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# 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.

### Are you returning to Quilchena?

We sent out a survey to families in our January newsletter asking if your child will be coming back to our school for September 2025. Thank you for your responses. We realize things may change between then and now and even through the summer. If your child is planning to attend another school in the new school year, please be sure to let the office know by emailing [studentrecordsquilchena@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:studentrecordsquilchena@vsb.bc.ca). Please be sure to include your child's first and last names and current grade. If you know which school they plan to attend, that helps too. This helps keep our enrollment numbers current and helps us accommodate all of the students who are hoping to attend our wonderful school!

Hello Quilchena Families,

Congratulations to all of our grade 7 students! We wish you all the best in high school, and we know that you are well-prepared for the next step in your educational journey.

I'd like to send out a big thank you to our PAC. Thank you for organizing the various meetings, events and supporting school programs. Your contributions have helped enrich the educational experience for all of the students. I'd like to acknowledge our outgoing PAC members and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new members including our new PAC chair Natasha.

We have some staff members who will be leaving our school this year. Ms. Sharan one of our SSA's will be training to become a teacher. Ms. Rachel one of our Supervision Aides will be studying to become an SSA. Ms. Whelan will be going on maternity leave. Ms. Sproule will be moving schools and will be teaching a class of her own. Last but not least our beloved school OAA, Mme Joanne will be retiring after 17 years at the school. You will all be missed!

I hope all of the students, staff and parents have a restful and relaxing summer break and are recharged and ready to start the new year in September!

