



# 50 QUILCHENA CYCLONES

## The Week Ahead: Jan 26 - 30, 2026

**Monday**  
Jan 26

PRO D DAY  
No School

**Tuesday**  
Jan 27

PAC Hot Lunch -  
Sushi Lovers

Basketball Home Game  
vs Gilmore



**Wednesday**  
Jan 28

Please return Skating  
consent forms



Wed, Feb 4  
Schoolwide Skate!

**Thursday**  
Jan 29

Basketball Away Game  
@ Steves



**Friday**  
Jan 30

The buzz of learning is back and we are almost through our first month of 2026 with January quickly flying by. A reminder that Monday is a Professional Development Day where the Quilchena staff will be at various workshops learning and working together. See you all Tuesday morning!



Sample Q-Man.  
Can you spot him?

# Enter to Win

"Principal for a Morning"  
Duties & Responsibilities  
Parking Lot Patrol, Door Greeter, Morning  
Announcements, Class Visits,  
Managing School Operations,  
Lunch in office with a Friend

## CAN YOU SPOT Q-MAN?

Enter each week for a chance for your 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](mailto: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

In the body of your email please include Q-Man location and the name of your children.

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



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## IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

### *Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)*

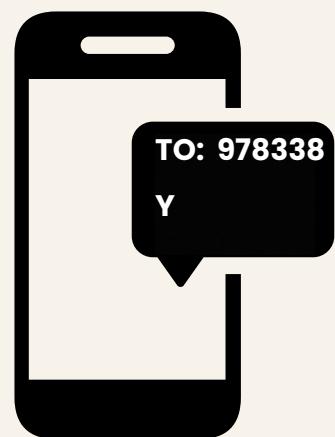
Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

*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.



### **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. This requirement applies regardless of whether you currently hold a criminal record check or have completed one in the past.
- Vehicle Insurance: Drivers must have a \$1 million minimum of liability coverage. A copy of your insurance must be submitted to the school office.
- You can locate these forms on our school website under the Parents tab>School Resources>School Forms

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.



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With a new year comes Basketball season! Practice started today and the team has their first Home game on Tuesday. Thank you to Mr. Grenzberg, Ms. Pereira and Mr. Holmes for sponsoring the team this season. They will also be coaching, along with some amazing parent volunteers. The time they all spend above and beyond their workday is very much appreciated by the students and the community. We're looking forward to an exciting season!

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to drive to our away games (note the updated parent volunteer driver procedures on the previous page).



## Home Games

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> vs Gilmore  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> vs Steves  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> vs Dixon  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> vs Grauer



## Away Games

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> vs Steves  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Dixon  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> vs Grauer  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup> vs Gilmore

## NEEDING SUPPORT?

Please reach out to Mrs. Kusch ([nkusch@sd38.bc.ca](mailto: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. 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 encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to complete a survey if they have a child(dren) in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12. [Student Learning Survey Link](#)

### Parent Access:

1. Go to the following website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://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".

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 helpful for primary AND intermediate students.



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



Rain coat/wind breaker



Rain boots



extra clothing including socks



Winter / rain hat



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## 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.

**ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2.**



**West Coast Seeds.**

**ORDER NOW**



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

## DID YOU KNOW?

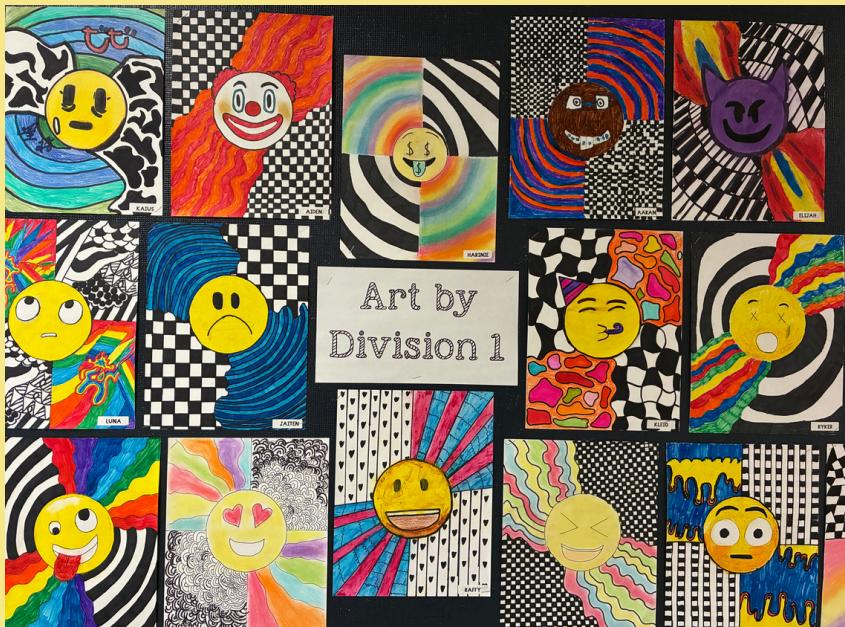
**Return-It Express:** Support our school by donating your empty bottles and milk containers through the Return-it Express system!

1. Bring your containers in clear/transparent bags to any Return-It Express Kiosk in the lower mainland.
2. Enter Quilchena's phone # 604-668-6224 at the kiosk.
3. Print your tags, tag your bags, and leave them with Return-It staff.
4. Return-It staff will count it for you and money will be deposited to the Quilchena PAC's account!

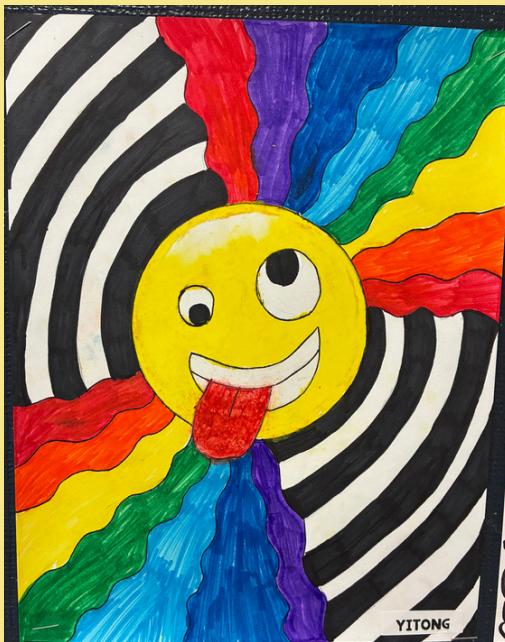
All funds raised by the PAC goes towards enhancing our students' education and learning through classroom funds, field trip subsidies, and other school-wide programs and more!



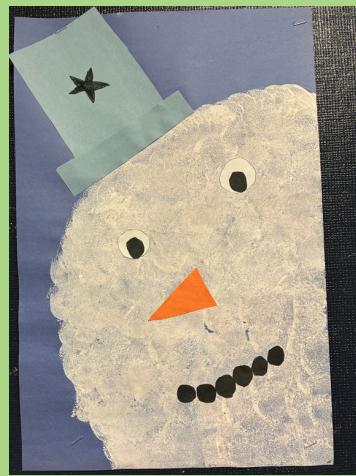
# A Peek into ... bulletin board Art



Art by  
Division 1



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## IMPORTANT & COMMEMORATIVE DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### JANUARY 24: WORLD DAY FOR AFRICAN & AFRODESCENDANT CULTURE

A day for us to highlight the contributions of the many living cultures of the African continent and the African diasporas around the world, as well as their role in driving sustainable development, dialogue, and peace.

### JANUARY 27: INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This day of remembrance was established to honour the six million Jews, and millions of other victims of the Holocaust and Nazism. The United Nations calls on individuals to hold memorial services and undertake educational initiatives to learn more and help prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.



### JANUARY 29: NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE QUEBEC CITY MOSQUE ATTACK AND ACTION AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA

This day is observed annually, designated by the Canadian government to honor the six Muslim men killed and 19 injured in the 2017 terrorist attack and to promote action against Islamophobia, with Canadians often wearing green squares to symbolize solidarity.

