



# 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.

#### PAC Annual General Meeting: May 26th at 7pm

The PAC's Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm. The meeting will be in a hybrid format via Google Meet and in person at the Quilchena library. The agenda and all other meeting materials will be uploaded here a week before the meeting.

We always need more PAC members! In particular, we need a DPAC Rep and Members at Large to run various PAC events throughout the year. If you would like to join the PAC, or you have ideas to share, please contact us at [chairperson@quilchenapac.org](mailto:chairperson@quilchenapac.org).

#### Eco Fair

Quilchena's annual Eco-Fair (May 28th) is a special day when students participate in numerous workshops to deepen their understanding of ecological concepts and interact with nature.

Do you have a skill, knowledge, or passion that you'd like to share? You're invited to host a workshop! Quilchena parents are an important part of this day of celebration. In the past, parents have run workshops such as: Sing-along songs, outdoor nature-based art installations, upscaled fabric creations, nature-based painting, ecology-based games, etc.

Sign up here to volunteer for a shift at Eco-Fair:

Morning set-up: 10:00 am - 12:00pm

Lunch host: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Afternoon clean-up: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you any questions or if you're available, please contact:

[members.at.large@quilchenapac.org](mailto:members.at.large@quilchenapac.org)

The date of **Hot Lunch** will be moved from **Wednesday, May 20th to Tuesday, May 19th**. Order/change/cancel deadline is now **May 11 at 8 pm**, instead of May 12, 8 pm. Please make sure your child brings lunch on the 20th!

Hello Quilchena Families,

Spring has sprung! We are moving into the busiest time of the year. We are just over a month away from our Centennial celebration. Classes are busy learning about our school/world history and thinking about how to present their findings in a meaningful way to the school community. The staff and students are working hard to make this event a success. We are also looking for some parent volunteers to help out with the event. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know. Specific roles and duties are outlined on page 3 of our newsletter.

The Badminton season is wrapping up next week and Track and Field practices have started every Tuesday and Thursday morning for Intermediate students. We had our first noon hour Basketball game last week for our gr. 3, 4, 5 students. Please let me know if you are interested in joining any of the teams.

This month, we are looking forward to Eco-Fair and welcoming our new Kindergarten students in our "On our Way to K" event.

Thank you,

Mike Singh  
Principal



## Staff Spotlight

Hi everyone! My name is Gina Lei, but you can call me Gina or Miss Gina, whichever you prefer.

I'm excited to join Quilchena Elementary as a SSW. I enjoy working with students and helping create a positive, supportive learning environment.

In my free time, I love spending time outdoors, especially going camping. I enjoy being in nature, sitting by the campfire, and exploring new places. I also like trying different food, going for walks, and spending time with my family and friends.

A fun fact about me is that I have experience working with diverse communities, and I love learning about different cultures and languages. I look forward to getting to know the students and supporting a positive and inclusive school community.

Thanks,  
Gina



This month's gallery features photos from:

- Grade 7 camp
- Division 10F at Arts Umbrella
- Div 5 Justice Rugby
- Div. 13F - Théâtre de la 16e's workshops
- Div. 4 MOA
- Div. 10F Papier Mache Masks & Windsocks
- Diversity Club- Mental Health Display



## Yarn Club — A Cure for Manic Monday!

Feeling a little Manic Monday? Come stitch it out at Yarn Club! This all-grades-welcome club meets Mondays from 12:20–12:55 in the Music Room, after students finish eating lunch. Led by Ms. Kwan, with Ms. Juric supervising, Yarn Club is a cozy, creative space for knitting, crochet, or finger weaving.

Students bring their own materials, work independently, and are encouraged to share skills and help others. No need to come every week—drop in whenever you can and make Monday your favorite yarn day!



## **Centennial Art Project**

Our students have had the pleasure to work with guest teacher Carla Pace on our Legacy Art Project. Each student has helped paint a piece of the mosaic art display. Carla is an experienced Art teacher in the district and has helped Shaughnessy Elementary with their Legacy Art Project and is well known for creating the Poppy Art installation at Vancouver City Hall for Remembrance Day for the past 10 years.

