



QUILCHENA CYCLONES

The Week Ahead: Jan 19 – 23, 2026

**Monday
Jan 19**

PAC Hot Lunch –
Taco Luis

**Tuesday
Jan 20**

**Wednesday
Jan 21**

Hugh Boyd Grade 7
Counsellor Visit @
Quilchena

PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Door #4

JOIN US

**Thursday
Jan 22**

Grade 7 Parent/
Student Info Night @
Hugh Boyd
School Tour 6:00pm
Open House 6:30pm

**Friday
Jan 23**

Mon, Jan 26
Pro D day - no school

重要な情報です - 翻訳してください
重要資訊 - 請找人翻譯 Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire s'il vous plait
Important Information – Please Translate
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ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ - ਕਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ



Thank you parents, for planning ahead with the neighbourhood construction and ensuring your children arrive by the first bell at 8:40am. It truly helps us start the day in such a calm and positive way. What a beautiful day to wrap up our week and with sunshine in the forecast, it's a perfect way to head into the weekend. Enjoy and we'll see you Monday, Cyclones!

Please take a moment to read the **important information on the next page**. We also encourage families to read the full TWA each week, as all of the updates we share are important - available on our website. Check out our website also for important dates on our calendar. Thank you.

CAN YOU SPOT Q-MAN?

Enter each week for a chance for you child to WIN being "Principal for a Morning"!

Q-Man will be hiding in the TWA each week from now until Spring Break. If you spot him, send us an email to quilchena@sd38.bc.ca letting us know where he is and we will enter your child's name in our prize draw!

*One email per week only please, subject: Q-Man, include Q-Man location and the name of all your children.

We will draw for a winner and they will be "Principal for a Morning" sometime the week before spring break.



Sample Q-Man.
Can you spot him?

**Enter
to Win**



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IMPORTANT



*Extended Absences /
Travel during the
school year*

We are noticing an increasing number of students being taken out of school for family vacations during instructional time. While we understand that family commitments and travel opportunities can be meaningful, it is important to recognize the significant impact these absences have on student learning.

When students miss school for extended periods (sometimes repeatedly throughout the school year), they miss direct instruction, guided practice, classroom discussions, collaborative learning, and hands-on activities that cannot be replicated through worksheets or make-up assignments. Teachers do their best to support students upon their return, but they are not able to re-teach entire units or recreate the full learning experience that takes place in the classroom.

Beyond the impact on the individual student, extended absences also affect the entire class. Teachers must redirect time and resources to help returning students catch up, adjust group work, and revisit previously taught material. This disrupts the flow of instruction and can slow down learning progress for everyone.

Additionally, because taking students out of school for vacation is a parental choice, it is important to note that *teachers are not obliged to provide homework, work packages, or advance assignments for the missed days*. Families should expect that students will need time and support to re-engage with the learning upon their return.

We kindly ask that families make every effort to schedule vacations during designated school breaks. Regular attendance supports consistency, reduces stress, and helps maintain a strong learning environment for all 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.

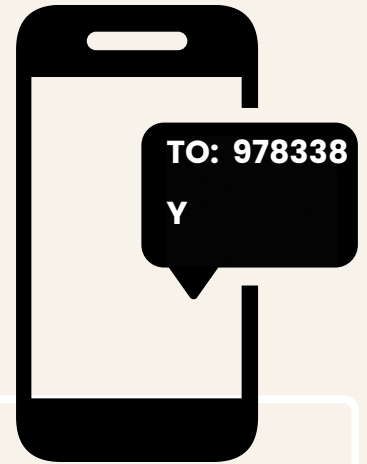
We greatly appreciate your cooperation.



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IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)



Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEd student database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger in February. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt-in.

How to opt-in:

1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).
2. Reply with “Y” to 978338.
3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you’re successfully subscribed.

Want alerts on more than one device? To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying “Y” to 978338.



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Parent Volunteer Driver Requirements – Updated Procedure

Parents who would like to volunteer to drive students to school field trips and/or team events, are asked to follow our updated procedure:

**NEW
UPDATE**

- Driver Authorization Form: Must be completed before driving for any school event. Must be completed every school year.
- Criminal Record Check: A quick 5-minute free online criminal record check is required. We will provide the link and the school district code necessary to submit. CRC's are valid for two years.
- Vehicle Insurance: Drivers must have a \$1 million minimum of liability coverage. A copy of your insurance must be submitted to the school office.

If you have already completed a Driver Authorization Form this school year, you do not need to submit another form, however if you volunteer to drive again this year a CRC is required, as well as proof of vehicle insurance. If you are unsure whether you have completed a Driver form yet this year, please contact the school office.

With the warmer start to the new year, it's easy to forget that winter weather can still change quickly. Please ensure your child comes dressed for rain, cooler temperatures, and outdoor play, as we go outside rain or shine. A warm layer and waterproof gear help keep everyone comfortable throughout the day. Keeping extra clothing at school is also helpful.



