



# QUILCHENA NEWS

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## September 2024



### 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.



### WELCOME BACK!

Hello Quilchena Families,

I hope that you've had an excellent start to the school year. I want to share a great [article](#) from BC Parent Magazine that shares lots of great tips on preparing your child for a successful start-up.

I'd like to welcome new staff to our school. Ms. Monica Taeidi is our new Gr.7 Teacher, Ms. Mackenzie Gee is our new Librarian/Resource Teacher, Ms. Sharan Dhillon is our new Student Support Worker. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families into our fabulous school community!

We had a lot of exciting events happen in September, including the start of Cross Country, the Terry Fox Run and of course "Meet the Teacher". Read on to learn more!

Mike Singh  
Principal

**Daily Bell Schedule**

8:40 AM	Supervision Begins
8:55 AM	Warning Bell – students meet their teacher in designated spots
9:00 AM	School Starts – Students are with the teacher and ready for the day
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Recess
12:10 – 12:55 PM	Lunch
2:58 PM	Dismissal
3:18 PM	Supervision ends





## CHESS CLUB

We are starting a Chess Club on Thursday, October 10th at lunch. If you have some chess sets that are collecting dust at home, please consider donating some to the school.

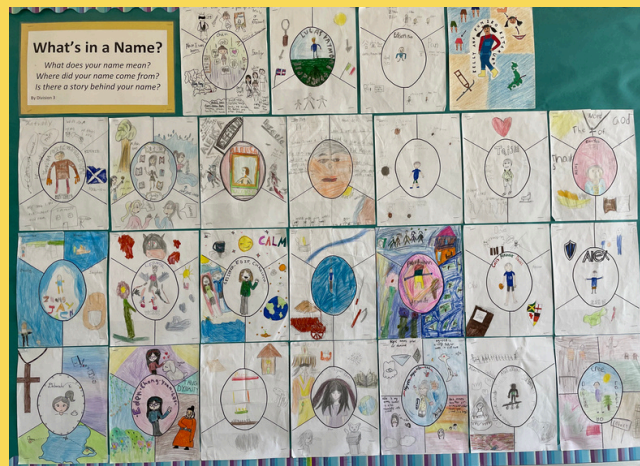
There seems to be lots of student interest, we are just short a few boards. Please bring any donations to the office. Thanks!

# EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9	7 PM First PAC meeting in the Library	<b>FRIDAY</b> 11	9-11 AM Student Immunizations (gr.6) in SPG
<b>MONDAY</b> 14	NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>TUESDAY</b> 22	2:00 PM Goal Setting Conferences - Early Dismissal - Book Fair in the Library
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 23	2:00 PM Goal Setting Conferences - Early Dismissal - Book Fair in the Library	<b>THURSDAY</b> 24	ALL DAY Pumpkin Patch at Quilchena organized by the PAC
<b>FRIDAY</b> 25	NO SCHOOL District Pro D Day	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30	9:00 AM Photo Retakes
<b>THURSDAY</b> 31	11:00 AM Halloween Parade in the Gym	✱	

## Art Gallery

featuring contributions from Division 4 Ms. Enns



## SPORTS REPORT

We are about halfway through Cross Country season and the students have really enjoyed themselves. Every Wednesday and Friday morning at 8:15am you will see Quilchena students practicing with a jog around the school. The weekly mini meets with surrounding schools have been a highlight. The season concludes with a District Meet on Tuesday, October 22nd 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 teacher helpers Ms. Celle, Ms. Enns, Ms. Gray and Mme Megan for helping run practices.

The next school sport will be Volleyball. It looks like we'll have a Junior Girls and Senior Boys team.





### BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program

Once again Quilchena is participating in the Provincial Fruit and Veggie Program that aims to promote nutritious snacks for school-aged children. The program involves a once a month delivery of a fruit or vegetable. We are looking for parent volunteers to help distribute the snacks to classes. If you are interested please contact Mr. Singh at [mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca)

## Quilchena PAC needs you!

The PAC enriches student life by providing needed resources and engaging learning experiences.

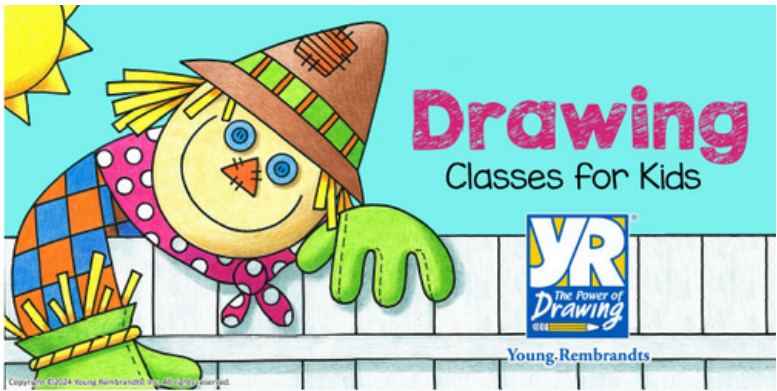


We are still seeking to fill more positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Vice-Chairperson (or co-lead with 2 parents)
- Members-at-large
- Eco-Fair (multiple leaders needed)
- District PAC Representative (DPAC)

You're warmly invited: **October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** at the Quilchena Library.

