



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 News

Don't forget to donate to the AQA

We are getting closer to our goal of \$16,000! If you are able, please donate to the PAC's Annual Quilchena Appeal. We are asking parents to donate \$125/child. This is our only fundraiser for the year and every dollar goes straight back into the school. This year the school would like to purchase new laptops and iPad keyboards for students.

Eco Fair

Volunteers and parent presenters are needed for Eco Fair on May 28, 2026. Please contact Petra, Alicia, or Ayli at members.at.large@quilchenapac.org.

Hot Lunch

Tell us what you think about Hot Lunch - take our survey [here](#).



Hello Quilchena Families,

We had an eventful month of February at the school. We celebrated Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, Le Carnival, Pink Shirt Day and Black History Month.

Some highlights of the upcoming month include second term reports going home and Spring Break! Thank you to parents who responded to the "Are you Returning to Quilchena" survey from last month. If things change between now and next year, please let us know.

We have an exciting milestone to celebrate in June. Quilchena turns 100! Each class will be learning about a different decade from the last 100 years. They will learn about fashion, music, world events and many other exciting things. We are also starting work on our legacy art project that will involve participation from all of our students.

We are only two weeks out from Spring Break. The blossoms are starting to come out already!

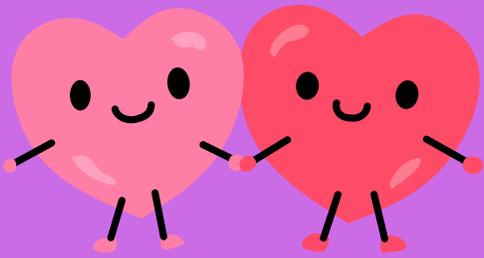
Thank you,

Mike Singh
Principal

Le Carnaval at Quilchena

On February 12th, the French Immersion students and staff celebrated the Québécois winter festival. Students learned about Québécois culture through various stations. They savoured crêpes and cheese with Mme Brittany and M. Pierre. They learned traditional folk dances with Mme Peat and Mme Jihane. Mme Deragopian and Mme Dinning lead the winter sports station: students skied, rowed and had a snowball throwing competition in the gym. Mme Bouchet and Mme Meghan taught the arts. Mme Bouchet shared her love of weaving and crochet. At Mme Meghan's station, students built mini-bonhommes on skis. The day concluded with a visit by the Bonhomme and a traditional dance off in the gym. We are looking forward to next year's Carnaval!





Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2026 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

The Candy Gram Sale raised \$1101.29 for the Grade 7 Camp Jubilee Trip. Thank you so much for your support!



Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Division 12F at the Arcane Circus
- Division 4 & 9F at Lunar Fest
- Ms. Gray Farewell
- Div 13F Lunar New Year Celebration



We will miss you

Staff Spotlight

Hello everyone! My name is Jiya, but you can call me either Jiya or Miss Jiya. I work as a supervision aide and am excited to be part of this wonderful school community.

I moved to Canada four years ago from India, and it has been a journey filled with many changes and new experiences. Adjusting to a new country brought a drastic change in my lifestyle. I embraced the diversity and opportunities that Canada offers, and I've loved every moment of it.

I hold an associate degree in general sciences, which has fueled my passion for learning and exploring the world around us. In my free time, I indulge in my love for dance and the arts. Music is another big part of my life; it inspires me and brings joy to my everyday activities.

I look forward to sharing my passions with all of you and supporting our students in their learning journey. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt - Margaret Atwood

You can count on SPG to make your kids smell like dirt!

Spring Break Events 2026

Monday March 16	Tuesday March 17	Wednesday March 18	Thursday March 19	Friday March 20
K - Grade 3 Six Pack Beach Day	K - Grade 3 Little Bakers	K - Grade 3 Streetwise Playground	K - Grade 3 "Granville Island Kids' Market \$10	K - Grade 3 Granville Lanes Glow Bowl
Grade 4 - 7 Six Pack Beach Day	Grade 4 - 7 "Hilcrest Curling Day	Grade 4 - 7 Richmond Dyke Walk & Fish 'n' Chips \$10	Grade 4 - 7 Master Chef Day	Grade 4 - 7 Granville Lanes Glow Bowl

Monday March 23	Tuesday March 24	Wednesday March 25	Thursday March 26	Friday March 27
K - Grade 3 Kitchen Capers	K - Grade 3 "Rocky Mountain Flatbread	K - Grade 3 Crash Crazy's	K - Grade 3 Tie-Dye Day and Kerrisdale Explore	K - Grade 3 Terra Nova Park
Grade 4 - 7 "Granville Island Kids' Market \$10	Grade 4 - 7 "Lansdale Quay Lunch and Shipyard's Skate \$10	Grade 4 - 7 Activate Games Adventure	Grade 4 - 7 Tie-Dye Day and Kerrisdale Explore	Grade 4 - 7 Terra Nova Park

Daily 3 - 4 pm activities include table games, water colour art, singing, friendship bracelets, crafty beach, name that tune, chill time. Outdoor occasions are weather permitting. Check the weather to find, we will provide an indoor alternative.

*Indicates Public Transit Stop Walking

Based in Quilchena Elementary, we get out the door and explore destinations all over the Lower Mainland. Our spring break camps are geared for children Grades K - 7 and we welcome participants from all corners of the earth. We have TWO full weeks of fun activities planned and we guarantee the kids will sleep soundly after a day with us!

Take a look at our calendar above and get in touch with Diana at spgoutofschoolcare@gmail.com to receive the sign up link.

FEE: Full week \$335 Daily \$70

MY WHOLE EARTH KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

FOR CURIOUS, GROWING MINDS

Kindergarten - Grade 3

- Age-appropriate Technology and STEM experiences
- LEGO construction and design challenges
- Creative arts and jewellery making
- Plant care and nature exploration
- Cooking and food exploration
- Earth sciences and geology

Designed to support modern families, our program offers calm, dependable, and enriching care before and after school on Pre-D days, and during school breaks.

REGISTER NOW!

Regular School days - 7:30 am - 9am & 3pm - 7pm
 After School Snacks & Monday Mangia Feast
 Early Dismissal days - 7:30 am - 9am & 2pm - 6pm
 After School Snacks
 Pre-D days - 8am - 6pm
 Am & PM snacks
 School Breaks - 9am - 6pm
 Am & PM snacks & Monday Mangia Feast

2026 @ 117 Ave Suite 4005, Vancouver, BC V6P 1P1 | www.playquest.ca | register@playquest.ca | (604) 270-0888

PLAY QUEST ADVENTURES

www.playquestadventures.ca

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

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!

The Kerrisdale branch of the Vancouver Public Library is hosting some free and fun events coming up that will include programs every Saturday afternoon and some mid-week during Spring Break.

Bluey Party

Celebrate your favourite characters with fun crafts and games inspired by Bluey! This program is 1 hour.

Fri, March 20 | 2:30 pm
 Kerrisdale Branch
 2112 West 42nd Avenue

Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program.

Free! For Grades K-7 Drop-in

For more info: 604.683.3874 | vpl.ca/careers

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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