



QUILCHENA NEWS

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REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please call the Quilchena Safe Arrival Line at 604-713-5159 EXT 68#. This way the office can input your child's attendance accurately in our student system first thing in the morning.



Sports Corner: Basketball



Basketball Season will begin in January. Student interest in the sport has resulted in two teams this year: a Senior Boy's Team coached by Jason Cheung and sponsored by Mme Bouchet and a Junior Girl's Team sponsored and coached by Ms Chelak, Ms Deragopian, and Ms Enns. It is not too late to join. If interested, please contact the team sponsors. The Senior Boys play on Wednesdays, and the Junior Girls play on Tuesdays. Looking forward to a great hoop season.

Hello Quilchena Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of December! The months have flown by. One of the highlights of this month was our Winter Concert, which was a big success! Thank you to our music teacher extraordinaire, Ms. Sproule, for compiling it. The students enjoyed performing and learning new songs.

An essential aspect of the holiday season is giving back to those in need. Our student council, led by Mme Brittany and Ms. Chelak helped organize a successful food drive and we managed to collect 2471 units of food. Great job Quilchena!

I want to wish all of the families a Happy Holidays and we'll see you in the new year!

Mike Singh
Principal



PAC News



- PAC January General Meeting
7:00pm – Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Don't forget to order Hot Lunch for next year!
- Order [Here](#), [More Info](#)
- Please check your child's Division, Grade and re-print your order as necessary.



- 🍕 PIZZA DAY 🍕 Wed. January 15, 2025
- Wed. May 21, 2025 moved to Tue. May 20, 2025
- Mark your calendars for Saleema Noon Parents Session
6:30pm – Tuesday, February 11, 2025



Preparing for Grade 8

Some of our grade 7 students will be entering high school next year. For many students, this can be a challenging transition. The VSB has come out with a guide for students and parents to help ease the transition and to answer some frequently asked questions. Please see [link](#) for more details.



Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

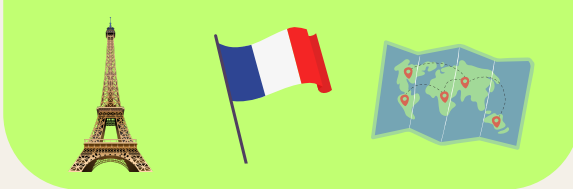
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VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



Way to go Hayden!

Congratulations to Hayden Yan from Division 11F. He has been chosen to display his original and creative illustration of one of his passions, mapping. He will be in Paris, France to display his work at the Carousel of the Louvre. Quilchena is so proud of his incredible achievement!



Winter Concert

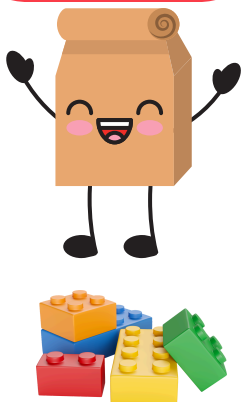
Tuesday and Wednesday December 10 & 11 at 1:15pm @ Quilchena Gym



Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Division 9F preparing and delivering 50 bagged lunches to residents of Vancouver's DTES.
- Division 2 art work and Curling
- Miles and Nico's Winter Lego Train



Staff Spotlight

Hi Q families!

My name is Minglu He. Kids like to call me Ms. Rachel. I'm from Shanghai, which is a very modern and inclusive city in China, and I'm so excited to be joining this wonderful school community as a Supervision-aide. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the students and having fun with them—whether it's chatting, playing games, or helping out with anything they need during the day! Before joining the school, I spent over 10 years as a TV program producer. I worked on exciting projects like China's Got Talent, the Jin Talk Show, and produced the Shanghai International Film Festival for four consecutive years, as well as the Canada Golden Maple Film Festival for two years. It was an amazing experience that taught me how to collaborate with wide variety of people and solve problems creatively—skills that I'm excited to bring into my role here at Quilchena!

Outside of work, I'm an avid traveler and have been lucky enough to visit over 30 countries. I love learning about different cultures, trying new foods, and meeting people from all around the world. I'm thrilled to be here and can't wait to get to know all of you better. If you see me around, feel free to say hi—I'm always up for a chat or a game!



EVENTS FOR JANUARY

MONDAY SCHOOL RE-OPENS
6 First School Day of 2025

WEDNESDAY PAC MEETING
15 Online PAC meeting

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

TUESDAY SALEEMA NOON PARENT SESSION
11 6:30 pm Online Parent Session
Sponsored by the PAC

WEDNESDAY PAC MEETING
12 7:00 pm online

FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
14 Pro D day

MONDAY NO SCHOOL
17 Family Day

THURSDAY SALEEMA NOON
27 Body Science Student Sessions
sponsored by the PAC

FRIDAY SALEEMA NOON
28 Body Science Student Sessions
sponsored by the PAC

FreeKick

PLAY PLAY PLAY
AFTER-SCHOOL INDOOR SOCCER

\$155 (Includes Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal!)
EARLY BIRD \$139 before DECEMBER 15

QUILCHENA
FRIDAYS

January 17 - March 7
3:15pm - 4:15pm Grades K - 4+



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