Mike Singh  
Principal



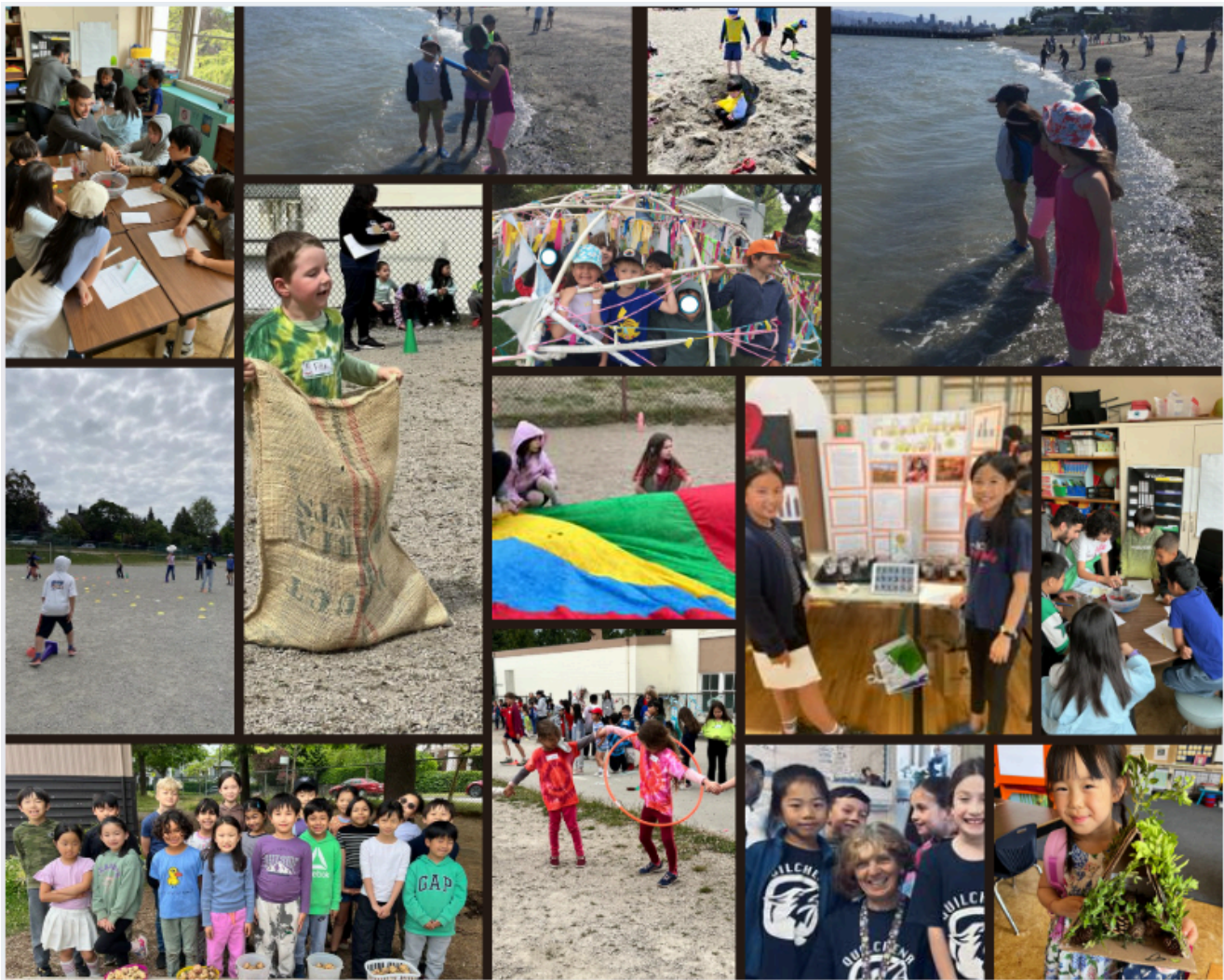
## Eco Fair

Quilchena students enjoyed another wonderful Eco Fair! Thank you to all of the wonderful parent volunteers and PAC members who made Eco Fair such a success. Special thanks to Alicia Chung for bringing in so many informative and interactive workshops and taking the lead in organizing. Thank you to Petra Thiessen for taking the lead on the day of the Eco Fair.



This month's gallery features photos from:

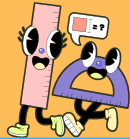
- Sports Day
- Div 3 Let's Talk Science presentation
- Div 5 harvesting potatoes
- Primary beach field trip
- Div 7 making a bug hotel with big buddies
- Div. 9F at the Science Fair





## Gauss Math Contest

Fifty-one students took part in this year's Gauss Math Contest. Students who scored in the top 25% at Quilchena received a Certificate of Distinction. The following students received the Certificate of Distinction for the Grade 7 Contest: Ava Yang, Nolan Hu, Oscar Pan, Jessica Pang, Erin Li, Ethan, Liu, Carissa Co, and Marcus Lau. The following students received the Certificate of Distinction for the Grade 8 Contest: Ryan Ma, Neo Kong, Jeremy Martin, Peter Lau, and Aaron Liu. The top scoring students at Quilchena received the Outstanding Achievement Certificates. Congratulations to Kayoung Oh and Nathan Wong with a score of 118 for the Grade 7 contest and Andy Mu with a score of 124 for the Grade 8 contest. Congratulations to all of our Gauss Contest participants!



It is with heavy hearts that we remember and honour the life of Lionel Hall, a bright and spirited member of our school community. He was known for his friendly nature, warm smile, and the joy he brought to those around him. A passionate athlete, Lionel especially loved soccer and track, often seen proudly wearing a Lionel Messi jersey while sharing his enthusiasm for the game with classmates and friends. He brought energy, kindness, and positivity to our school, and his absence will be deeply felt by students, staff, and all who knew him. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. Live Big, Love Big, Laugh Big.  
#LiveBigForLionel

### My Dear Quilchena Community,

**I have truly enjoyed working these last 17 years at Quilchena. It has been a wonderful experience to get to know the children, their families and be a member of this fantastic community! After having worked in several jobs over 3 decades, I feel the best was saved for last. It is hard to say goodbye and not have a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. You, Quilchena Community, are my school family and will always be in held in my heart with much affection.**

**Thank you and merci beaucoup for all the good luck hugs, congratulations, and generous gifts. I will thoroughly enjoy relaxing on my balcony this summer and reading the cards, letters, and gazing at cheerful artwork and advice from students.**

**Your presence in my life is a blessing. I am excited to start Retirement and pursue old and new hobbies. Also, I just know I will see you again!**

**Mme Jo-Ann xox 😊**



Photo Credit - Meg Taylor



## Dance classes for everyone!

**Boogaloo Academy** is Vancouver's **go to studio** for **street & classical** dance training. Registration is open now for **2025/2026!** Sign up for **summer camps & classes** or one of our **June 23-26 Workshops** in street & classical styles for all ages & levels!

