roaming spirits for good luck in the year to come.

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating! We send heartfelt wishes for a day of joy, hope, and connection. May this season bring warmth to your homes and remind us of the values of generosity, compassion, and peace.

Happy Holidays



DON'T FORGET!

Monday
Jan 5

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