



September 2025

# QUILCHENA NEWS



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## REPORTING ABSENCES

To report an absence, please contact Quilchena Elementary by 9:00 AM each morning. You can either call the Quilchena Safe Arrival Line at 604-713-5159 EXT#68 or email [quiattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:quiattendance@vsb.bc.ca). Please include your child's full name, division, pupil number, and the date and reason for absence.

## PAC NEWS

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the Terry Fox Run!
- The first PAC meeting of the year is **Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 7:00pm**. The meeting will be offered in a hybrid format and parents are welcome to attend either in the library or online (a link will be distributed via the PAC Newsletter and on the PAC [website](#) in advance of the meeting).
- The **Pumpkin Patch** will take place on **Wednesday October 29th** during school hours. We will be looking for volunteers!
- Sign up [here](#) for PAC Newsletters to learn about events happening at the school and how you can get involved.

Hello Quilchena Families,

I hope that you have had a great first month back to school and your children have settled in nicely in their new classes.

We have a few new staff at our school this year. Please give a warm Quilchena welcome to Mihaela Igantova who is our school OAA, Kirsten Badgley who is teaching gr.4/5, Linda Kwan is our new music teacher and Diana Da who is a new SSA at our school. In the coming months you will learn a little bit about each new staff member in our "Staff Spotlight" section of the newsletter.

We have been lucky to have great weather for the first month back to school. Unfortunately, the forecast is calling for lots of rain this week. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students are expected to be outside during both recess and lunch. It is important for students to get some exercise and fresh air during these break times to help them focus when they get back to class.

Mike Singh  
Principal



## Sports Report

We are a few weeks into Cross Country season and just completed our first mini meet. Every Monday and Thursday morning at 8:15am you will see Quilchena students in grades 1 to 7 practicing with a jog around the school. The weekly mini meets with surrounding schools will take place at Quilchena Park. The season concludes with a District Meet on Tuesday, October 21st at Trout Lake from 12-3 pm. A big thank you to our coaches Mme Deragopian, Mme Dinning and M. Pierre. Thanks as well to staff helpers Ms. Celle, Mme Brittany, Ms. Enns, Ms. Gray, Ms. Gee, Ms. Chelak, Mr. Singh and Mme Bouchet for helping run practices and supervise meets. The next school sport will be Volleyball for grade 6 and 7 students. Please see Mme Jihane if you're interested!



## Terry Fox Run

Thank you to Mme Dinning and Mme Deragopian for organizing such a great Terry Fox warm up and run. Thank you to the PAC for providing the treats and to Laura Li for helping organize our amazing parent volunteers! We have yet to reach our fundraising goal and there is still time to donate. Please go to <https://schools.terryfox.ca/QuilchenaElementary>. The site is secure and receipts can be printed immediately upon completing your credit card donation.





# Staff Spotlight

Hi everyone!

My name is Mihaela Ignatova, but students can call me Ms. Mihaela. I am super excited to be the new Office Administrative Assistant at Quilchena Elementary!

I was born, and lived the first third of my life, in Varna, Bulgaria. Every couple of years, I try to fly back and visit all my extended family. I am quite involved in my community, so you'll catch me volunteering at/hosting various multicultural events throughout the year. I've also been performing traditional Bulgarian Folklore dances for over ten years now.

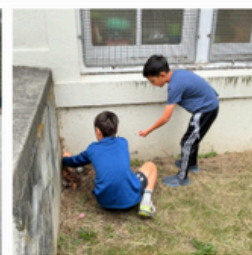
In my free time, I love to be surrounded by my friends and family, going on hikes, tanning at the beach, or exploring new restaurants. I love to cook, but I enjoy watching cooking shows even more! While summer is my favourite time of the year, I adore everything cozy! There's nothing better than listening to a thunderstorm, enjoying a hot cup of tea, and being captivated by a good book or funny movie. My goal for this winter is to learn how to ski!

I just started with the VSB last spring, so Quilchena is my first school as an OAA. I am mostly looking forward to getting to know all the Quilchena students and the surrounding community. I have lots to learn this year; excited to do alongside you all 😊



## September Photo Gallery

- Division 4 creating animal habitats in outdoor education
- Division 9F Hub Cycling Workshops



## Pedestrian Improvements are Coming!

Please read the attached letter from the City of Vancouver outlining some safety improvements for pedestrians in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca](mailto:SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca)



ENGINEERING SERVICES  
Transportation Division

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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معلومات مهمة: البحث على الترجمة

重要资讯: 请找人為你翻譯

重要資訊: 請找人為你翻譯

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### RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS

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September 19, 2025

Dear Resident,

### RE: Pedestrian Improvements at the Intersections of East Blvd & W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave and East Blvd & W 39<sup>th</sup> Ave – Point Grey Secondary and Quilchena Elementary

The City of Vancouver is planning pedestrian improvements at the intersections of East Blvd & W 38th Ave and East Blvd & W 39th Ave. These improvements will support pedestrian access by connecting Point Grey Secondary and Quilchena Elementary Schools to West Blvd and the Arbutus Greenway.

The intersections of East Blvd & W 38th Ave and East Blvd & W 39th Ave will be upgraded with raised crosswalks and curb bulges. These additions will increase the visibility and comfort of pedestrians crossing the street. In addition, speed humps will be installed between the intersections of East Blvd & W 37th Ave and East Blvd & W 40th Ave to reduce vehicle speeds. These changes are expected to be implemented in Fall/Winter 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please call 3-1-1 or email us at [SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca](mailto:SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca)

Sincerely,

Liliana Quintero, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.  
Senior Transportation Engineer  
Engineering Services  
City of Vancouver



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10 Gr.6 Immunizations AM in SPG 	11
12	13 Thanksgiving No School 	14	15 Goal Setting Conferences -Early Dismissal at 2 pm Book Fair in the Library 	16 Goal Setting Conferences -Early Dismissal at 2 pm Book Fair in the Library 	17 Book Fair in the Library 	18
19	20	21 Cross Country Final at Trout Lake 12-3 pm 	22 PAC meeting at 7pm in the Library 	23	24 Provincial Pro D Day- No School 	25
26	27	28	29 PAC sponsored Pumpkin Patch 	30 Individual Photo Retakes 	31 Halloween 	





## 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