Join our awesome team of volunteers!



## Quilchena Elementary

Grades 1 to 6

This fall our students will bring to life everything from delicious taffy apples to charming seasonal scarecrows, and even sassy bunnies. We're adding a sprinkle of Van Gogh's magic too, with vibrant sunflower sketches that burst off the page. Dive into an art-filled journey where colours pop and imaginations soar. Enroll your budding artist today and watch their creativity blossom into stunning works of art!

**classes**

Wednesdays  
3:05 pm—4:15 pm  
Oct. 16—Dec. 11, 2024

**tuition**

\$ 207 (tax included)  
9 lessons

**enrollment**

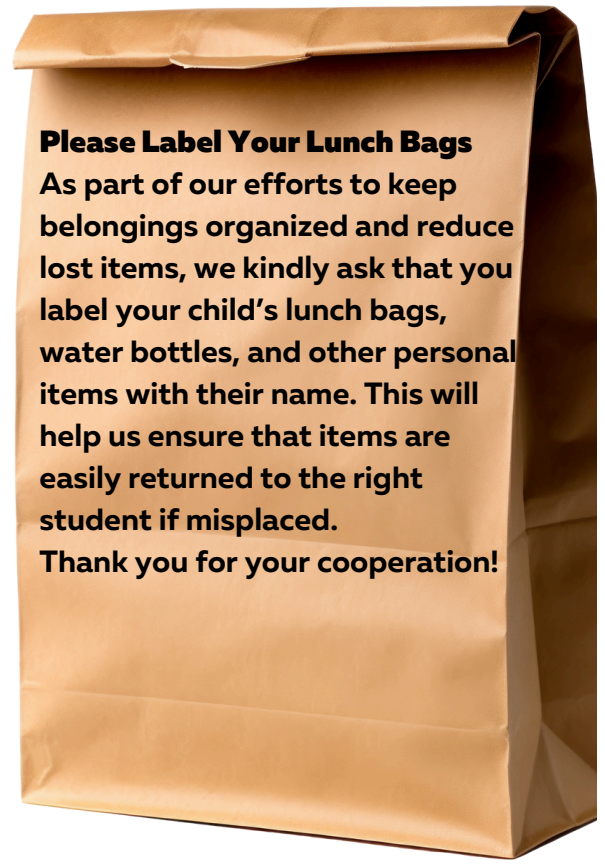
ENROLL ONLINE at  
[www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

### ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

[www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/) - 604-345-9053 - [metrovanancouver@youngrembrandts.com](mailto:metrovanancouver@youngrembrandts.com)



### Please Label Your Lunch Bags

As part of our efforts to keep belongings organized and reduce lost items, we kindly ask that you label your child's lunch bags, water bottles, and other personal items with their name. This will help us ensure that items are easily returned to the right student if misplaced.

Thank you for your cooperation!

# TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday September 20th, the school hosted our annual Terry Fox Run. This is an important event that brings our school community together to honor Terry's legacy of determination, hope, and selflessness. Through his Marathon of Hope, Terry inspired Canadians to unite in the fight against cancer. By participating in this annual run, we not only raise awareness and funds for cancer research but also teach our students about perseverance, empathy, and the power of making a difference. Together, we can carry Terry's dream forward and support a cause that affects so many.

A big thank you to all of the families who donated. We raised a total of \$1712. A big thank you to the Quilchena PAC for supplying the refreshments. Thank you to parent volunteers Laura Li, Steve Tan, Jessica Binnie and former student, Audrey Reiersen, for helping organize and distribute the juice boxes to classes.



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## QUILCHENA PUMPKIN PATCH

THE PAC NEEDS PUMPKIN DRIVERS ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 24TH.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED:

- MEET AT SAVE ON FOODS AT DUNBAR & 41ST AT 7:30AM
- DRIVERS WILL LOAD UP THEIR CARS WITH PUMPKINS AND DELIVER THEM TO QUILCHENA'S TOP FIELD.
- YOU DO NOT NEED A TRUCK! ANY CAR WILL DO!
- SIGN UP HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/IFBKNHGTVM](https://forms.office.com/r/IFBKNHGTVM)



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