



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.

PAC News

PAC February General Meeting
7:00pm – Wednesday,
February 12, 2025



AQA – CRA is extending the deadline to Feb.28 for donations to be eligible for 2024 Tax Credits! We are soooo close to reaching our goal. If you haven't yet donated, you still have time! See [link](#)



Hello Quilchena Families,

Happy Lunar New Year! It looks like there is snow in the forecast for this weekend. Please make sure students come to school dressed for the weather. It doesn't look to be too much snow in the forecast but please be sure to check the [VSB website](#) for up to date school closure information.

As we work together to keep our school community healthy, we kindly ask that you keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. If your child is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, or any other signs of illness, please allow them time to rest and recover before returning to school.

This helps prevent the spread of illness and ensures a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Mike Singh
Principal



Gr.7 Camp Fundraiser

To raise money for their Camp Jubilee trip, grade seven students will be selling candy grams for \$2 each. They will be for sale during morning recess on February 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th & 12th. Please send your child with a toonie if they would like to send a message with a sweet treat to another student in the school. Candy Grams will be delivered on Thursday, February 13th before the long weekend. Thanks for your support!



Saleema Noon Body Science

PARENTS' WORKSHOP (via live Zoom, February 11, 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm)

Zoom [Link](#)

What is it?

- Reasons why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age,
- 5 stages of sexual development children progress through on their way to becoming sexually mature adults,
- What children should know at each stage, with specific examples of ways to explain body parts and processes,
- How to provide information to children in a way they will understand and remember (and minimize embarrassment for the parent!),
- How to effectively answer the questions children ask,
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse,
- What will be covered in Body Science sessions for students (February 27, 28)

Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Division 3 at the Space Center
- Division 9F with the Growing Chefs



Are you returning next year?

Believe it or not, we are already starting to plan for the next school year! Please fill out the following [survey](#) to let us know if you plan to return to the school next year. This helps us plan our programs and staffing for the following school year. Thank you for taking the time to help keep us informed. Please respond to the survey by Friday February 14th. If plans change after, please let us know in the office. Thanks!



Try Baseball for FREE!

****for Quilchena Elementary students ONLY!**

FEB 6th 6pm, Grade K-1

FEB 6th 7pm, Grade 2-3

INDOORS at Kerrisdale Elementary Gym



SIGN UP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/XLTn6p8p8dEy7M2y9>



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

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



Staff Spotlight

Hi Q families!



My name is Sharan Dhillon and I'm an SSA. The students call me Ms. Sharan. This is my second year working with the VSB but my first year at Quilchena. Before becoming an SSA I worked as a behavioral interventionist and ABA therapist for 4 years. I just completed my undergraduate degree in psychology at SFU and plan to continue my studies in education. In my spare time you can catch me going on hikes and exploring with my dog, Duke, or tucked away with a good book; I am quite the Harry Potter fan! I've loved my time at Quilchena thus far and am excited for the rest of the school year!



EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 11	SALEEMA NOON PARENT SESSION 6:30 pm Online Parent Session Sponsored by the PAC	WEDNESDAY 12	PAC MEETING 7:00 pm online
FRIDAY 14	NO SCHOOL Pro D day	MONDAY 17	NO SCHOOL Family Day
THURSDAY 27	SALEEMA NOON Body Science Student Sessions sponsored by the PAC	FRIDAY 28	SALEEMA NOON Body Science Student Sessions sponsored by the PAC

EVENTS FOR MARCH

MONDAY 10	REPORT CARDS Term 2 reports go home	FRIDAY 14	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Before 2 week Spring Break
MONDAY 31	SCHOOL RE-OPENS First day of school after Spring Break		

YOUR PHOTOS BELONG IN THE YEARBOOK!

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- PHOTOS OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS LIKE FIELD TRIPS, SPORTS GAMES, PERFORMANCES, AND MORE.
- HIGH-QUALITY AND HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGES.



HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS:

1. SCAN THE QR CODE
2. ADD IN STUDENT NAMES, GRADES AND DIVISIONS.
3. UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS DIRECTLY!



Privacy Reminder:

- All photos are subject to review and may be featured in the yearbook.

Have questions? Need help? Contact us at quilchenayearbook@gmail.com
Thank you for helping us capture these special moments!