**SUMMER**  
July & August



**2025/2026 &**  
**June Workshops**



Scan here  
to sign up!



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Looking for the Ultimate way to keep your kids  
active this summer?

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<https://elevateultimate.com/register-here/> just  
wrapped up an exciting Ultimate Frisbee program  
with our students, and they're offering a variety of  
summer camps nearby! Elevate's camps go beyond  
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## EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER



**TUESDAY**  
**2**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Students attend school from 9-10  
am

**FRIDAY**  
**19**

**NO SCHOOL**  
Pro- D day

**MONDAY**  
**29**

**PHOTO DAY**  
Individual Photos will be taken

**TUESDAY**  
**30**

**NO SCHOOL**  
National Day of Truth and  
Reconciliation

## EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



**FRIDAY**  
**10**

**IMMUNIZATIONS**  
9-10 am K's and gr.6

**MONDAY**  
**13**

**NO SCHOOL**  
Thanksgiving

**WEDNESDAY**  
**15**

**EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2PM**  
Goal Setting Conferences and  
Book Fair in the Library

**THURSDAY**  
**16**

**EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2PM**  
Goal Setting Conferences and  
Book Fair in the Library

**FRIDAY**  
**24**

**NO SCHOOL**  
Provincial Pro - D Day

**THURSDAY**  
**30**

**PHOTO RETAKES**  
Individual Photo retakes







Pedalheads Soccer is excited to bring the incredibly popular, age- appropriate and non-competitive child development program back to the campus of **Quilchena Elementary**

Our professional coaches will work through our unique curriculum with your soccer stars allowing them to develop their deceptive dribbling and learn some of the world's most famous soccer skills. We will encourage every player to become comfortable on the ball and to be a brave, creative, leader on the field. We will use themed drills and fun games to capture their imagination and make soccer their favorite weekly activity.

**Scan the QR code for more info.**

- Classes on Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm
- Open for K-7
- Classes take place on the school field
- September 11<sup>th</sup> - December 11<sup>th</sup>
- 14 sessions
- \$273.70



# SMASH Volleyball

**Bump. Set. SMASH!**

**New for Fall 2025: Smash Volleyball is coming to Quilchena Elementary with an After School Program!**

Registration open to Quilchena Elementary students only till September 12, 2025

**Early Fall Tuesdays: Gr 5/6/7 (beg, int, adv) 3:00pm-4:30pm** Students are to report directly to the gym after school is dismissed. Parents are asked to email Nicole [info@smashvball.com](mailto:info@smashvball.com) if your child is going to miss a Smash session so we can make a note on the attendance sheet. Tuesdays Sept 16, 23, (no session Sept 30 for Truth Reconciliation Day), Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Quilchena Elementary School \$240 + GST (6 weeks)

More info on Smash programs can be found at [www.smashvball.com](http://www.smashvball.com)



## QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROBOTICS REP TEAM



JIMMY ZHANG ANDY MU HAYDEN YAN JOSH WONG EN-YEN HSIEH

**THEY WILL PROUDLY REPRESENT QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT NEXT YEAR'S VANCOUVER VEX IQ ROBOTICS COMPETITION**



## QUILCHENA ROBOTICS PREP TEAM!

TRAIN TO BE THE REP TEAM, REPRESENT QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY IN VEX IQ COMPETITIONS!

**GAME ON!**

3, 6, 13, 17, 20 OF JULY, 4:00  
KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTER  
REGISTER NOW

[INFO@MAVENTECHLAB.COM](mailto:INFO@MAVENTECHLAB.COM), WHATSAPP: 778-869-5644  
OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS!  
(NO PRIOR ROBOTICS OR CODING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.)



## CODING REP TEAM

**QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PROUDLY REPRESENTING QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OUR YOUNG CODERS WILL COMPETE IN THE 2025-2026 SCRATCH OLYMPIAD, SHOWCASING THEIR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION ON THE GLOBAL STAGE!



EN-YEN HSIEH HAYDEN YAN



NORWAY WANG ATHENA LIN JIMMY ZHANG



JOSH WONG ANDY MU

