

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.

FALL IS HERE!

Rainy Weather

The wet and cold weather is upon us here in the city and there are many students who are coming to school unprepared to be outside during recess and lunch. Please ensure that students are coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes a warm sweater/sweatshirt and a rain jacket and boots. For those that like to jump in puddles, rain pants are also a great option. The students are expected to go outside during these break times to get some fresh air and some exercise, so they can come back in and be ready to learn. Please do your part and ensure your children are well equipped for the weather!

Hello Quilchena Families,

October has been a busy month! We got to see the primary field turn into a pumpkin patch for a whole day. We had Scarecrows, bales of straw, and, of course, 300 pumpkins! The best part was seeing the students' excitement when they went out onto the field to pick a pumpkin. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers and the PAC who helped organize the event.

There are lots of great student initiatives happening at the school. We had students take part in the Student Vote. We have students caring for our environment and we have students compassionately giving to others less fortunate than us. Please read on to learn more about how our students are making a difference in our school community.

Mike Singh
Principal



Student Vote

Division 3 set up and ran a successful BC Elections Student Vote on October 17th and 18th. Division 3 students demonstrated excellent leadership in running the polling station and taking their jobs very seriously. Students from eight divisions circulated through the polling station throughout the two days.

Quilchena had 170 accepted ballots. Our vote count was 17 votes for Caroline Wang, independent, 46 votes for Michael Barkusky BC Green Party, 50 votes for Dallas Brodie, Conservative Party and 57 votes for Callista Ryan, BC NDP. However, the Student Vote's results for the district of Vancouver-Quilchena had the Conservative party winning with 44.43% of the vote.

Overall, 1 034 schools across BC took part in the Student Vote and nearly 180 000 votes were counted. The student vote results for BC were BC Green Party winning 9 seats with 19.2% of the vote, BC Conservatives winning 40 seats with 36.2% of the vote and the BC NDP winning 44 seats with 36.7% of the vote.



Bagged Lunch Project

Division 9F sold raffle tickets to fundraise for their "bagged lunch" project. Thanks to everyone who supported, they were able to raise \$1076! Every month they will decorate bags with words of encouragement and positivity and will make lunches that will then be hand delivered to people in need on Vancouver's downtown east side.



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Soft Plastics

Building on the success of this project last year, Division 3 and 5 will be starting a Soft Plastics collection for the month of November.

What kind of flexible plastic is eligible for collection? This program is collecting residential flexible plastic like the kind often found in student lunches. For example, zipper-lock bags and stand up pouches, crinkly granola bar wrappers and chip bags, and plastic grocery-type bags. This program will also accept flexible plastics collected from home – for example, bread bags, flexible packaging, outer bags and overwrap, and woven plastic bags.



Plastic Bags



Outer Bags and Overwrap



Crinkly Wrappers and Bags



Zipper-lock and Stand-up Pouches



Flexible Packaging with Plastic Seal



Woven Plastic Bags

PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2024 ANNUAL QUILCHENA APPEAL (AQA) FUNDRAISER

The PAC organizes a single yearly donation drive to maximize impact and minimize requests throughout the year. The Annual Quilchena Appeal (AQA) this year will run from November 01, 2024 until November 30, 2024.

Your donations help pay for items that students use in the classrooms as well as other enhancements that are beneficial to them.

Where AQA Funds Go

In collaboration with school staff, funds are allocated to where they are most needed, which varies from year to year. In previous years, donations have been used for items such as: classroom educational materials, classroom furniture replacement, literacy materials, iPads, educational software licences and other technology, arts & crafts supplies, gym equipment, musical instruments and specialized storage/protective gear. The AQA goal this year is to raise \$16,000.00.

Please see link for more details :

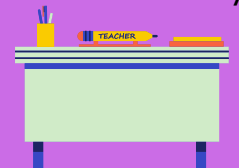
<https://www.quilchenapac.org/home/aqa>



Before School Arrival

Morning supervision starts at 8:40 am. Students are not expected to arrive at school before this time unless they have a meeting or practice. Students and parents are asked to wait outside until the warning bell rings at 8:55 am. This will help us prepare the school environment for an organized and welcoming start for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and ready space for learning.

As the weather gets colder and wetter there are a few options for students who would like to stay dry. All students are welcome to wait in the undercover area or if they would like to exchange a book or read quietly, they can come to the library which opens at 8:40 am each morning. If students do choose to come to the library, please enter through the main entrance of the building closest to the library.



Quilchena Pumpkin Patch

A big thank you to the PAC for sponsoring the "Quilchena Pumpkin Patch" this year. A special thank you to Kasey Chittenden for helping coordinate the whole event, which involved getting parent drivers, coordinating high school volunteers from Point Grey, sourcing bales of straw and many other duties. Thanks to all of the parents who pitched in to help. It was a true community effort. Students from Division 1,8F, 12F and 13F made scarecrows, Division 2 carved pumpkins, Division 5 made pumpkin muffins and Division 7 arranged their pumpkins from smallest to largest. Fun was had by all!



Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Division 4 & 5's field trip to UBC to learn about trees and explore the natural play area
- Artwork from Division 10F, Division 7 and Division 9F
- Members of the Cross-Country team at the District meet at Trout Lake
- Division 2 and 9F setting goals and challenging themselves with their indoor climbing skills at the Hive
- The Chess Club

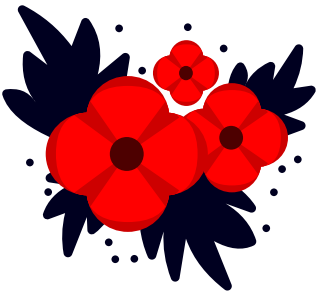


Staff Spotlight

Hello everyone!

My name is Monica Taidi, and I'm thrilled to be the new Grade 7 teacher at Quilchena Elementary. I grew up on Vancouver's North Shore and recently returned home after a couple of years in London, England. Teaching has always been a passion of mine. While most of my experience has been in high school settings, I've also had the wonderful opportunity to teach Grade 5/6. I'm eager to draw on my insights from high school to help my students navigate this important transition and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Outside of the classroom, I love hiking, snowboarding, camping, and playing volleyball—anything outdoors! I also enjoy spending time with my 6-month-old puppy. I'm excited to be part of this vibrant community and can't wait to meet all of you!



EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 7 PM
6 PAC meeting online

MONDAY NO SCHOOL
11 Remembrance Day

FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
22 Pro D Day



EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

TUESDAY WINTER CONCERT
10 1:15 pm in the gym

WEDNESDAY WINTER CONCERT
11 1:15 pm in the gym

MONDAY REPORT CARDS
16 Progress Reports go home

FRIDAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
20 Before the 2 week Winter Break