BE PREPARED FOR ANY WEATHER! WE GO OUTSIDE RAIN OR SHINE



**Rain coat/wind
breaker**



Rain boots



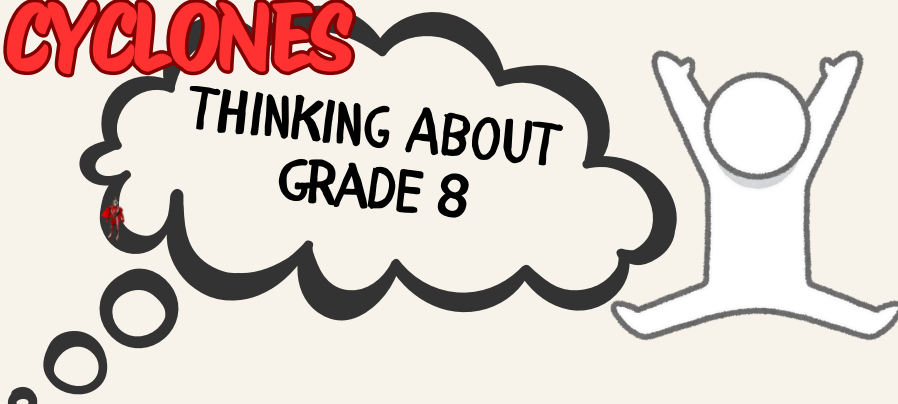
**extra clothing
including socks**



Rain hat

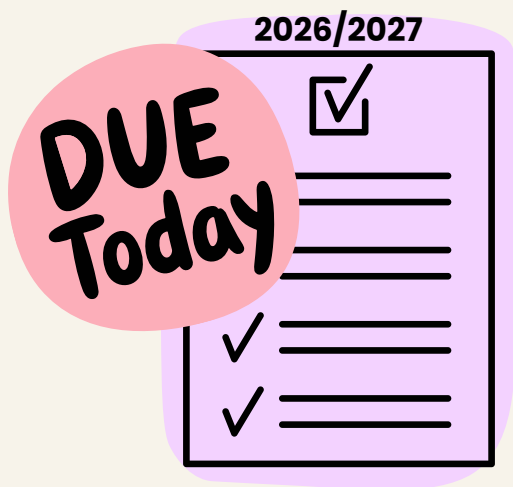


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The parents/guardians of our Grade 7 students were emailed a transition to grade 8 information letter last week. Please contact Mrs. Spence in the school office if you did not receive this information. If you are considering submitting a Transfer Request, the form will be available on The Richmond School District website, as well as our school website under the Students tab in early February. Completed forms are to be emailed directly to the chosen high school between February 9-27th, 2026. Students applying for out-of-catchment incentive programs MUST also submit a transfer request.

Note: The Grade 7 parent/student info night at Hugh Boyd is Thursday, January 22nd. A school tour will start at 6:00pm followed by the Open House at 6:30pm.



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ATTEND 2026/2027

Planning for the 2026/2027 school year has begun! Last week your children brought home a purple notice, the "Intent to Attend" form. Please complete one form for each student and return to school on Monday. The completed form can also be emailed to the school quilchena@sd38.bc.ca. The information gathered will help with our staffing and classroom planning for next year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Spence in the school office.

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.





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online now until
MAY 1ST

Student Learning Survey 2026 - Parent Input Needed!

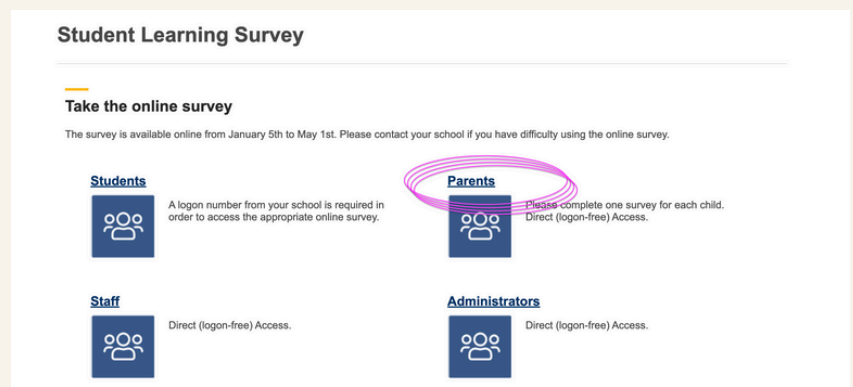
The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in BC public schools since 2001. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. It is the only source of province-wide information of children's learning experiences. The Student Learning Survey is being administered to our students in grades 4 and 7 at school.

We also encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to complete a survey if they have a child(dren) in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades and the parent survey is available in English and 16 other languages. The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online until Friday, May 1st, and will take approximately 25-30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada. [Student Learning Survey Link](#)

Your perspective as a parent is valued, and your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

Parent Access:

1. Go to the following website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
2. Click on the "Parents" icon.
3. Select your child's district, school name and language of preference.
4. Complete the survey and click "Submit".





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PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting!

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm, door #4. Every parent is a member of the PAC and we'd love to see you there!

STAY CONNECTED



PAC General questions:
quilchenapac@gmail.com



PAC Food Day questions:
noelleung82@hotmail.com



<https://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents/welcome>

PAC FUNDRAISING

WEST COAST SEEDS

Get ready the return of our popular garden fundraiser, in collaboration with West Coast Seeds!

Spark your family's gardening passion and support the school community at the same time by purchasing premium vegetable, flower and herb seeds. Every purchase is a step towards sustainability, contributing a fantastic 40% to the PAC efforts to enhance and enrich our kids experiences at Quilchena!

Please ensure that you order from the linked fundraising site and get your orders in by February 2nd, 2026.

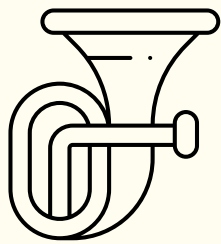


West Coast Seeds

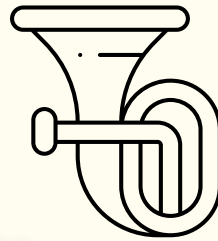
ORDER NOW



Orders will be sent home with kids after fulfillment in late February.



A peek into ... Band with Mr. Hudson



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