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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 the members of our Track Team for a great showing at the zone finals at Churchill. A big thank you to Ms. Gee and Mme Brittany for helping organize the team this year. Thank you to Ms. Gray, Ms. Celle, Ms. Enns, Ms. Chelak, Mme Dinning, Mme Deragopian, Ms. Sproule and Mr. Singh who helped run practices.

A big thank you to Ms. Enns and Alicia Chung, one of our parents who helped organize our annual Eco-Fair. All of our students had an opportunity to learn more about our environment through various stations and presenters. Events like this don't happen unless we have the help of a handful of dedicated helpers. A big shout-out to the Quilchena parent volunteers who helped make this event possible by helping run stations, organizing the presenter lunches and all of the work behind the scenes to help the event run smoothly.

We have one more month of school to go! June is jam-packed with lots of fun events including The Science Fair, Sports Day and the PAC BBQ.

The countdown to summer is on!

Mike Singh  
Principal



## Class Placements

If you are interested in sharing your input for class placement for your child, please email me at [mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca) , by then end of the day, Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some situations where it may be appropriate for families to send their input:

- Need to share specific information about social dynamics (friendships, history of conflict/bullying, etc.);
- Need to share specific information about learning style (student has specific needs, students does not do well in certain learning environments, etc.);
- Need to share specific concerns related to your child;
- Need to share specific circumstances that could impact your child's learning.

Most times, it should not be necessary to make a special request. Your child's current teacher and our extended team know your child well and will have good ideas about who they learn well with. In most cases, Quilchena staff is already aware of the needs listed above and will take them into account during the class placement process. This is also a reminder that, while we consider all requests, we might not be able to fulfill all of them.

Please do not write for the following purposes:

- To request a specific teacher – This may eliminate your letter from consideration.
- To request a non-combined class



This month's gallery features photos from:

- Track and Field Final at Churchill
- Kindergartens at Van Dusen Garden Workshop
- Easter Art and Poetry by Div 9F
- Div. 8F at Dude Chillin Park
- Div. 2 exploring the shore life
- Div. 7 releasing our painted lady butterflies
- Div.7 Foraging workshop
- Twin Day





**YB Yo-Bones BBQ**

**FOOD TRUCKS**

**ROCKNBEAU**

**THE Q BBQ**

**JUNE 12TH**

**4-7 PM**

**MINI GAMES**

**ICE CREAM**

**POPCORN**

**BOOKSALE**

**PHOTO BOOTH**

**THANKS PAC!**

**WATER BALLOON FIGHT**

**DRONE SHOW**

**VOLUNTEER**

## GRADE 5/6 CAMP AT TIMBERLINE RANCH

## BIKE to school WEEK

JUNE 2 ▶ JUNE 6

## Bike to School Week at Quilchena

We are encouraging all students and staff to bike, walk, or roll to school next week. Student council members will be out in front of the school keeping a tally. The classroom with the most active trips to school will win a prize! A big thanks to Ms. Chelak for organizing!





## Coding and Robotics at Quilchena

Since Spring break, we have had two wonderful after-school programs running in the library at our school. On Mondays, we have Coding, and on Wednesdays, we have Robotics. All members of our school community are invited to an after-school showcase to help the students share what they have been working on.

Coding Class Presentation: June 16 Monday, 4:30–4:45 PM

Robotics Class Presentation: June 18, Wednesday 4:30–4:45 PM



## Ultimate

We are very fortunate to have Elevate Ultimate come to our school from June 2-6 and teach our students. Here is a message from Elevate:

*Ultimate is fast-paced, non-contact, and FUN. Our curriculum has been designed by co-founders Danie Proby (a physical education teacher) and Ari Nitikman, who have a combined 20 years of top level Ultimate experience including time playing on and coaching Team Canada.*

*Our ultimate frisbee school programs have been created using the new curriculum embedding SEL, physical literacy, and mindfulness practices into all our target based, cooperative, and competitive style games. Our professional coaches ensure that students are constantly touching the disc and engaged the entire session. We have softer discs and have designed age-appropriate frisbee games where all students (K-7) can learn, have success and have tons of fun. After this week is over, the students will be begging to play ultimate frisbee.*



Elevate will be at our school next week. The fee for the program will be \$14. Please pay using School Cash Online. No student will be denied access to a course, class or program due to financial constraints. Please contact the classroom teacher or principal if you have any concerns.



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### VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools.

Our VSB EA Diploma Program offers:

- Relevant instruction in 14 critical courses provided by professionals active in their fields, over 400 hours of instruction.
- Pertinent workshops
- Certificates in CPI (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention) POPARD, First Aid, EASE, and Seizure Management
- 2-four week-practicums in VSB schools; over 250 hours of practical learning
- Mentoring throughout the 6-month program

Prerequisites include:

- Sufficient vision and hearing to perform job-related duties.
- Physically capable to lift 35 pounds (about 16 kg); transfer students from wheelchair to toilet, chair, recreational equipment or change table; keep up with active students throughout the school day.
- Minimum: Grade 12 Graduation and transcripts indicating academic capability to support students from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Preference: 70% minimum in English 12 or equivalent.
- Preference: Experience working or volunteering with children/youth with diversities, especially in an educational setting.

To register for a free online **Information Session** from 7-8:30 PM, go to [www.burnabyccce.ca](http://www.burnabyccce.ca). Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions. Sign up for one of the following dates.

- Tuesday, June 17
- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, August 6
- Monday, August 25

The next session of the VSB EA Program will begin September 8, 2025. Applications are being accepted beginning July 4, 2025. We suggest applying early to avoid disappointment. Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabyccce.ca>

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the "mōk'q'wem (Musqueam), Seawich (Tsewexw) (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətał (Tsəlil' Waututh Nation).

## EVENTS FOR JUNE



**MONDAY**  
**2** BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK  
/ULTIMATE PE TAKEOVER  
June 2-6

**WEDNESDAY**  
**4** SCIENCE FAIR  
5-6 pm in the gym

**THURSDAY**  
**12** PAC BBQ  
4-7 pm

**FRIDAY**  
**13** HIP HOP PERFORMANCE  
1:15 Even Divisions, 2:15 Odd  
Divisions in the Quilchena gym

**FRIDAY**  
**20** SPORTS DAY

**WEDNESDAY**  
**25** GRADE 7 GRAD  
Ceremony starts at 11 am

**WEDNESDAY**  
**25** REPORTS GO HOME  
Final Term Reports are distributed

**THURSDAY**  
**26** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## 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