A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers and high school volunteers from Point Grey. A big shoutout to Kasey Chittenden for helping coordinate our high school helpers. We are excited to unveil the finished product in the coming weeks!



## **Quilchena Centennial- Parent Volunteers needed!**

As we prepare for our upcoming Centennial Celebration, we are looking for parent volunteers to help make this special event a success! There are several ways families can support, both leading up to the celebration and on the day of the event. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with our Silent Auction by delivering donation request letters to local community businesses (a template will be provided) and by contributing an item or service for the auction.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with event-day roles, including the BBQ, Centennial set-up during school hours, decade room hosts, reception, silent auction table, cake and beverage station, merch table, and event clean-up from 6:00–7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities, please contact the Centennial Team at [quilchena100@gmail.com](mailto:quilchena100@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us make this milestone celebration memorable for our school community!



## Badminton

Quilchena's Badminton team has had a fantastic season, with an incredible turnout of grade 6 and 7 students. Throughout this season, they have worked hard and demonstrated dedication in improving their skills. Way to go, Quilchena! Thanks to Alice our parent coach and to our sponsor teachers, Mme Bouchet and Ms. Chelak.



## Quilchena Centennial Merch

To commemorate our Centennial, we are selling special edition Quilchena Merch. We have t-shirts, tote bags and mugs with unique logos for our special event. Thank you to Quilchena parent Molly Winston for designing these awesome logos. They're a perfect way to show your school spirit. If you are part of the Track and Field team or plan to join Cross Country next year, they are also our team jersey! Sales have been open for the past week and will close in mid May. Please check School Cash Online to purchase one today!



### SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS

A FREE family festival that takes STEM out of the lab & on to the street!

at UBC's Vancouver campus for hands-on science, amazing demos, & unforgettable fun for all ages!

Saturday, May 9, 2026  
10 AM - 3 PM

FREE • FUN • FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**What's Happening**

- Hands-on experiments (make slime, extract DNA, & more!)
- Mind-blowing demos (quantum levitation, chemistry shows)
- Earth, ocean & environmental science activities
- Fun math, coding & engineering challenges
- Fungi exploration—bring your own finds!
- Liquid nitrogen ice cream demos

**Live Shows & Talks**

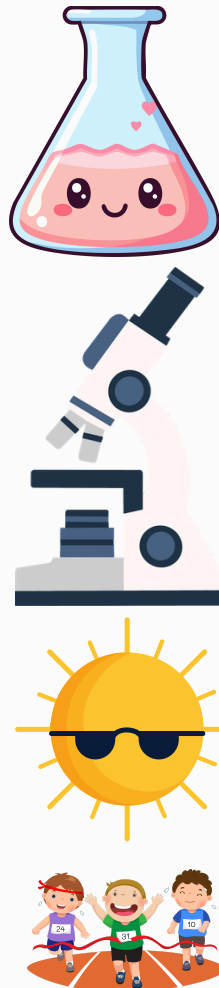
Explore black holes, stars, lasers, & more through interactive science talks & exciting live performances!

**Bonus Experiences**

- Explore museums & exhibits
- Prize giveaways & activities
- Meet real scientists & innovators

University of British Columbia  
2212 Main Mall, Vancouver  
Beatty Biodiversity Museum • Multiple Sites on campus  
[www.sciencere rendezvous.ca/event\\_sites/ubc/](http://www.sciencere rendezvous.ca/event_sites/ubc/)  
Check online for full schedule & map

**SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS**  
**MAY 9th**  
2026



## PLAY QUEST ADVENTURES

[www.playquestadventures.ca](http://www.playquestadventures.ca)

Our summer day camp inspires you to explore, play and grow through cooperative, adventure-filled activities that spark curiosity and confidence.

with Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Jenkins

July 6th - 10th	Urban Amazing Race
July 13th - 17th	Collaboration Games
July 20th - 24th	Outdoor Adventures
July 27th - July 31st	Leadership in Action

Location: Quilchena Park  
Time: 9:00am- 3:00pm  
Grade 4-7

Register \$350 weekly

Register Online Now - Space is Limited!



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