



50 QUILCHENA CYCLONES

The Week Ahead: Feb 2 - 6, 2026

Monday
Feb 2

Fire DRILL

PAC Hot Lunch -
Primo's

Basketball Away Game
@ Dixon 

Tuesday
Feb 3

Wednesday
Feb 4

Schoolwide Skate



Thursday
Feb 5

Basketball Home Game
vs Steves 

Friday
Feb 6

Basketball practice
8am

2026 Winter Olympics
Start



hello
February

February is around the corner! Keep in the loop by checking out our calendar - we have a full month ahead! The 2026 Winter Olympics begin today and we will be following our Canadian athletes closely and cheering them on. Enjoy your weekend, Cyclones - Go Canada Go!

Please take a moment to read the important information on the next few pages. We also encourage families to read the full TWA each week, as all of the updates we share are important - available on our website. Thank you.



Please visit the [School Calendar](#) on our website for all of our future notable dates and events. Simply click on the 'event' for more details.





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IN OTHER QUILCHENA NEWS...

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 plaît

Important Information – Please Translate

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika 重要信息 – 请找人翻译
महत्वपूर्ण जाणकारी - करिपा करके अनुवाद करें

IMPORTANT



*After School
Supervision*

After school, there is no supervision provided on the playground, and this is a serious safety concern as we have noticed an increasing number of children after school with no adult supervision. If a child is injured during this time, it is not acceptable to assume someone else is responsible. Children who remain on school grounds after dismissal must be actively supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

We also want to remind families that Miss Jessy—whom many of you know from the Before & After School Childcare program—is employed solely by the families enrolled in her care. She is not available to supervise the playground, intervene in disputes, or monitor children who are not part of her after school program. If your child is staying on the playground after school, it is your responsibility to be present and supervising them. This expectation is non-negotiable and necessary to ensure the safety of all students.

Please note that the school front doors lock at 3:15 PM. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen issue - such as a parent or guardian not arriving at pick up time - children may knock on the school doors and staff will assist them.



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IMPORTANT



*Extended Absences
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 soon as possible, as well as complete the Extended Leave Form [HERE](#) and return it to the office at least one week prior to departure.

We appreciate your cooperation.



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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.



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 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.

Basketball Game Schedule

TEAM QUILCHENA GAMES

Feb 2nd @ Dixon

Feb 5th vs Steves @ Quilchena

Feb 24th @ Gilmore



TEAM CYCLONES GAMES

Feb 9th vs Dixon @ Quilchena

Feb 12th @ Grauer

Feb 19th vs Gilmore @ Quilchena

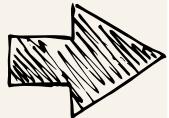
Practices - Friday mornings at 8:00am



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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.



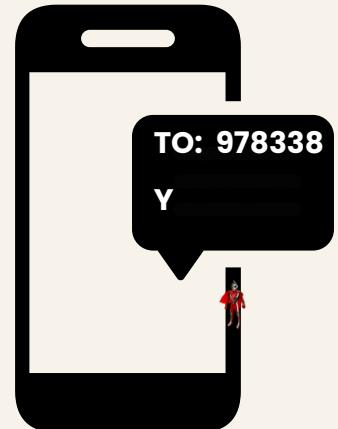
All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEd student database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger in February.

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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PAC FUNDRAISING



West Coast Seeds.

WEST COAST SEEDS

This Monday, February 2nd is the deadline to order from our popular garden fundraiser, in collaboration with West Coast Seeds! Support the school community by purchasing premium vegetable, flower and herb seeds. Every purchase is a step towards 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.

ORDER NOW 

DID YOU KNOW?

Return-It Express

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!



Bike, Swim, and Soccer Camps + Lessons

\$25 FOR THEM, \$25 FOR YOU

PEDALHEADS WILL DONATE \$25 TO YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH EVERY CODE USED. CANCELLATIONS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS TOTAL.

Use code **QUIL26** for \$25 off

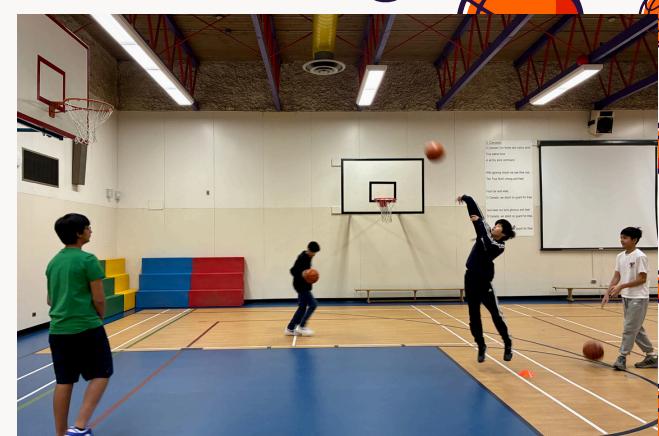
MUST BE REDEEMED BY JUNE 30, 2026. VALID FOR ANY PEDALHEADS PROGRAM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2026.

pedalheads.com/british-columbia



 **PEDALHEADS**

A Peek into ... Basketball





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IMPORTANT & COMMEMORATIVE DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY

February is Black History Month

Black History Month: Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The 2026 theme for Black History Month is: “30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow’s Visionaries.” This theme celebrates three decades of Black History Month in Canada and recognizes the enduring legacy of Black Canadians, whose leadership, creativity, innovation and resilience have shaped our past, continue to influence our present, and will inspire future generations.

Throughout February, Canadians are invited to learn more about and celebrate the diversity and accomplishments of Black Canadians across the country. Black History Month is also a time to reflect on Canada’s painful history and the systemic barriers that Black communities continue to face, including anti-Black racism and discrimination, and to reaffirm our shared responsibility to address them.

“We need to cultivate listening, partnership, and solidarity to carve out a better collective future.” — Desmond Cole

